Professor predicts consequences of Gulf War II

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

Opinions are divided on the effects of Gulf War II. Recently, a JSU professor published an article predicting the consequences of the war.

“I wanted to have it on the record so after it was over I could say, ‘I told you so,’” said Dr. Ralph Savage, professor of political science at JSU. Savage currently teaches international relations, intro to American government, modern political theory and governments of Europe.

Another reason he wrote the article was due to how some textbooks have a skewed perspective on the Middle East. Savage received a textbook, which offered three options for government in Afghanistan. All three, he said, were impossible. One included the creation of a democracy.

In his article, Savage said, “American troops will be caught in the middle of hostilities between ethnic groups.” These ethnic groups include Kurds, Moslems and a guerilla movement.

“In the Middle East they have a Western idea of nationalism and they also have a religious idea of nationalism,” he said.

Savage details the government the United States will put together and how this American presence in the country will cause more American casualties. He feels this will also lead more countries to “abandon their lukewarm sympathy for the U.S. war on terrorism and join the radicals in calling for holy war against the United States.” Recruitment for Al Qaeda will increase, he said, as will suicide bombers and terrorist actions against the U.S. and Americans abroad.

“When Napoleon’s troops liberated areas, people cheered,” Savage said. “After the troops remained, people wanted them out. This is going to happen again.”

Savage didn’t publish the article locally because, he said, many people in the area believe the war is a success because of current military victories. For this reason, he didn’t want to get involved in any local conversation.

Student shot during domestic dispute at Coliseum Apartments

By Miranda Bryant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A JSU student is in the hospital after being shot in the head during a domestic violence incident last Tuesday at Coliseum Apartments in Jacksonville, said police.

Barry J. Allen, 22, was shot behind his left ear with a .22-caliber pistol by his roommate Japeria R. Bryant, 21, in their apartment, said Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson.

Bryant called police around 9 p.m. and waited outside the apartment for emergency personnel, said Thompson. Bryant told police she was chased into the bathroom where she found a gun and shot him. She alleged Allen

“There was another gun found at the scene,” said Thompson, “but it was never fired.”

Allen was taken to Jacksonville Hospital and then transferred to Gadsden Regional Medical Center’s intensive care unit, according to hospital officials, but his condition was not released.

Jacksonville Police arrested Bryant for domestic violence in the first degree, according to police records. She was taken to the Calhoun County Jail where she was released on a $25,000-bond to wait on a preliminary hearing scheduled in June.

Bryant had been involved in previous domestic disputes, Thompson said.

City Police are investigating
Rescued POWs recount capture

By Juan O. Tamayo  
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

ABOARD A C-130 OVER IRAQ — Sunday, on her 21st day as an Iraqi prisoner of war, Army Spec. Shoshana Johnson thought that she and six other American prisoners of war would be killed because their guards were afraid of the ever-approaching American attacks.

A few hours later, the POWs were telling of their ordeal: of being overwhelmed by Iraqis in a firefight where their weapons jammed from the sand. One of the POWs said villagers had held a gun to his throat and had beaten him and a fellow captive with sticks.

At one point, a U.S. bomb sent the bricks of their prison showering down, and one of the prisoners, Chief Warrant Officer Ron Young, reached through a crack that had been opened and unlatched his cell door. But guards thwarted the escape.

“I was asking them if they were gonna kill me,” said Pfc. Patrick Miller, 23, of Park City, Kan.

His guards assured him they would not, Miller added, “but I still didn’t believe them, so I

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Annual JSU event remembers the Holocaust

By Rosalind Moore  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

“It is important that we remember the Holocaust and that it not happen again,” said Dr. Steven Whitton, professor of English and member of the JSU Holocaust Committee.

Each year, JSU remembers an element of history that has been associated with senselessness and grave adversity. The tragic plight of those who were persecuted, executed, and tortured during the Holocaust of World War II, is forever etched into the history of our world.

The JSU Holocaust Remembrance began in 1982 as a project of the Wesley Foundation. Through years of development, the memorial has become a major event, and a dedication to learning from past

wrong.

Last Thursday the JSU Holocaust Memorial Committee hosted this year’s remembrance ceremony. The keynote speaker for the night was Henry Aizenman, now a resident of Birmingham.

The mission statement of JSU’s Holocaust Committee emphasizes a dedication to “educating members of the University community and the community-at-large” in a time of Remembrance.

This year’s remembrance was moved from the library conference area to the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center Theatre.

“The new venue worked very well for the program,” Whitton said. “I heard many comments and people were very pleased. They were more comfortable and they could see better in the theatre.”

The program began with a welcome from newly elected SGA President, Chris Cook, English department professors, Susan Sellers and Teresa Reed, who also announced winners of the “Imagining the Holocaust” writing contest for middle school and high school students.

The highlight of the evening was the keynote speaker, Aizenman. Aizenman was nine years old when, he and his family were put into the Warsaw Ghetto and were transported to a dozen different concentration camps.

He answered questions from the audience and also gave words of wisdom to the nearly 200 listeners that crowded into the Stone Center theatre.

Aizenman was liberated by American forces at the age of 14, and he commented that “That’s when [his] life began.”

“I am a great American patriot,” Aizenman said. “Not a mindless patriot, that thinks everything America does is

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Student injured in accident will graduate

By Ben Cunningham  
The Chanticleer Editorial Board

A JSU senior seriously injured in an accident that killed two people this month will be able to graduate next week, his mother said Monday.

Bradley Gordon, a 23-year-old senior from Acworth, Ga., will graduate with a degree in geography his mother, Nancy Gordon told The Chanticleer on Monday evening, his mother said.

Nancy Gordon said The Chanticleer that her son was determined to graduate despite his 10-day hospitalization.

“It took a lot of hard work,” Nancy Gordon said. “It took a lot of work just to get him out of this hospital.” She credited her son’s friends, his Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers and his sister Jessica, also a JSU student, with supporting him through his hospitalization.

Students sell themselves at JSU Interview Day

Last Wednesday 10 companies came to JSU to interview potential employees. Students scheduled more than 100 interviews with companies such as McCartney Construction, Anniston Army Depot, BOA Printing, BellSouth, Enterprise, Equity Group Georgia Division, L.L.C., Gazelle Consulting, Honeywell, Primesoft, Primaria and Sherwin-Williams.

“It gives two avenues,” said Janet White, director of Career Placement Services at JSU. “One gives student the opportunity to participate in multiple interview styles. Secondly, it brings new companies to campus. Many of them don’t know we’re even here.”
POWs: flown to Kuwait for check-ups (from page 1)

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kept asking."

"I thought I would never see my wife again," said a sobbing
Chief Warrant Officer David
Williams, of Orlando, Fla.
The POWs, some still wear-
ing striped pajamas issued by
their captors, were flown by C-
130 transport to Kuwait for
medical checkups.

"All the words in the world
can't explain how I feel," said
Hernandez, 21, from Mission,
Texas, said during the one-hour
flight to Kuwait.

Col. Larry Brown, operations
chief for the 1st Marine
 Expeditionary Force, said the
POWs were rescued after some
of their guards approached
Marines near the town of
Samara north of Baghdad.
The guards told the Marines their
officers had deserted and they
wanted to hand over the
Americans. Other Marines said
townspople tipped them to the
house where the Americans
were held.

Five of the POWs were mem-
ers of the Army's 507th
Maintenance Company's "Lost
Patrol," a lightly guarded supply
convoy that got lost and wan-
dered into an ambush in the
south central Iraqi city of
Nasiriyah on March 23, the first
Sunday of the war. Nine soldiers
were killed and six were cap-
tured, including Pfc. Jessica
Lynch, who was rescued last
week.

Two of the POWs were aboard an Apache attack heli-
copter when it went down over
southeastern Baghdad on that
day.

The ambush of the 507th lasted
about 15 minutes, just as the
sun was coming up over the
horizon.

"It wasn't a little ambush. It
was a whole city and we were
shot from front, rear, left," along
a one- or two-mile stretch of
highway with wide aprons to the
side, said Sgt. James Riley, a
lanky 31-year-old from
Pennsauken, N.J.

Johnson, from El Paso, Texas,
drove under her truck but was hit
in the ankles. Near her were
Riley, Hernandez and Hudson.
The rest of the convoy was scat-
tered all along the highway.

Nasiriyah residents first loot-
ed the American trucks, then
turned their wrath on the sol-
diers. "A couple of people
punched me, a couple of people
hit me in the back with sticks," said
Miller.

Not Johnson. They opened her
chemical weapons suit "and
noticed I was a female," she
said. Then they treated her "very
well. I don't know why."

At almost the same time,
Williams was piloting his
Apache southwest of Baghdad,
with Young manning his guns,
when a 23 mm cannon round
split the leather on the toe box of
his left boot, burning his foot
and forcing him to land.

"We tried to evade. Unfor-
luckily there was a lot of
infantry around," said Williams,
31. They got on their survival
radio, hoping to be picked up by
another chopper, but saw only
another aircraft with flames
shooting out of its belly.

Williams said they jumped
into a canal and swam "a quar-
ter mile, real slow, you
know, just the head showing." They emerged and headed for a
stand of trees but were spotted by
armed villagers.

"They shout a couple of warn-
ing shots at us. We decided
to surrender," said Williams.

The villagers "beat us a little,
one of them with a stick," he
said. "One of them even put a
knife to my throat," before the
prisoners were thrown in the
back of an open truck at 2 a.m.
and driven around, making stops
every once in a while "to show
all the other people that they had
captured Americans."

The two groups of prisoners
came together about two days
after their capture in what they
assumed to be an Iraqi police
station in Baghdad, where they
were given medical care,
received blue and yellow striped
pajamas and stayed for 15 days.

They heard heavy U.S. bomb-
ings every night they were in
Baghdad, the prisoners said, and
on one terrifying night a bomb
landed about 150 feet from their
cells, buckling the tin roofs and
blowing open the food hatch on
Young's cell door.

"A lot of the bricks fell down
on top of us. I was lying on the
ground, against the corner with
the wall," said Williams.

Their conditions grew better
as they were shifted through six
locations in the last six days of
captivity.

"We could feel that Iraq was
collapsing," said Williams. "I
could see the guards were
ervous."

Their guards for the last three
days were the best of all, they all
agreed, reaching into their own
pockets to buy them food and
medical supplies.

And then the Marines came to
their rescue.

"They broke down the door
and shouted "Down, Down,
Down," said Johnson. Added
Miller: "They shouted, 'If
you're an American stand up.'"

"At first they didn't realize I
was an American," said
Johnson. They gave her a jump-
suit from one of their light
armored vehicles' crews, but
she held on to her prison paj-
a and it burned her hands.

Correction: In the April 3 edition of The Chanticleer in Students
debate Arab issues, we named Shane Magbie as the recipient of
the best delegate award.

Allen Parris actually received that honor.

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good. I just believe that the
United States is the best country
in the world. I have never
regretted my stay in the United
States."

Aizenman talked about his
experiences in the concentration
camps of Poland and also talked
about his new life in the United
States. He is now a father and
lives in Birmingham where he
worked as a jewelry salesman.

"I used to have nightmares for
about 20 years," Aizenman said.
"When my son was in high
school, I went and spoke to his
class for a history project. I
think he helped me more than I
helped him, because my night-
mares started to fade. I have
been talking to groups ever
since."

The remembrance ended with
a traditional Jewish prayer, the
Kaddish. Mourners at public
services traditionally recite the
Kaddish after the death of close
relatives. Members of the
Temple Beth-El in Anniston
recited it at the remembrance as
a memorial.

"Sometimes, I think like it
[the Holocaust] was yesterday," said
Aizenman. "Most times I
think it was a dream or my
imagination. I just want people
to ask me questions because
after I am gone, you will have to
read about these things from a
book."
Apr. 10—Tessa Victoria Yates, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for driving under the influence occurring at Pelham Road and Ladiga Street.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Sallis Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

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SARS cases spreading rapidly in China

By Michael Dorgan
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

BEIJING — The World Health Organization on Monday reported 74 more cases of a deadly new respiratory disease in the north-central province of Shanxi and three other areas of China, a surge that reinforces fears the epidemic is quickly spreading in the world’s most populous country.

Globally, the overall fatality rate for SARS is about 4 percent. Many experts fear that the fatality rate in China will rise steeply if the epidemic spreads widely because many provinces are poor and have health care systems greatly inferior to those of Guangdong and Hong Kong.

Until late last week, Chinese officials repeatedly had given assurances that severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, had been effectively contained. They claimed that all cases in China outside of the southern province of Guangdong, where SARS is believed to have originated, were “imported” and that the epidemic was not spreading.

The spike in new cases underscores the threat of a resurgence of the epidemic in Guangdong as the number of cases explodes elsewhere in the nation of 1.3 billion citizens.

WHO officials said last week that a single “super-spreader,” the name health officials have given to highly infectious SARS carriers, could reverse the downward trend in new cases.

Monday’s figures disclosed 47 new SARS cases and three deaths from the day before in the coal-producing province of Shanxi. The WHO, citing figures provided by China’s Ministry of Health, also reported seven new cases and one death in Inner Mongolia, and two new SARS cases in Beijing and 18 new cases reported in Guangdong, where the bulk of mainland China’s 1,418 SARS cases and 64 deaths from the disease have occurred.

The United States had eight new suspected cases Monday, bringing the total to 174, according to the WHO.

Chinese officials had based their claims that the epidemic was under control on a steady decline in the numbers of new cases in Guangdong.

China’s government has been widely criticized for initially covering up the epidemic to avoid alarming the public and scaring off foreign tourists and investors. By not acting promptly to publicize and contain the epidemic, critics say, it has contributed to the spread of the epidemic to at least 18 other countries.

As recently as last Thursday, a vice minister of health said the epidemic was under control. That claim began to crumble on Friday, when the WHO added Beijing to its list of places where chains of local transmission are occurring. Also on the list are Guangdong and Shanxi provinces, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Toronto, Singapore and Hanoi, Vietnam.

While slow to take SARS seriously, China’s central government in recent days has sent strong signals that the epidemic has become one of its highest priorities.

The government’s Xinhua News Agency reported Monday that Premier Wen Jiabao, speaking at a national SARS conference Sunday in Beijing, said: “Much progress has been made in combating the disease so far, with the epidemic brought under control in some areas, but the overall situation remains grave.”

A day earlier, President Hu Jintao met in the southern port city of Shenzhen with Hong Kong’s chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, to discuss the epidemic, Xinhua reported.

Hong Kong, a special administrative region of China, has had at least 1,150 cases of SARS, including 40 deaths. On Sunday, 42 people in Hong Kong were diagnosed with the illness and five died, the highest daily death toll to date. Four of the five who died were under age 52 with no history of illness.

Beijing, the capital, has had 31 official confirmed cases of SARS, and four deaths.

In the southern province of Guangdong, new cases remain far below the peak period of the epidemic in January, but the 18 new cases reported Monday were more than double what has been reported in recent days — eight on Sunday, and seven on Saturday.

In his speech Sunday, Premier Wen urged officials at all levels of government to assume “overall responsibility” for preventing SARS by reporting, isolating and treating cases as early as possible.

But as of Monday, the concept of taking responsibility did not appear to have filtered down to the provincial officials in Shanxi, which previously had reported only a handful of SARS cases.

A woman in the Shanxi Province Health Bureau reacted angrily when asked about 47 new cases there.
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Nine long years all comes down to this

By Ben Cunningham
The Chanticleer
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Nine long years all comes down to this

As I sit in The Chanticleer office at 1 o'clock on Tuesday morning, I've got the place to myself. The rest of the staff has finished their work on our last paper of the year, and my last Chanticleer ever. After a couple of summer classes, I'm finally getting a degree in August, after nine long years.

That's right, my freshman year was 1994, and my route through college has been a little less than straight. Jacksonville — whether you believe it or not — is a place with lots of distractions, and I found many other things to do than go to class my first few years in school.

That's not to say I didn't learn anything. My time with the Marching Southerners taught me much about the power of music and working for something you love. I took that lesson to the next level with the brothers of Phi Mu Alpha. Sinfonia has become a deep part of me, as have the brothers I've gained through the fraternity.

I learned more than I care to say in the confines of Weatherly Hall then, and I know my fellow residents will agree when I say those were good times and they were bad times, but they were times I will always remember. The best thing about that place, now just a sloped patch of grass, is that I met Sherri Anderson there. She's now Sherri Cunningham, and my life since meeting her has been so much better than what came before, and I know the best years are yet to come.

The most important thing I learned during those first couple of years was that I wasn't doing what I needed to do. A professor in the communication department, Jerry Chandler, told me then that I had the talent for a career in journalism but that I'd never make it unless I found some discipline. I knew he was right. I was discovering it daily at The Chanticleer then, where I'd risen far too quickly to its highest ranks. It showed in the paper and it showed in my grades.

I took Mr. Chandler's words to heart, and left Jacksonville in 1997 for a four-year stint with the Air Force. I thought I might find the discipline I lacked there. I was wrong. As it turns out I found it in myself; the Air Force just showed me where it was. To the many friends and good leaders I had in the Air Force, I'm eternally grateful. By showing me the world, they helped me get back to Jacksonville.

When my four years were up, I returned to town hoping to get a chance to write at The Chanticleer. I didn't expect to find the editor's desk empty. Before I even had the keys to my apartment I had the keys to the newspaper office. I knew I also had a chance, to prove I could do right what I'd done poorly before.

Fortunately, I had the help of some incredible people. The staff of The Chanticleer for the past two years has been a great bunch, without whose talents and efforts I'd have gotten nowhere in what I wanted to do. Josh Bingham, Anthony Hill, Callie Williams, Becky Sproles, Catrina Neely, Stephen Hollis, Stephanie Pendergrass, Danni Lusk, Jamie Eubanks, Jeremy Guthrie, Nick Thompson, Patty Lockhart, Katie Harris, Miranda Bryant and the many other writers, photographers and ad staff have done great work, made the job great fun and been great people, all of them.

Of course, none of us would have done anything without the help of Tammy Mize, the communication department secretary, as well as Tammy Cunningham and the many other people who have done everything from pitching ideas to helping write and publish the paper and helping me get to the end of my term. I thank them both for all they've done.

Of course, when I'm not in The Chanticleer office, I'm supposed to be in class, and I owe a lot of professors a lot of credit for helping me get to the end of my time here at Jacksonville University. They have helped me get here, and they have helped me get where I am. Thank you, professors.

Last but not least, I want to thank you — whoever you are — for reading this story. It's been a long time coming, but I think it's time to put an end to this chapter. I hope that in some way the work we do here has helped you.
Whether it’s a flag or noose, symbols are important

By Myriam Marquez
The Orlando Sentinel (KRT)

For almost an hour, the Iraqi men tried to get the noose around Saddam’s big head. They were victorious, with the help of U.S. troops and their armored vehicle, in toppling the statue of the Butcher of Baghdad, erected last year to celebrate Saddam Hussein’s 65th birthday.

We woke up Wednesday to witness history in the making, a sense that the end is near — a turning point of proportions so huge to the Middle East and the world as the fall of the Berlin Wall was to the collapse of communism in Europe more than a decade ago.

But there were ominous signs, too, that Americans in Iraq must be overly careful to strike the right balance, to ensure that their actions, even in a brief moment of elation, are not misinterpreted.

Case in point: the fleeting moment in which a U.S. soldier placed the American flag over the Saddam statue’s head.

Arab cable network al-Jazeera, rarely missing an opportunity to paint America as the aggressor instead of liberator of Iraq, didn’t skip a beat in “interpreting” what seemed to most Americans to be the exuberance of a young American soldier and nothing more.

“This is a symbol of what will happen now. Everything will take an American face,” an al-Jazeera reporter told Arab viewers about the U.S. flag on the Saddam statue’s face. “A national symbol is being replaced by an American one.”

Just a minute later, the soldier handed the U.S. flag to a young Iraqi man who, smiling and standing atop the base of the statue, waved it to cheers from Iraqis below. The old flag of Iraq waved high — a symbol, al-Jazeera this time accurately noted, of true Iraqi nationalism free of the Saddam impetus. The Iraqi dictator had changed the flag in 1991 when, having lost the Gulf War, he tried to earn points with radical Islamists by printing a religious saying on the flag.

We cannot underestimate the meaning of symbols to people who have been spoon-fed ideas through government-controlled media for decades. Iraqis, like any other people who have suffered in a dictatorship, are masters at reading between the lines.

Nor can we ignore that Iraq is a nation divided by different ethnic and religious groups that, now free of Saddam, will want to control their own destiny. Democracy and shared power are not acceptable to everyone. Many Kurds, for instance, feel they have nothing to gain from sharing power with those who used to oppress them. The Shiites, meanwhile, want to reclaim their old cities and establish a religious government that the once-powerful Sunnis rejected. Then there are progressive, moderate Iraqis who hope to have a secular government that respects individual rights.

But we are getting ahead of ourselves. The war’s not over. As Vice President Dick Cheney warned Wednesday, “There may well be hard fighting ahead. We must expect vicious tactics.”

Baghdad was not yet totally secure. And cities in northern Iraq, such as Saddam’s hometown of Tikrit, and the oil fields to the north still had pockets of strong resistance.

U.S. and British forces are still looking for those infamous weapons of mass destruction, too — the major reason the Bush administration gave for this war. And, of course, securing Iraq’s borders is a priority, not only to catch high-ranking officials in Saddam’s government who might try to escape but to ensure that weapons aren’t smuggled out of Iraq and into the hands of terrorist groups.

Saddam, who may have been killed by U.S. bombing a few days ago, has more lives than a junkyard cat. But dead or alive, he’s clearly no longer in charge of Iraq.

It will be up to the United States and all other nations that value liberty to help Iraqis of good will. They must set aside old grudges and see the bigger picture of peaceful coexistence so that they will never again have to tie a symbolic noose around a dictator’s head.

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What every new hire needs to know

By Matt Wilson
The Dallas Morning News

Congratulations on landing your dream job. You will tackle new challenges, pursue higher goals and cash a check big enough to make supersizing your value meal a non-brainer. Make sure to focus on that your first day, when you get locked in a stairwell looking for the restroom.

The second day will be better. But the first day is like transferring to a new school, where the other children stare, nobody sits with you at lunch and you get stuffed in a trash can during recess. Thank goodness that will not happen at work. The people are more mature and the trash cans are way too small.

More important, unprofessional behavior is prohibited by most companies. You would know that had you read your employee manual instead of using it as a coaster on your coffee table.

But don’t feel bad. Most people do not read their employee manuals, which rarely reach the literary heights of the instruction booklet to George Foreman’s Lean Mean Grilling Machine. And while employee manuals are valuable, they are not survival guides.

So here is an office-life survival guide, with tips never found in an employee manual.

The easiest way to create an efficient workspace is to locate it in a large corner office with an inspirational view of the city and a door that locks. Of course, if people refer to you not as “The Boss” but as “Employee 4725A-2T1,” this might not be possible.

In that case, you probably work in a cubicle. And in that case, you need to remember that cubicles offer as much privacy as a thong bikini. That’s because cubicle walls absorb almost no sound, especially when they are plastered with Post-it Notes, calendars and a picture of a kitten hanging from a tree with the inspirational phrase, “Hang in there!”

The result: Sound travels through cubicles even faster than a stolen stapler. So avoid having confidential discussions or making personal phone calls in your cubicle. And if you listen to music, keep the volume low as a courtesy to fellow employees who want to work in silence or are trying to eavesdrop on conversations in surrounding cubicles.

Getting along with fellow employees can be easy if you are friendly, courteous and show respect for your co-workers. Every employee must play a part in creating a cubicle community full of good neighbors who help one another and support the vast differences in employee work styles.

Be sure to remember that when your cubicle neighbor uses his speakerphone to have conversations that include the phrases “the naughty one with the tassels” or “searching for a colon polyp.” Every employee is bound to annoy someone at some point. The key is to accept, and even embrace, the idiosyncrasies of your co-workers.

Ah yes, memos. They now come mainly in e-mail form, but they remain the primary communication medium of the modern workplace. Unfortunately, the deluge of memos — Re: timecards are due, Re: changes to company 401k, Re: lost pair of sunglasses in the bathroom — can be overwhelming.

But even the most cynical office workers should appreciate the importance of memos. Memos keep employees informed, keep employees on their toes, and when printed out, can keep employees warm in the chilly areas of the office. If you literally bury yourself in paperwork, you’ll stay warm while showing your willingness to take on heavy workloads.

It’s also essential to bring a few memos to meetings. They might have nothing to do with the meeting, but the memos also provide something to doodle on when meetings drag, and that is inevitable.

Another tip for employees hoping to succeed is to never use company-owned office products for personal use.

Sure, it might seem harmless to take home a pack of Post-it Notes or a couple of highlighters. But why risk all the hard work you’ve put in, as well as an honorable reputation, just so you can make 100 free copies of a flyer for your garage sale? It simply cannot be justified — unless you have confirmation that the boss and the office manager are gone for the day, as well as a minimum of two trustworthy lookouts. After all, you want to be known in the office as a dedicated worker, not a petty thief.

You walk into the boss’s office and feel the first beads of sweat on your forehead. You heart begins to race, your mouth gets dry, and you feel like an 8-year-old facing interrogation over a broken lamp.

It’s the annual employee evaluation, a time for paranoia, sweaty palms and painful silences that stretch out longer than the director’s cut of “Apocalypse Now.” But relax — these answers to common evaluation questions will help you get through it.

Q. Where do you see yourself in five years?
A. Taking on bigger challenges, expanding my role with the company and helping the company strengthen its reputation.

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Lisa Marie Presley releases her first album

By Dave Ferman
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Lisa Marie Presley likes it dark.

The one time she laughs during a phone interview about “To Whom It May Concern,” her

Presley’s life has been tabloid fodder for years, as she’s moved through three marriages: to her best friend Danny Keough, then to Michael Jackson and, last year, a blink-and-you-missed-it quickie to Nicolas Cage.

She addresses much of this was in. It was a healing thing to capture it and purge it.”

“I’m not that much difference between the songs she was writing four years ago and recent ones, she says.

“They were always dark and haunting. That was consistent view is when asked to comment on Jackson and his recent troubles.

“I’d really like to not talk about him,” she says. “Every time I say anything about him, the whole interview becomes that it’s ongoing.”

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The Chanticleer Features Editor

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The CD, she says, was four years in the making and includes both old songs, the title track, which addresses children being overmedicated for depression, and the very recently written “Gone,” which looks at her marriage to Cage, which ended last November after less than four months.

The songs, she says, “help me deal with certain relationships I

recently had,” she says.

“They were always dark and haunting. That was consistent. But the melodies were a little more R&B at different times.”

Presley never mentions her father or her famous husbands by name in the songs, which can lead to a bit of confusion, as in “Gone,” when she calls Cage by his nickname, “Daddy.”

She also, she says, couches several songs in metaphor. Among them are “S.O.B.” and “Nobody Noticed It,” which is about her father and the realization, all these years later, of how much he had to go through.

The only time she sounds uncomfortable during the interview becomes that. It’s annoying.”

She is, however, more than happy to rebut the current round of gossip that has her remarrying Keough and/or having another baby with him.

“Nope,” she says evenly. “He’s my best friend. Always has been. Always will be. Not getting married. Not pregnant.”

She also has higher expectations for her next CD, she says, now that she’s finally committed herself to a music career.

“It comes easy for me. I can write a song really fast and I want to do it,” she says. “I’ll never stop with music.”

Iraqi Intelligence

Test your knowledge of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the country itself. Answers are on page 6.

1. Bush gained authorization from Congress to wage war against Iraq. True or False?

2. What political party does Saddam belong to?
   a. Baath Party
   b. Communist Party
   c. Iraqi Conservative Party

3. What former Soviet leader does Saddam consider one of his personal heroes?

4. Saddam enjoys some American movies. True or False?

5. Iraq’s military is less than half the size it was in 1990. True or False?

6. Iraq has an Air Force and a Navy. True or False?

7. From which country does the United States import the most oil?
   a. Canada
   b. Saudi Arabia
   c. Mexico

8. Iraq’s largest oil fields are located in Baghdad. True or False?

9. The United States supported Iraq in the 1980s by sending them military equipment. True or False?

10. Saddam has never used chemical weapons while in power. True or False?

   — compiled by Tim Keefe of The State in Columbia, S.C.
Iraqi Intelligence Answers

1. True. The House and Senate in October 2002 authorized the president to use force “as he determines to be necessary and appropriate” without requiring U.N. or further congressional approval.

2. a. The Baath Party. This socialist party seized power in 1968 in Iraq when Saddam’s cousin, Ahmed Hassan al Bakr, became head of the Revolutionary Command Council, Iraq’s top decision-making body.

3. Joseph Stalin, who ruled the Soviet Union as a dictator from 1928 to 1953. Saddam has a library full of books on Stalin. Like Stalin, Saddam has given his secret police great power.

4. True. Saddam likes movies about conspiracies, and has said two of his favorites are “The Godfather” (1972) and “Wag the Dog” (1997).

5. True. From about 1 million troops in 1990, Iraq’s military is down to about 425,000, including the elite Republican Guard troops.

6. True, though both were depleted heavily during the Persian Gulf War.

7. a. Canada. The United States imported about 1.9 million barrels a day from Canada in 2002.

8. False, Iraq’s largest oil fields are in the north near Kirkuk (500 wells) and in Rumalha and other fields in the south (1,000 wells).

9. True. Several western nations, including Britain, France, and the United States

Q. How do you feel you benefit the company?
A. I’m a team-oriented person who works hard and wants the company to improve.

(Q. It takes “whatever it takes” to help the company improve? We’re willing to do “whatever it takes” to help the company improve. Whatever it takes would include working weekends.)

(Q. Are you willing to do “whatever it takes” to help the company improve? We’re willing to do “whatever it takes” to help the company improve. Whatever it takes would include working weekends.)

(Q. If you are still worried about your evaluation, remember this: the boss is not listening very closely, anyway. He or she is probably busy scheduling a meeting on how to have effective meetings. You’ll get a memo on it soon, Employee 4725A-2TI.

A. By dedicating itself to improvement, nourishing an environment that allows for improvement and taking bold steps toward improvement. (Exquisitely nonsensical. You might sound like a politician, but at least you’re playing it safe.)

(Q. In what ways do you think the company can improve?)

(Q. How do you feel you benefit the company?)
France, and the United States supplied weapons or equipment to Iraq, and the U.S. shared intelligence with Saddam’s regime.

10. False. Saddam’s troops used mustard gas and nerve gas against Iran and dropped bombs containing mustard gas, Sarin and Tabun on villages in northern Iraq where Kurds live.

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Softball looking for confidence

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State softball team entered last week looking for confidence. A week that saw them go 3-3 helped some, but not as much as the effort at home against Stetson.

After heavy rains reset the date, JSU finally played Samford last Wednesday. The wait proved to be costly after a split of the series, JSU winning game one 6-1.

That game featured Becky Carpanetti’s two-RBI single in the second inning to give JSU a quick 2-0 lead.

A four-run seventh inning put the game permanently out of reach for the Bulldogs, as a Samford error added in with Annie Davis and Breanne “Breezy” Oleman RBI singles gave JSU the final 6-1 margin of victory.

Veronica Davis pitched a complete game, scattering only five hits and one run to pick up her 12th win.

Game two saw JSU again jump ahead 2-0 after designated hitter Janae Bonin ripped a two-run home run in the top of the first inning. Samford quickly answered with a run in the bottom of the first off of Tera Ross.

Singles and a JSU error loaded the bases with only one out in the third inning for the Bulldogs. Deanna Rosendo then took a 1-2 fastball from Ross and placed it well over the right field wall to blast Samford to a 5-2 lead they would not relinquish.

Ross dropped to 14-3 on the year as she lasted only 3.1 innings, giving up eight hits and six earned runs. The final score was Samford 9, Jacksonville State 5.

Friday saw JSU travel to Orlando, Fla., to play the Central Florida Golden Knights.

A game one sure-win turned into a heart-breaking loss, and a lifeless game two dissolved into a UCF sweep, the finals being 6-5 in game one, and 5-0 in game two.

The third inning of game one saw JSU burst out with four big runs on four hits. Angela Davis doubled two batters later to score Bonin and Melinda McDonald. Allie Simons capped of the scoring in the inning as she drove in Davis.

JSU stretched out the lead to 5-2 in the top of the seventh as the Gamecocks looked to be cruising. That’s before the Golden Knights woke up in their final at bat.

UCF quickly placed two runners on with no outs. A strikeout and a walk loaded the bases for Dottie Cupp, who already had a run scored for UCF in the game. JSU countered by bringing in Ross to finish the game and earn the save. She struck out Cupp, but gave up an infield single and a walk to bring UCF within a run. A Lindsay Bush single tied the game, and the next batter, Jania Shinhoster, singled to right to end the comeback and the game, 6-5.

“Was just hoping to be able to help somewhere.”

- Rachael Countryman
After helping rally JSU for a win vs. Stetson

Game two provided the high drama for the day. Ross and Lindsay Buckley battled through a pitching clinic until the sixth inning.

Buckley had retired 15 straight batters when coach Jana McGinnis decided to play some strategy. She put in a crippled Rachael Countryman as a pinch hitter for Stacey Smith. Countryman was cleared just prior to the game to pinch hit only. She ran the count full, fouled off three great pitches, then drilled a change up into left field for the second JSU hit of the game.

McDonald, pumped up like her teammates over Rachael’s hit, took the next at-bat and crushed a two run homerun to put JSU up 2-0.

Ross finished off the seventh for her 15th win of the year.

“We proved we have a lot of heart in this game,” said McGinnis after the game. “I can’t say enough about Rachael and that hit. It was the boost we needed at just the right time.”

“I was just hoping to be able to help somewhere,” commented Countryman, whose season seemed to be over after her second knee injury of the year. “I wanted to lift up the team, and hopefully we can build on this.”

JSU drops two to Troy State

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

on a sacrifice bunt. Brad Sheffield then followed with a sacrifice fly to score Lambert.
Jacksonville State's baseball team dropped two of three games in the weekend series to rival Troy State. Troy (20-16,10-8 A-Sun) won the first two games 6-0 and 9-3 and was looking for the sweep but fell short as JSU won the third game 6-3.

In game one Troy State sent Eric Wikstrom to the mound against JSU's Jessie Corn in what turned out to be a pitcher's duel. Wikstrom won the showdown as he had six strikeouts and didn't issue a walk.

Corn, who has been brilliant his last six starts, allowed a season-high five runs to suffer his first A-Sun loss of the season. Corn allowed his first earned run in 23 innings of work in the fifth inning.

The Trojan run was put together nicely as Trent Lambert led off with a double and was moved over to third sacrifice fly to score Lambert.

Troy State would score in the sixth inning off a two-run homer from Chad Howard to take 3-0 advantage. Corn was pulled from the game in the eighth inning after issuing back-to-back walks. Clark Jinks came on in relief and was greeted on the first pitch by Brian Lipan with a three run dinger down the left field line.

Travis Suereth, Bobby Hicks, and Kerri Fair each had a hit as the Gamecocks were shut out for the third time this year.

In game two Jacksonville State took the opening lead scoring two runs in the first inning capitalizing off of two Trojan errors. The Trojans would plate a run in the bottom half as Lenny Maier drew a bases loaded walk from JSU starter Allen Buckley to cut the lead 2-1.

Buckley was chased from the game in the fourth inning as Howard singled with two outs to drive in two runs. JSU would tie the score in the fifth inning as Kerri Fair singled and was driven in by double from Matt Ruckdeschel.

JSU was held hitless in the last two innings while the Trojans would score six runs on seven hits for the final score of 9-3.

JSU would kill all hopes of a sweep in game three as Ruckdeschel went 6-for-6 to lead the Gamecocks 6-3.

The Gamecocks fell behind 1-0 in the third inning as Glen Hardy went yard off of JSU starter C. R. Palmer. JSU would battle back in the fourth inning as Fair scored on a sacrifice fly from Hicks.

The Gamecocks would break the game wide open in the fifth inning scoring four runs on three hits to go up 5-1.

After Jacksonville State added an insurance run in the top of the seventh inning after Shundell Russaw scored on a passed ball. Troy State rallied for two runs off of Palmer in the bottom of the inning, but could get no closer.

Palmer pitched 6 2/3 innings and had seven strikeouts to earn the win and Josh Forrest picked up his fifth save of the season by getting the final out.

Jacksonville looks to regroup this Friday night against Samford beginning at 6:30. A doubleheader is slated for 1on Saturday.
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