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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.

Sunni and Shiite are both Moslems but they view each other as different nationalities.

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 Japera 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



Miami Herald/Juan Tamayo

Chief Warrant Officers Ronald Young Jr., 26, of Lithia Springs, Ga., left, gets off of a CH46 helicopter in Numaniyah, Iraq, en route to a C130 to take him to Kuwait, Sunday. Young and six other American prisoners were found alive and well Sunday after their captors fled from U.S. Marines advancing towards Tikrit.

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 Spc. 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.

"We were a hot potato," said Johnson, 30, an Army cook with six-inch braids. The POWs were moved through six holding places in the last six days alone, she said. "It was getting to the point where I believed they were going to kill us."

Instead, a squad of Marines stormed into the room where they were being held, rescuing the last Americans known to have been captured by Iraq.

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 knife 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



The Chanticleer/Rosalind Moore

Henry Aizenman, Holocaust survivor, answers questions during last week's Holocaust remembrance.

wrongs.

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 over 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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bathtub where she found a gun and shot him. She alleged Allen had physically abused her that day. City Police are investigating the case for more evidence, he said.

Students sell themselves at JSU Interview Day



The Chanticleer/Jamie M. Eubanks

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, BOAZ Printing, BellSouth, Enterprise, Equity Group Georgia Division, L.L.C., Gazelle Consulting, Honeywell, Primera 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."

Student injured in accident will graduate

By **Ben Cunningham**
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

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 Acwroth, Ga., will graduate with a degree in geography his mother, Nancy Gordon, told The Chanticleer on Monday. That's despite the fact that the accident crushed his foot and broke his collarbone and jaw.

The accident took place on U.S. Highway 278 near Piedmont, on April 5. Bradley Gordon's Jeep collided with a vehicle occupied by Gregory Scott Westbrook, 41, of

Jacksonville, and Saratha Jackson, 32, of Piedmont. Westbrook and Jackson died shortly after the wreck, according to accident reports. Westbrook was treated at Gadsden Regional Medical Center, and was released on Monday evening, his mother said.

Nancy Gordon told 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.

By the numbers:

Days until the 2003-04 academic year starts, on Aug. 28

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POWs: flown to Kuwait for check-ups (from page 1)

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 wearing 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,” 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 townspeople tipped them to the house where the Americans were held.

Five of the POWs were members of the Army’s 507th Maintenance Company’s “Lost Patrol,” a lightly guarded supply convoy that got lost and wandered 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 captured, including Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who was rescued last week.

Two of the POWs were aboard an Apache attack helicopter when it went down over southeastern Baghdad on that same 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, dove under her truck but was hit in the ankles. Near her were Riley, Hernandez and Hudson. The rest of the convoy was scattered all along the highway.

Nasiriyah residents first looted the American trucks, then turned their wrath on the soldiers. “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. Unfortunately 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 quarter, half a 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 shot a couple of warning 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

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.

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. bombings 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 nervous.”

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 jumpsuit from one of their light armored vehicles’ crewmen, but she held on to her prison paja-

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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 nightmares 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,” Aizenman said. “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.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Student Health Center** - Effective April 16, the physicians’ hours will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-10 a.m. The Student Health Center will be open Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The gynecologist will be available on Thursdays from 12:30-4:30 p.m. for Women’s Clinic through May 22. **Contact:** Twyla Hobbs, 782-5310.

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

CAMPUS CRIME

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 Salls 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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she held on to her prison pajamas in a brown plastic bag.

"I broke down. I was like, Oh my God, I'm home," said Johnson.

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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 res-

piratory 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 con-

tributed 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 spotting, 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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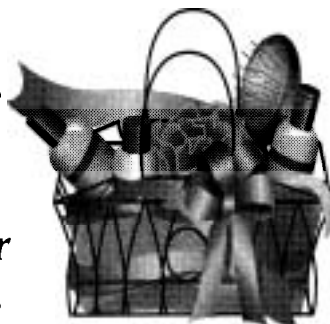
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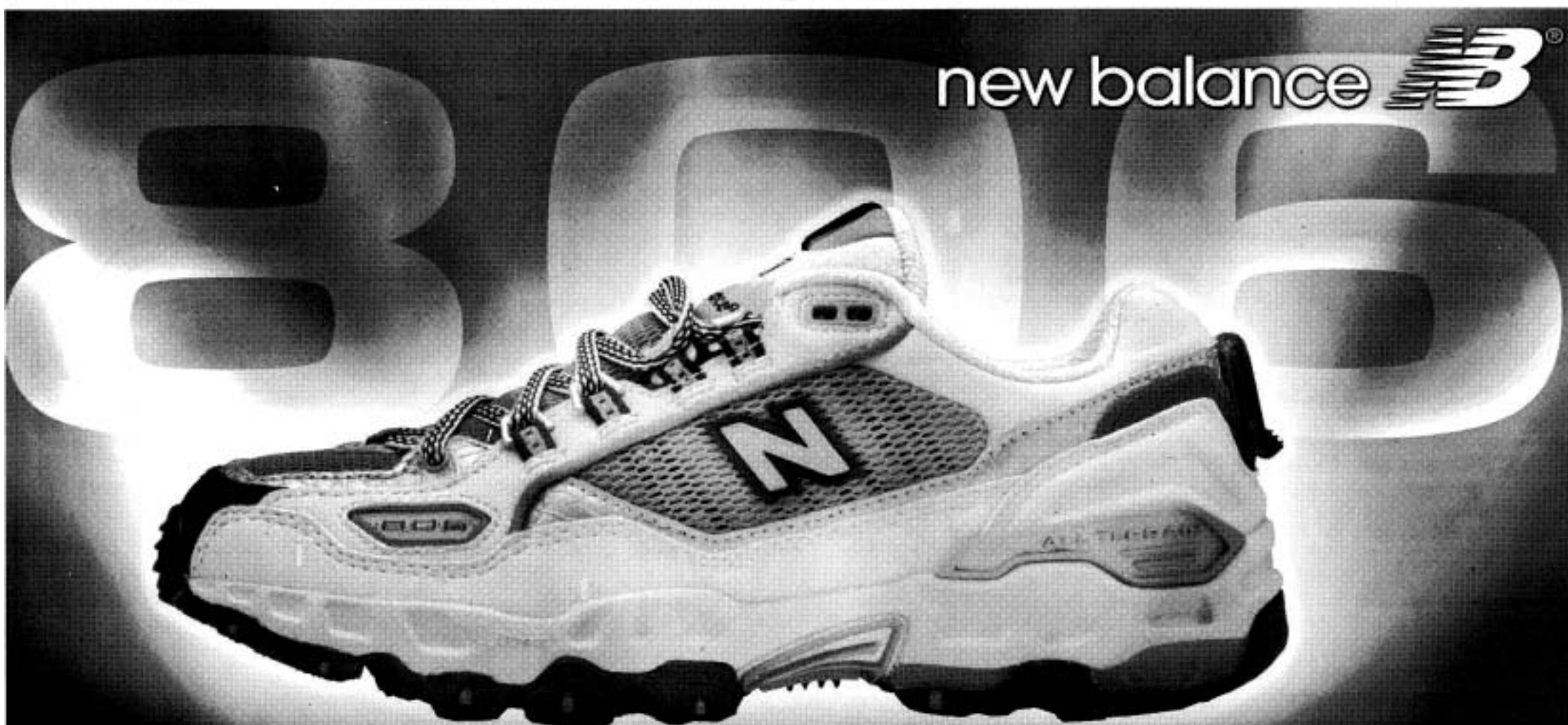
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In Our View

Where does it all end?

Just three weeks into the United States' war with Iraq, the evil regime of Saddam Hussein has fallen. For this one fact, the world can be grateful, even if not everyone thought going to war was the right thing to do.

In less than a month, U.S. and British troops have rolled across the country, demolished those military forces that did not surrender, and sent the representatives of Saddam's oppressive scurrying into hiding.

The people of Iraq, if the Bush administration carries through with its promises, will have a chance to build a Middle Eastern democracy their neighbors will envy. It will be difficult for that democracy to flourish, however, in the shadow of an American military presence.

For any new Iraqi government to be accepted by its neighbors, and even its own people, it must be independent enough to make the right political and social decisions on its own. If U.S. forces are stationed in Iraq for any length of time, the situation will rankle in the minds of Middle Easterners and likely become a flash point for even stronger anti-American sentiment than already exists.

The only conceivable situation that would be worse than a continued presence in Iraq would be, oh, say sending troops from Iraq into other Middle Eastern countries.

And wouldn't you know it, Bush administration officials are already making not-so-quiet hints at Iraq's northern neighbor, Syria. The administration has warned Syria against harboring fleeing Saddam loyalists from Iraq, and accused it of supplying Iraq with night vision goggles and other military technology before the war.

And recently, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld played the trump card, airing American government suspicions that Syria has a well-developed chemical weapons program, and has conducted tests within the last 12 to 15 months.

Is this the trial balloon for the justification of an invasion of Syria? Let's hope not. It would be evidence to those in the Middle East, Europe and around the world who opposed the war with Iraq on the suspicion that it was the beginning of an American war on all of the Middle East. "Who's next?" they might ask. "Us?" Banding together against what they might see as a common threat, American forces in the region might be faced with pre-emptive strikes against them, or against Israel.

The result might be a disastrous war. In the last century's two world wars, the U.S. was a reluctant ally in fighting against aggressive, invading forces. This time, we'd have started the fighting with invasions of our own.

The best the U.S. could hope for in invading or attacking Syria or other Middle Eastern countries would be a decline in world opinion, if it can sink any farther, and the loss of what few allies we have. The world would suddenly become a very, very dangerous place for Americans.

Nine long years all comes down to this

Wow.

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 so 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

By
Ben Cunningham
The Chanticleer
Editor in Chief



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 Thomason, 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 secre-

University bureaucratic machine and the everyday needs of the campus newspaper. 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 a Jax State. There are the demanding ones, like the English department's Dr. Robert Felgar, and communication's Dr. Ralph Carmode, from whose high standards I've learned to achieve. There's also the graceful patience of teachers like Ms. Susan Methvin in the English Department, who helped me so much this year. And then there are the people like Lloyd Dobbins and Jerry Chandler who I'm just so damn glad to know. They teach you so much and keep you laughing at yourself — and at them. That makes all the more worthwhile.

As I near the end of this column I've got to thank my parents. Though I got most of what I needed for school on my own and from Uncle Sam, there were always there when I needed them for anything, and I'd have got nowhere without them.

Thanks to anyone I've forgotten who helped me in the last nine years. I know I must have left someone out, but as you can, space is at a premium now anyway.

Last but not least, I want to thank you — whoever you are — for reading what we've put in these pages for the last two years. It hasn't always been perfect, but we've done the best we can. I hope that in some way the work we do here has helped you.



few allies we have. The world would suddenly become a very, very dangerous place for Americans.

Let's hope, for our own sake, that it doesn't come to that.



help of Tammy Mize, the communication department secretary or Mike Stedham, our adviser. These two are the human conduits between the

way the work we do here has helped you.

Thanks, and keep reading.

IN OUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“What have you enjoyed most about working at The Chanticleer this year?”

*--Compiled by
Ben Cunningham
Editor in Chief*



Jamie M. Eubanks
Senior - News editor
Communication

“I have enjoyed most the time I have spent with some of the funniest, smartest and most interesting people I know. I'll miss you all!”



J. Wilson Guthrie
Junior - Sports editor
Communication

“I have enjoyed being forced to become comfortable with my masculinity.”



Gary Lewis
Senior - Online editor
General studies

“The inner peace and spiritual growth I have gained from quietly tormenting Stephanie.”



Danni Lusk
Junior - Features editor
Communication

“Meeting hot musicians and making Jamie blush when I tell her my ‘bar’ stories.”



Stephanie Pendergrass
Junior - Copy editor
Communication

“The constant insults, lack of sleep, stress ... oh and like the friendships and stuff, except with my nemesis Mr. Lewis — who only thinks he wins.”

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 imprimatur. 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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FEATURES

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What every new hire needs to know

By Matt Wixon

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 super-sizing your value meal a no-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-2TI," 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 another 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 show that you are serious about your work. They 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 reputa-

tion, just so you can make 100 free copies of a flier 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. Your 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 position for the future.

see Job, page 6

Hail to the chief and here I come!

By Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer
Features Editor



"Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you got 'til it's gone," Joni Mitchell sang in her song "Big Yellow Taxi."

It seems to be that way with the features desk in the Chanticleer office. To give you an idea, I have a Powerpuff Girls and Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory poster and a myriad of pictures of my gymnastics students, pets and close friends on the wall. There's a pinwheel in a paper mache can I made, a tie-dyed top hat and a drawer full of Play-Doh and candy.

But with this new editor-in-chief job, I feel as if I have to straighten myself out a bit — get a little bit more professional, I should say.

The current chief, Ben Cunningham, has done a fabulous job. He has set a great example for what a very professional and hard-working editor should be. He even has an American flag behind his desk and an intelligent collection of books next to his computer. So not only is he professional and hard working, he's

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" is

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."

There's 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 annoying."

The one time she laughs during a phone interview about "To Whom It May Concern," her debut CD, is when it's mentioned that most of the 12 songs are exactly that: dark, sometimes emotionally bare, frequently angry.

"I'm so glad you said that," says Presley, 35, whose promotional blitz for the CD includes doing morning television shows and a prime-time interview with Diane Sawyer that aired last week. "I pull from pain — this was cathartic for me. Each song on the CD is about a time, or a week I had, or a situation."

Many of which the world knows at least a little about.

year, a think-and-you-miss-it quickie to Nicolas Cage.

She addresses much of this, from memories of her father to Cage, on "Concern."

"How do I feel about the CD? I'm nervous," she says. "But I also feel I did my job, so I feel slightly satisfied. Of course I want it to have a warm reception, but I can't get too caught up in it. I feel good about it, I honestly do."

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



Lisa Marie Presley

marriage to Cage, which ended last November after less than four months.

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

recent ones," 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 inter-

view, she says, is when she says, "I don't want to say anything about him, the whole 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."

puter. So not only is he professional and hard working, he's intelligent and patriotic too.

So how do I live up to the expectations Ben has raised for the new chief?

I tell myself I can only do as good a job as I try. So now, I'm ready. I'm ready to move my pinwheel and paper mache cup over to the largest desk in the office. I'll even put up the Powerpuff Girls poster.

To make it look more professional, I'll add a few plaques and certificates I've earned from random school involvement and I won't put my tie-dyed top hat on the computer monitor. And I'll even write news stories about truly important issues like money, politics and University administration.

Don't dare think, though, that I will forget about my important issues in life — local music, nightlife and most importantly, the students themselves.

I hope the person who takes over my job won't forget that this position is supposed to be fun. I know I've had the most fun I've ever had while getting paid working as the features editor. I've met many new people, seen some cool bands play, been to some really good parties and met even cooler musicians.

I've enjoyed having random people come up to me in Brother's and say, "I really enjoyed your column. It made me laugh," or compliment me on a band interview I did. I've taken pride in being JSU's most-available and best resource for nightlife, entertainment and the arts information.

So without being sappy, hail to the chief (the current editor-in-chief, that is) and thanks for setting a professional example for me to follow.

And I'm ready to move on and put my Powerpuff Girls poster on the center-most portion of the Chanty office wall, over the biggest desk in the office.

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.

Beating Around the Bush

by Bryan Stone and Corey McDaniel



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 Rumalia and other fields in the south (1,000 wells).

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

from **Job**, page 5

(Strategically vague, it's the perfect answer to an evaluation question because it says nothing.)

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.

(Important note: Never say you are willing to do "whatever it takes" to help the company improve. "Whatever it takes" would include working weekends.)

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

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.)

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.

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	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	11 a.m.	Tuesday, Thursday
	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Thursday
	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Thursday
	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	Thursday
	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	7:45 p.m.	Tuesday, Thursday
	Friday, Apr. 18	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.		11:15 a.m.	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.		1:45 p.m.	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Saturday, Apr. 19	Same time as class normally meets		
Monday, Apr. 21	8 a.m.-10 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	10 a.m.	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
	4 p.m.-6 p.m.	4 p.m.	Monday, Wednesday
		4:15 p.m.	Monday, Wednesday
		4:30 p.m.	Monday, Wednesday
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	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	Monday
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Thanks,
goodbyes
and pep talks
for the new guy

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Wow, has this semester flown by. And it's been by far one of the best years for Gamecock sports is in the books. Our basketball teams both made their respective tournaments. The women went to the semis and the men lost a hard defensive battle.

The football team did well playing their first Southeastern Conference team and have a lot of great players returning for JSU.

I could go on and on about all of our great teams, but I won't. I would rather focus on the people that I have grown to know and have enjoyed working with after taking the reins from "The Thrill."

I thought that this would be the hardest thing that I have ever done, but come to find out sports fans are more than willing to tell you everything about "their" sport and try to convert you to their side. And sports writers aren't that competitive, I didn't know that. So a big thank you to Al Muskwitz? for all the help that he gave.

The players also made things very easy. Always willing to talk to me, they took the new face in stride.

My staff writers have also come through in the clutch situations that I always seem to get

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 bot-

tom 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 Resmondo 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 off 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 strike-out 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

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

out Cupp, but gave up an infield single and a walk to bring UCF to 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.

Veronica Davis pitched quite well for JSU going 6.1 innings with seven strikeouts before Ross entered in relief. The tough loss went to Ross, who dropped to 14-4.

An emotionally-drained Gamecock team put up only one big challenge in game two, as they had a bases loaded, no out

situation in the third inning. UCF managed to get out without a run scoring, then finished off the shutout for a 5-0 win. Oleman dropped to 4-1 with the loss.

JSU then came home in eighth place in the ASC and needing a sweep to keep alive chances for a high tournament berth. They got just that as they took both games from visiting and second placed Stetson, 4-0 and 2-0.

Game one saw JSU fall in love with the long ball, as Bonin went yard to deep left on the first pitch she saw to give JSU an early 2-0 lead.

Oleman started off the fourth inning with a home run that bounced off the top of the left center field wall and fell over for the third run of the game. Annie Davis answered with a long bomb of her own in the sixth to end the scoring.

Veronica Davis pitched well to earn the win, scattering six hits and striking out three. She was helped in the bottom of the seventh as Oleman caught a deep fly to center field as she fell through the collapsible wall to save the shutout.

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 off 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.



JSU golf
doing well
at Daytona

From staff reports

come through in the clutch situations that I always seem to get myself into. These guys and girl came from the sports world and brought their expertise with them.

Then the editorial staff at The Chanticleer, has done nothing but be a huge help. Through our late Tuesday nights and my always having 10 other things on my plate they have been very understanding.

And no less important has been the Sports Info staff. Any call at any time has been welcomed, and helping get my staff the things they needed to get their stories to me has been priceless.

Countless other people have helped either by reading and giving me truthful critiques or telling me that I needed to stick with it when things got difficult. Thanks to you all.

Now on a little bit more personal level I would like to thank people that have made this one of the best learning experiences I have ever had.

I met Jamie Eubanks last semester when I returned to Jacksonville. At first she seemed to be an easy going person. Then I started writing for her.

Jamie forced me to look at my writing from a civilian standpoint whereas I had only seen the strictest military side of everything. Stylistically she helped me to open my writing up to the human side of things and I want to thank her for that.

Thrill left us last semester and I felt like we were losing a limb. I had never known anyone else to write sports and didn't know that anyone else existed for that. I would like to thank him for the pep talk before he left.

And finally to Ben. This is a far cry from Brother's where after a few drinks I finally decided to take this position. Thanks for showing me a side of news I had never seen: sports.

So to all you sports fans out there hopefully, God willin' and the creek don't rise, I will see you next year.

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

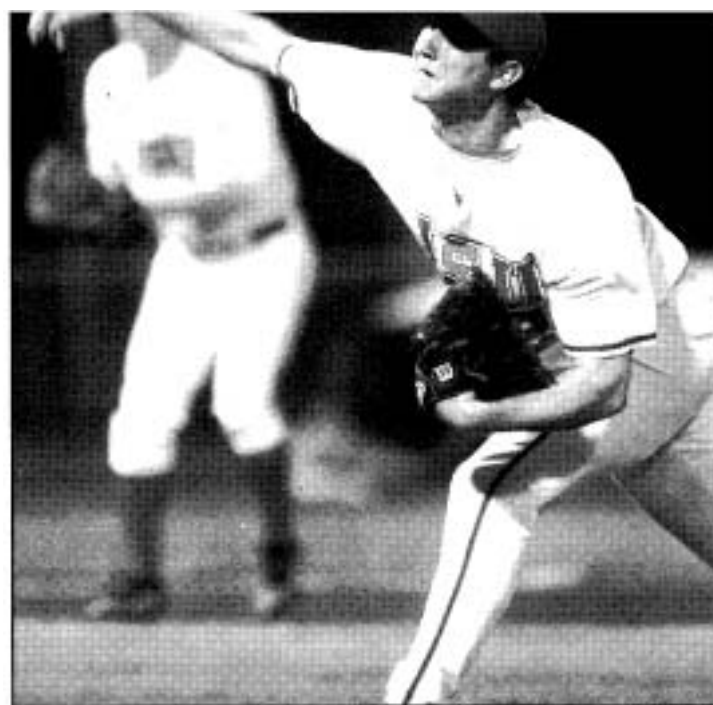
sacrifice fly to score Lambert.

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



Jessie Corn, JSU's pitching ace, delivers a pitch against Gardner-Webb earlier in the season. Corn picked up his first A-Sun loss of the year against in-state rival Troy State this past weekend.

outs to drive in two runs. JSU would tie the score in the fifth inning as Kerri Fair singled and was driven in by a 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 1 on Saturday.

From staff reports

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Three Jacksonville State golfers placed in the Top 10 as the Gamecocks are in second place, just two shots back, after Monday's first round of the 2003 Atlantic Sun Conference Championship at the par-72, 5,942-yard Indigo Lakes Golf Course.

Junior Florencia Moran is third after scoring a 2-over-par 74, just three shots behind Florida Atlantic's Anne Fraser score of 1-under-par 71.

Georgia State fired the low-round of the day with a team total of 298 to take the lead. Senior Angie Green (40-36) and freshman Shanelle Howell (36-40) are both tied for ninth place after carding a 4-over-par 76 on Monday. Senior Marie-Eve Dion (42-37) is tied for 22nd with a 79 and freshman Marilen Fernandez-Ruiz (43-39) is tied for 34th after scoring an 82 in the 60-person field.

JSU track team places in South Alabama Inv.

From staff reports

Mobile, Ala. — Jacksonville State's track and field team competed in the South Alabama Invitational this weekend and had a good showing.

Janet Sei finished third in the 400m dash with a time of 1:01.01, while Princess Thomas placed fourth in the 800m dash.

Rebecca Gosnell was second in the shot put and the hammer throw and third in the discus (44.17m). The Gamecocks' Lachandra Bartholomew and Ashley Davis also finished second and third in the hammer.

		Atlantic Sun Conference Baseball and Softball Standings											
		Baseball			Softball								
		Conference		Overall	Conference		Overall						
Teams	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Teams	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Florida Atlantic	16	5	.762	32	9	.780	UCF	11	3	.786	32	23	.582
Stetson	13	8	.619	23	15	.605	Troy State	10	3	.769	32	17	.653
Jax State	13	8	.619	21	16	.568	Florida Atlantic	9	3	.750	27	24	.529
Belmont	13	8	.619	17	13	.567	Mercer	7	3	.700	26	16	.619
Gardner-Webb	12	9	.571	22	15	.595	Stetson	9	5	.643	29	9	.763
Troy State	10	8	.556	20	16	.556	Georgia State	9	6	.600	19	27	.413
UCF	8	7	.533	23	15	.605	Jax State	8	6	.571	32	8	.800
Georgia State	10	11	.476	19	18	.513	Samford	8	6	.571	22	13	.629
Jacksonville	10	11	.476	17	19	.472	Jacksonville	6	14	.300	23	29	.442
Campbell	9	15	.375	14	21	.400	Campbell	4	10	.286	20	24	.454
Samford	5	16	.238	10	25	.286	Belmont	4	12	.250	7	29	.203
Mercer	4	17	.190	9	27	.250	Gardner-Webb	2	16	.111	11	31	.262
Upcoming Games Friday							Upcoming Games Today						
Jacksonville at Stetson							Belmont at Stetson						
FAU at UCF							Jacksonville at FAU						
Samford at Jax State 6:30 p.m.							Friday						
Mercer at Georgia State							UCF at Troy State						
Troy State at Gardner-Webb							Campbell at Samford						
Belmont at Campbell							Saturday						
Saturday							Campbell at Jax State 1 p.m.						
Samford at Jax State (double header) 1 p.m.													

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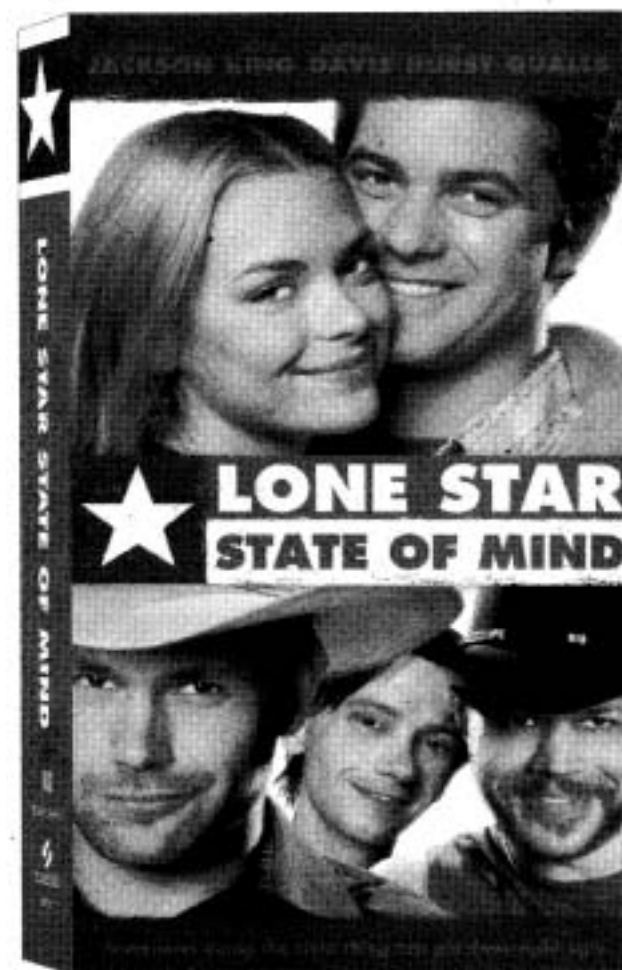
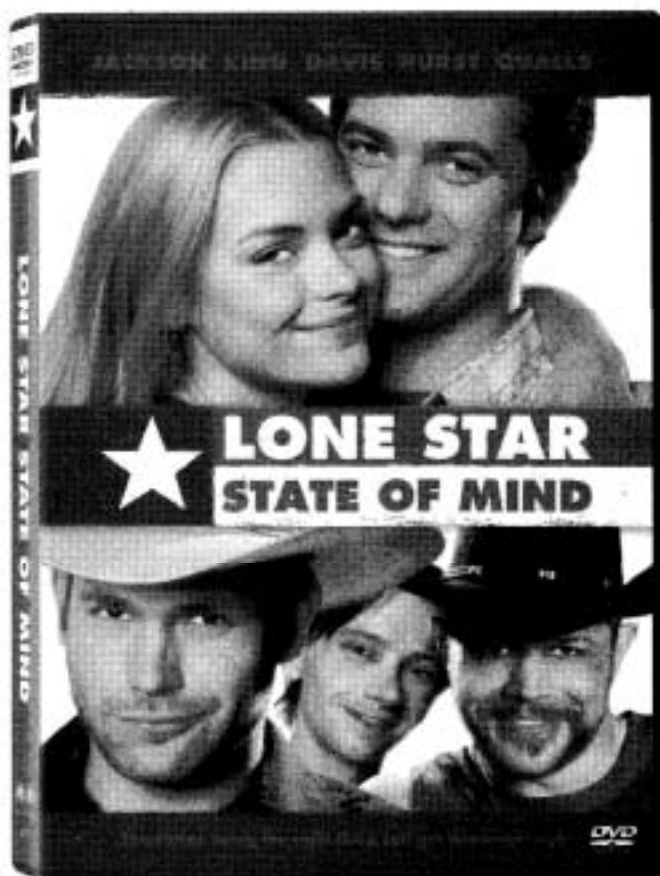
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