JSU students may face biggest-ever tuition increase

By Ben Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

JSU students may pay a price this fall — as much as $300 — for the state of Alabama’s dismal financial outlook.

JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan told The Chanticleer on Tuesday that the University’s budget committee had recommended a tuition increase in the range of $200 to $300 per semester for the 2003-04 academic year. The board of trustees will consider the increase at its next meeting on April 21.

Meehan said he’d asked the committee to reconsider lowering its recommendation to a $150 increase, hoping the University could “get by” with that much.

“We’ve had to go up on tuition every year since I’ve been here,” Meehan said. “And I don’t like it.”

Tuition, currently at $1,620 per semester, could rise to between $1,770 and $1,920 depending on the budget committee’s final recommendations and the trustees’ vote. Any amount over $150 would be the University’s largest-ever one-time tuition hike.

An increase is necessary, the president said, because of an extremely poor forecast for the state government revenue for the 2004 fiscal year. Gov. Bob Riley said in a speech to the Legislature in March that he would have to cut $500 million from the state budget next year — including $51 million from the education budget — if a way is not found to raise more revenue or save money on operating costs.

If those cuts are made, JSU will receive less money from the state government, meaning the University will have to raise the money from other sources or cut back on services. Meehan said the only other sources from which the University can raise the money is tuition and faculty applications for grant awards.

The proposed tuition hike follows an increase of $150 per semester passed by the trustees last April, to pay for a $15 million bond issue that’s funding renovation of Ayers Hall and other campus buildings.

Tuition has increased $550 over the last four years, and has more than doubled since 1992, when it cost $775 to enroll for a full-time semester.

Meehan said that even with the increase JSU would still be among the least expensive four-year college buys in the state, since most other schools are faced with the same problem. The president has pledged in the past to keep JSU’s tuition at or near the median level of tuition at state universities.

Internet connection switch slows service

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

Monday, when students, faculty and staff returned to JSU, the Internet connection that was supposed to be faster was actually slower. But by Tuesday morning the new connection was running smoothly.

“Basically, we had difficulties, but I think we’ve got it in,” said Bill Rader, ACSC director.

Once that problem was resolved, ACSC had problems with the physical lines.

“We had to coordinate getting shut down on one and being brought up on the other pretty quickly,” Rader said. “That
United States, Iraq both trying to shape perceptions of the conflict

By Jon Steinman
The Orlando Sentinel (KRT)

The scared faces and battered bodies of captured and dead American soldiers filled Iraq TV's schedule last week. The imagery did not play well on the American home front, however, and soon after the Pentagon ordered up a change in the Iraqi government-run station's lineup — with a volley of cruise missiles aimed at the station's Baghdad facility.

On the battlefield of modern war, the strikes made clear that a television station can be more powerful than a Scud missile, with far greater range.

To a growing number of observers, it demonstrated the concern among American war planners about manipulating Saddam Hussein on the wider front of this war: the propaganda front.

This is the flip side of the live-fire battle in which the fog of war, limited by the digital age, reveals the shape perceptions of the conflict.

The Orlando Sentinel (KRT)

New senators trudge through first meeting

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

The newly elected SGA senators and executives experienced their first meeting Monday night. It consisted of main announcements and introductions.

Senator Jessica Bobo led the Senate in a moment of silence for troops serving in the war.

Vice President of the Student Senate Emily Williams walked the senators through the motions of parliamentary procedure. There was very little discussion.

The only bill before the Senate was to approve the appointment of Jennifer Mince to publicity director for the SGA.

"I think I can handle director duties," Mince said. "I'm really excited about it. I love publicity relations."

Mince said she plans to increase the community's relationship with JSU and expand the publicity of the Senate.

"I really want to advertise the e-mail system a whole lot more," Mince said. "I think that could really be useful."

She looks forward to helping organizations with their publicities, but I think we've got it done," said Sean Ponder, manager of Academic and Computing Services Center. We had some problems with equipment. We worked with BellSouth to resolve those issues. Preliminary reviews are that people are pretty pleased with it.

Many of the problems were with the physical equipment, Ponder explained. BellSouth, who provided the new conncetion, brought up on the other pretty quickly," Ponder said. "That was probably our most difficult task to make sure that we got all the routes shut off on the other one and brought up on BellSouth."

This change has been in the making for months, but it took the department four days over spring break to make the final adjustments.

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By the numbers:

Number of cruise & precision munitions used against Iraq as of Tues. night: 9,700

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Baseball:
Mar. 29 - JSU 8, UCF 7
Friday - vs. GWU 6:30 p.m., home

Softball:
Mar. 26 - JSU 1, San Jose St. 0
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More bucks for books after semester ends

By Miranda Bryant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU students should wait until the week of finals to sell their books back to the bookstore this spring, according to bookstore managers.

Although the bookstore on campus and the one on the square both buy back books throughout the year, they want students to get the most money they can for their textbooks. Finals start the week of April 14.

“I want to give students as much back as I can,” said Cindy Turner, manager of the Jacksonville Bookstore on the square.

The week of finals can be hectic for students and faculty members, but Turner said students should still wait until finals to sell their books because they can get up to 50 percent of the new price.

Books in bad condition, such as those with a lot of highlighting in them, will be more difficult to sell back to the campus bookstore for up to half the original price, said Tim Myers, textbook manager of the JSU Bookstore in the Theron Montgomery Building.

“I want the students to just think about whether or not they would want to buy a certain book by looking at it,” said Myers. “If they think they wouldn’t buy that book, they’re probably not going to get a lot of money for it.”

Neither bookstore is owned by JSU, according to managers. The campus bookstore is owned and operated by Barnes and Noble Bookstore, said Myers, but the store does require a student identification card or a driver’s license from those wanting to sell back books.

The Jacksonville Bookstore on the square is locally owned, said Turner, and it still tries to make students wait to sell their books back even though the store will be giving them more money.

Jonathan Taylor, a junior majoring in computer science, said he usually waits until after finals each semester to sell his books.

“You get more money then because of the demand for them,” Taylor said.

JSU remembers the Holocaust

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

“Long live freedom! A battle is being waged for your freedom as well as ours.”

These aren’t the battle cries of soldiers in Iraq. This is an appeal from Jews in the Warsaw ghetto in 1943. It also serves as the theme for the National Days of Remembrance.

JSU will take part in this remembrance on April 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Stone Center Theatre. The University’s host student is professor of English at JSU.

“It’s coming together the way it ought to be,” Whitton said. “It’s not just Jewish people pulling it together. It’s a community effort.”

What began with just 25 people has now grown into a large gathering. Students from area schools and the local community get involved in the remembrance.

Because the national theme focuses on the Warsaw ghetto, JSU invited a survivor of the ghetto, Henry Aizenman of Birmingham. He was nine years old when he was sent to a number of concentration camps, the most notorious being Auschwitz. He is the only survivor from his family.

He will tell his story at JSU’s remembrance.

“I think we just have to remember what we’re capable of and do what we can to respect each other’s belief systems and respect each other,” Whitton said.

“What one of the things we have to remember is that this is 60 years ago. The survivors are not going to be with us much longer and it’s important to hear their story.”

Printing in labs will soon cost students

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

“We wanted to make sure that it worked before we started charging.”

Students will put money on their ID cards to print documents in labs on campus. This spring, according to book managers, students can expect to spend much more on printing.

“There are several factors that determine prices,” Taylor said. “One is the amount of printing that the student does.”

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“Anytime we undertake a project of this scope, we anticipate some issues to be dealt with,” said Randall Harper, director of Computer Services. “I feel like our folks had done a good job of preparing. We did have some issues, but everything considered, I think it went well. The end result we’re pleased with.”

This end result includes faster Internet speeds, but Monday when speeds were noticeably slower the department knew something was wrong. During the break, several staff members tested the system and thought everything worked just fine. Adding over 8,000 students and almost 900 faculty and staff made a difference in the new connection’s performance.

“I think the number of users made the problem manifest itself,” Ponder said.

Staff members made phone calls to Computer Services about the slow Internet and BellSouth was immediately asked to help solve the problem, according to Harper.

“They were very cooperative and found some problems on their end and found some problems on our end,” Harper said. “We were able to work together to resolve those problems and get the service up.”

The problems have now been corrected and Internet service is noticeably faster. But this transition is not complete. The residence halls need to be switched back to the old connection to further alleviate the strain on the new connection.

It will return to the old AREN network, which still provides service for the local schools and libraries through the JSU connection.

“We’re awaiting a firewall,” Harper said. “When that firewall comes in we’ll begin to move the residence halls to the Alabama Research and Education Network. Then we should both see some improvements.”

Both Harper and Ponder said they are pleased with the results of the change to the new provider.

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projects, services, Greek life, and programs dedicated to leadership, the role of the office began to expand beyond their limited title of “Student Activities.”

“The change to Office of Student Life allows us to be consistent with other universities that provide these services,” Casey said. “The new title encompasses our many responsibilities including SGA, orientation, various activities, and leadership development.”

The office did not officially gain any extra responsibilities with the name change, but had already evolved over the years to become an important vehicle of student development.

Newly-elected Vice President of the Student Senate Emily Williams was also in support of the name change. “Like the name change because it covers more of the student body,” Williams said. “It shows dedication to the students, because we are responsible for the development of their life here on campus.”

CAMPUS CRIME

- Mar. 18—Jason Stefon Young, 21, reported breaking and entering automobile to JSUPD occurring at Daugette Hall parking lot.
- Mar. 19—Pedro Rey-Rodriguez, 23, reported breaking and entering automobile to JSUPD occurring at Forney. A CD player was reported stolen.
- Mar. 19—Shalonda Renee McClellan, 30, reported breaking and entering automobile to JSUPD occurring at Forney Apartments’ parking lot. Three starter checks were reported stolen.
- Mar. 19—Bihiana Gomez Vargas, 21, reported breaking and entering automobile to JSUPD occurring at Forney Apartments. A Sony CD player was reported stolen.
- Mar. 20—Priscilla Ward, 22, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Mason Hall. A tombstone and its case were reported stolen.
- Mar. 20—Willie E. Brown, 21, reported theft to JSUPD occurring in the vicinity of Crow Hall. A wallet was reported stolen.
- Mar. 21—Michael David Bearden, 19, was cited by JSUPD for possession of alcohol by a minor occurring at Miller Street.
- Mar. 21—Maranda Nicole Baker, 18, was cited by JSUPD for possession of alcohol by a minor occurring at Miller 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.
Riley proposes legislation to speed up tax refunds

By Philip Rawls
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Bob Riley is proposing legislation that could speed up income tax refund checks for Alabama citizens.

The legislation, scheduled for introduction in the Alabama House and Senate on Tuesday, would allow money to be shifted among state government accounts to pay refunds quicker.

Riley said taxpayers who file early often wait months for their refunds. “This money belongs to the taxpayers, and the state of Alabama shouldn’t force its citizens to wait for their refund checks because of a bureaucratic accounting practice,” he said in a statement.

The state issues refunds from its income tax fund. Traditionally, people seeking refunds file their tax returns early, and people who owe the state money don’t file until close to April 15. Riley’s state finance director, Drayton Nabers, said Monday the income tax fund usually lacks enough money to pay all refunds until after the state processes the payments from taxpayers who owe money.

Riley’s legislation would allow the state finance director to transfer money from other accounts to cover the refund checks and then repay the money to those accounts when the tax payments arrive around April 15.

The transfers would be limited to accounts that had extra money available at the time, and the state treasurer would have to approve the transfers.

State Treasurer Kay Ivey said she likes the legislation. She said her office has nothing to do with tax refunds, but she gets 30 to 40 calls each day from “irate taxpayers” looking for their refunds. She refers them to the state Revenue Department.

The revenue department, which handles tax returns, had paid $142 million in refunds on 49,434 individual returns through March 28.

The department has 250,731 more individual returns that have been processed and that are due refunds totaling $76.5 million, but money is not immediately available to pay them, department spokeswoman Carla Snellgrove said.

“The state Revenue Department has a telephone number where taxpayers can inquire about their refunds (334-535-2540), but the department advises them not to call until six weeks after sending their returns,” said Snellgrove.

Under state law, the state has to start paying interest on refunds if they are not paid by July 15. Snellgrove said that all individuals who filed their taxes on time and without errors last year got their refunds by July 15. Some corporations did not, and the state had to pay interest on them, she said.

Riley’s legislation does not apply to corporate refunds, which are a fraction of the individual refunds. Last year, individual refunds totaled $369 million and corporate refunds were $112 million.

If the proposed legislation passes in the fastest time possible, the last vote would come April 15, Riley noted.

War: imagery and spin reign on both fronts (from page 

of war is pierced by carefully built imagery and spin. The first strike is not on the sandbagged Iraqi desert but in living rooms, bars, coffee shops and bazaars the world over.

With Saddam parading disturbing image after disturbing image of American-led strikes, he won cheers across the Middle East and beyond for standing up to an overwhelmingly favored foe, say media experts and war historians.

“This is a propaganda fiasco,” said Mark Crispin Miller, a New York University media professor and author of “Spectacle: Operation Desert Storm and the Triumph of Illusion.”

The United States is failing to win over world opinion, and with the war growing in cycle by cycle, President Bush risks losing support at home as well, Miller said.

“Saddam Hussein is aiming his propaganda primarily at the Arab world, but also worldwide, and he’s winning,” Miller said. “People aren’t feeling sympathy for him so much as admiration. They’re admiring his ability to fight a much larger opponent, one that many think has no business in the region to begin with. All of his propaganda confirms his image as a defiant leader.”

Propaganda is both obvious and sublime, conjured by governments and carried on by media outlets, wittingly and otherwise.

Iraq TV, knocked off the air only temporarily by the U.S. attack, aired gruesome footage of the aftermath of what Iraqi leaders called a cruise-missile strike on a residential Baghdad neighborhood that killed 14 people last week. The footage, carried by al-Jazeera television as well, enraged people in the Middle East who viewed it as American military might brought to bear on defenseless civilians. U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has rejected the criticism.

While it may not seem like a bias to use the pronoun “we,” the word conveys a fellowship with American troops that runs against the inquiring, critical role expected of reporters, said Joseph Borgen, a retired lieutenant colonel in the Air Force.

“It may seem like a way of ignoring deeper truths. ‘That think that in any war, truth is the first casualty,’ he said. ‘That’s been true since the beginning of time.’ He said.

President George W. Bush waves to the crowd after his speech to members of the U.S. Coast Guard in Philadelphia, Pa., on Monday

receiving another type of propaganda, said Janine Jackson, program director for Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting, a watchdog group in New York City.

With more than 500 reporters “embedded” with American military units, viewers see soldiers with their names on their helmets, and bazaars the world over.

Operation Desert Storm and the first hours of the war, aired gruesome footage of a strike on a residential Baghdad neighborhood. “This is a propaganda fiasco,” said Miller.

“Reel America: How Hollywood Vilifies Arabs” is a propaganda schol-
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advise the NPHC, IFC, Panhellenic Council, Up 'Til Dawn, and serve as co-director of the Miss JSU pageant. The new director will be responsible for providing assistance to these groups.

At this time, a selection committee is being formed to review applications and narrow down the field of applicants. This committee will include Casey, the SGA president, a University police official, NPHC, IFC, and Panhellenic Council presidents, and two Greek fraternity/sorority advisers.

"We are currently still accepting applications for the position," Casey said. "We are looking for qualified applicants who have some experience in advising IFC, Panhellenic, or NPHC groups. We hope to fill this position by June 1 at the latest."

The minimum requirements for the position are a Bachelor of Science degree or preferably, a master's degree in higher education administration or student personnel.

"We will begin reviewing the applications soon and the screening committee will select three to five applicants to bring to campus for interviews," Casey said.

Every applicant will not receive an interview, however, each of the selected candidates will visit the campus and meet with various school personnel and students. Currently, about 35 applications have been received.

"We hope to have the candidates visit campus in late April," Casey said. "They will meet with Greek council presidents, advisers and student life staff."

After the new position is filled, the stress of added work will be lifted from the student life staff. The new director will be in place for the summer months and be able to prepare and take on the responsibilities of the fall semester.

The selection process will occur within the next few months and the office expects to have a new assistant director by June.
When reality intrudes on a war’s script

By Jane Eisner
Knight Ridder Newspapers

As a psychologist at the counseling center of Kansas State University, Sherry A. Benton knows a thing or two about the mood and attitudes of college students today. Not only has she studied thousands of young people for about 15 years, but also she deals with their mental health issues — growing bouts of depression, thoughts of suicide — daily.

And this campus in America’s heartland is hardly shielded from the consequences of war, not with a sprawling military base only seven miles away.

Still, Benton says, “for kids in college, there is a surreal feel about war. It’s a video game, something we do for a couple of weeks. We always win big, and don’t lose a lot of people.”

Around the country, that feeling palpably changed last week, as bravado turned muted, anxiety rose, and even some who support the war felt pangs of discouragement. The realization that this was going to be a slow, complicated slog dawned gradually. Funk set in, as heavy as the desert sand. Even one of my kids asked: Can we lose this thing?

Plenty of Americans, especially those who came of age since the Vietnam War, have witnessed the United States engaging only in relatively quick, painless military interventions where the outcome never was in doubt and the troops often were welcomed like saviors.

And so was the expectation with this Iraq war. Not only because Americans have short attention spans and even shorter memories but also because that is precisely what our leaders said in the run-up to this conflict.

Four days before the initial bombing of Baghdad, Tim Russert asked Vice President Cheney, “Do you think the American people are prepared for a long, costly and bloody battle with significant American casualties?”

“Well, I don’t think it’s likely to unfold that way, Tim,” he answered, “because I really do believe that we will be greeted as liberators.”

Reality checked in last week.

For John Yenchko, pastor of New Life Presbyterian Church in Glenside, who remains a staunch believer in the rightness of this cause, it came when he was watching a news report of Iraqis jumping up and down, vowing allegiance to Saddam Hussein right in front of troops giving out food.

“That’s discouraging. I don’t know what to do with that,” Yenchko says. “This is not TV wrestling, where the good guy comes in and takes care of the bad guy, or a half-hour sitcom solves all your problems. People will chose democracy and a free market economy, but they won’t immediately, and you can’t impose it.”

While support for the war and for the president remains high, it is not as strong as it was when the United States began bombing Afghanistan or entered the first Gulf War. And today’s support is far more partisan and split along gender and racial lines than at the start of previous conflicts, making consensus harder to maintain.

But what has struck historians is how quickly the protests mobilized.

“I’ve never seen this before — at the outset, to get instant expressions of fierce opposition,” says Robert Dallek, biographer of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy. What took years to build during the Vietnam War took only days this time.

“I fear that the administration has failed to build the kind of consensus at home and abroad that you need to fight a sustained conflict,” says Dallek. “It’s clear that the Iraqis are not following the scenario this administration expected. They are not Jeffersonian Democrats. They have their own agenda.”

Surely all the pre-war speculation about a post-Saddam Iraq, the reams of stories and hours of analysis, added to the assumption that this war was going to be brief detour on the smoothly paved road to a more democratic Middle East. It was as if we momentarily skipped the main meal and went straight to dessert.

Now we’re forced to go back to the meat and potatoes.

The great war of George H.W. Bush’s generation, World War II, engendered enormous support and patriotism after Pearl Harbor was bombed because ordinary Americans suddenly felt threatened. The preventive nature of this war with Iraq — the fact that it was launched not in response to an attack but in anticipation of one — makes us less unified and more fearful.

If it goes well, the administration will seem admirably prescient. If it doesn’t, more and more Americans will ask themselves, why did we do this?

Are we too easily discouraged? Oh sure. When you sit on top of the world, it is easy to become impatient if things don’t go your way; if allies turn into obstructionists and the oppressed don’t enthusiastically greet your brand of liberation.

But the funk hovering over America is driven by more than discomfort with the blood and dirt of battle. “Images are going to be conveyed about America that Americans don’t want to see,” predicts Alan Wolfe, director of the Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College.

These won’t be images of grateful French women kissing GIs, or Afghans welcoming the end of the Taliban. We may have to face the reality that we won’t necessarily be thanked for this
Is it taking longer than you expected for the U.S. & Britain to defeat Saddam Hussein?" 

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Stone Center language lab in poor condition

Dear Editor(s):

I would like to comment on the terrible shape that the Foreign Language computer lab in the Stone Center has fallen into. I rarely use this lab anymore since I've completed the classes that require the use of the foreign language software. However, since I practically live in the Stone Center, I use this lab to check my e-mail. I went to do that this morning and discovered that the lab was virtually empty. I soon discovered the reason: the majority of the computers do not work! I noticed one with the message: Operating System Missing (that particular unit made some horrible noises the last time I was in the room).

I sat down at a system that appeared to be functioning. I clicked on the icon for "Internet Explorer" only to discover that IE doesn't work. Someone has changed the security settings (blocking out all sites but the JSU homepage). The alternative browser is a version of Netscape so old that most current sites cannot be loaded onto it. I've heard various others complain about the terrible shape the lab is in.

I've worked in the library's computer lab since September, and before that, I worked a year at an English language listening/computer lab at Gadsden State. I've never seen a computer lab in such horrible shape. I've been to other labs on campus and this one easily takes the cake for the worst. There are no security measures in place; anyone can change the system settings (thus the IE problems). Of the computers that can actually be turned on (about 12 of around 15) maybe one or two of them actually can load the Internet with no hassle.

I feel very strongly about this issue because I'm also the Foreign Language Club president which is something of a farcical organization now due to a lack of interest: not from the students but from those who don't like people like myself trying to change or make comments about the status quo.

I certainly hope that there are at least a few others who feel that there is some neglect in this "department." And yes, the quotation marks are intentional — I'll let you figure out the sarcasm.

Sincerely,
Tim Whittemore
Apple speaks about modern war coverage

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

We need to keep in mind that no matter what our opinions are of the war, the soldiers fighting over seas believe in their cause of fighting and they deserve our support, said R. W. Apple Jr., associate editor of the New York Times, at Tuesday's annual Ayers Lecture.

The 15th speaker of this lecture series, which honors the former publishers of the Anniston Star, Harry M. and Edel Ayers, was introduced by JSU president Dr. William Meemah and Mr. Brandt Ayers, son to whom this lecture series is dedicated.

Apple's lecture mostly consisted of the coverage of war by journalists, since he himself has covered several wars including the Vietnam War, the Biafran War, the Iran-Iraq War, and the Gulf War in 1991. “I’ve made, I want to assure you, my share of mistakes. The one that I didn’t make is that I didn’t go to the Gulf this time,” Apple said. “Finally, I paid attention to my wife who said, ‘you’re too old.’”

What war journalists face are a lot of old and new problems, according to Apple. “War time puts more stress on the network of relationships, assumptions, privileges and responsibilities, that lies within public, the government and journalists, more than anything else,” he said.

War time makes journalists more unpopular than any other time. “The first question I’m always asked, and the most persistent, is that ‘don’t you give aid and comfort to the enemy when you criticize or when you question,’ but that’s only the beginning,” said Apple.


One of the questions the New York Times is faced with, is whether they should interview the survivors or not. “It has nothing to do with journalism and everything to do with soap opera,” Apple answered. “It takes people’s dignity away from them and since their husband, spouse or child has already been taken away from them, you might at least leave a shred of dignity for them.”

Other questions journalists are facing include should pictures of injured soldiers run? Should we show pictures of their civilians allegedly killed by our bombs? “In either case, whatever the journalistic attempt, there is clearly a propaganda advantage and a sentence given,” said Apple. “We have pictures that show faces and pictures that show no faces, we run nothing.”

All these decisions are very hard to make, according to Apple, and journalists shouldn't necessarily have to make these decisions. Nevertheless war coverage is important for the families who have loved ones in the war because, “they are frantically to get some sense of what their loved ones are exposed to.”

Apple also spoke about his file that he didn’t go to the Gulf War. “Government and war can't necessarily have to make these decisions. Nevertheless war coverage is important for the families who have loved ones in the war because, “they are frantically to get some sense of what their loved ones are exposed to.”

Apple also spoke about his love for the country and the First Amendment. He said in an interview with CNN’s Charles Feldman that the celebrities wanted to let Bush know that they were there “to say no to war, and yes to life.”

But does America really care about hearing celebrities voice their political views through their flawless white teeth and perfect plastic surgery lips?

Actually, it really doesn’t matter what we think about this matter because of the little thing called the First Amendment.

Everyone has the right to speak out

Celebrities are publicly voicing their opinions about the war on Iraq by the droves. And it’s sickening.

Musicians Fred Durst and Sheryl Crow both have spoken recently at two major music awards shows. Crow even wore a “War is Not the Answer” t-shirt and had a guitar strap that said “No War.”

Martin Sheen spoke out in December along with a coalition of other celebrities and sent a letter to President Bush voicing their stance against the war.

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Actually, it really doesn’t matter what we think about this matter because of the little thing called the First Amendment.

This amendment gives all citizens the right to voice their opinion, even if they make $50 million a year.
Moore boosts his popularity

Oscars provocateur Michael Moore receives production deals and sees boosted books sales since his controversial anti-war speech

By Glenn Lovell
Knight Ridder Newspapers

How costly was Michael Moore's "Shame on you, Mr. Bush" Oscar speech — the speech that elicited what sounded like more boos than cheers from Hollywood's A-list?

Did the professional provocateur who won the best-documentary award for "Bowling for Columbine" burn what remained of his bridges to the industry?

Quite the contrary, insists Moore in his first print interview since Oscar night. He's never been more in demand, he says, pointing to new production deals and increased sales of his non-fiction "Stupid White Men," back at the top of the New York Times bestseller list.

"I've had zero hostility from anyone in the Hollywood community," says Moore from his New York home, "As uncomfortable as it might have been for some people to hear, I said things that needed to be said, and those same people who cheered me on Oscar night might have been extremely supportive all week and enthusiastic about wanting to work with me or produce my projects."

As for those Oscar-night boos, many came from Kodak Theatre stagehands backstage and were oddly "amplified," perhaps by microphones, contends the filmmaker. "I heard some yelling and someone shouting, 'No! No!' as I started my speech. The boos were amplified through the house. And yet, as I looked out at the audience, no one was booing."

"The man is paranoid," says Cates, who sued the music when Moore got to "Shame on you, Mr. Bush" because "I felt that was enough." Cates adds, "It's a live event. We shot a lot of scenes but couldn't use it."

"With Densmore, it's a fit of pique. We asked him to play, and at the beginning, he said he couldn't because his ears were bad," he says. "Then he said his ears were better — which is incredible, because tinnitus doesn't just get better. And then he said, 'I don't like Ian, I like David Bowie.'"

"We're going to see and hear fury."
Ani Difranco

Evolve

Review by Eric Johnson
Special to The Chanticleer

An artist is defined simply as one who creates art. Very seldom do musicians create anything resembling art in a musical landscape that is more about image and album sales than lyrical content or passion for creating something from your heart for the world to see, whether they like it or not.

With the release of Evolve, the latest studio album from singer/songwriter/guitarist Ani Difranco, we have an ornately packaged depiction of 13 years of an artist who paints pictures with words and metaphors, which visualize everything from political views to the not-so-simple concept of love.

Evolve is a culmination of three years of touring with a full band that includes keyboards and horns. Ani has since gone back to her folksinger roots and is touring solo, so Evolve is a snapshot of her touring experience as not only a singer, but a bandleader as well.

This is evident on the album’s first track, “Promised Land,” whose soft and sultry bass line, along with a hint of horns, compliments the conversation Ani is having with herself. She criticizes every aspect of her life, including her own sense of self, which she hints to have lost.

We then roll along with her into the funky second track, “In The Way,” whose quirky electric guitar, which has been sparingly used throughout Ani’s career, gives us a toe-tapping and upbeat background to the story she tells. The chorus explains, “There’s something in the way, in the way of my love for you,” as she says to her lover while she is kicking him out.

“Slide,” which was featured in Ani’s first DVD release, Render, appears here for the first time in full. In Render, the band and the little folksingers were writing the song during sound check, but we never get to see the finished product. This version is almost identical to the portions that were laid down on Render. Although the song is very upbeat, the story of a girl committing suicide after her friend dies, is far from it. Many songwriters can’t pull this off flawlessly, but Ani does with ease.

Along with the Latin flavor of “Here for Now,” “Serpentine,” is another highlight of Evolve. The expansive 10 minute, softly spoken song was recorded with just her guitar, which is a good segue from where she has been for the past three years and where she is going.

It seems as though Ani Difranco has come full circle in her career, and we find her back where she started, but with many more years of experience under her belt regarding life and love and everything that fits in between. The beautifully packaged album, which includes paintings of flowers and moths, would have never found its way near an Ani album in her early years, but now in her 30s, it only seems natural to associate visual art with the art she has created with Evolve.

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U.S. and European tours, to be followed by recording for a new Doors CD in the fall.

“It’s going to be global rock,” Manzarek says. “We want to keep the Doors’ poetic tradition going.”

But who will be listening, right now, a big question. Based on a completely unscientific survey of some Texas classic rock fans, there is everything from high anticipation to contempt for the new Doors. Most often, there is simply ambivalence.

“I haven’t decided if I’m going to,” says Fort Worth’s Ned James, who saw the original band “three or four times,” “Not having Densmore is not good, because he was a jazz drummer and the musicianship made the Doors great. It’d be like the Stones without Mick Jagger.”

Making the same comparison is Charles Buxton, who stood within a few feet of Morrison during the band’s first stop in Fort Worth in 1967, just as “Fire” was becoming a smash.

“It’s like, when you think of the Doors, do you think of?” he says. “I’m sure it’ll be a good show, but it’s kind of a sham to tour as the Doors. I just can’t get excited about it.”

Manzarek knows there will be a negative reaction from some fans; when told that one of the people interviewed for this article is probably going to the concert, despite reservations, he has a suggestion.

“If he honestly doesn’t like the show, as a Doors show, not a Jim Morrison concert. I’ll buy him a beer,” Manzarek says. “I really will. You’ve got my number.”

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principles of journalism. He reminded that not only are we all fallible, but journalist are only human. He also reminded that war coverage is not a game to take advantage of to boost ratings or make the reputation of a news department.

“We have made and will make big misjudgments, based on ignorance of intelligent information.”

“To remain objective is a huge overrated trait, but fairness is not. You can’t share life and death experience with people and not be emotionally involved,” said Apple. “The best that I can say is let the troops’ actions speak for themselves.”

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One method of thinking through how to handle the war stress is to envision reading to small children before bedtime. One would never have a cell phone interrupting or a TV blaring during those hushed moments, Armstrong reminded. Adults can apply the same restrictions to themselves, he said.

Chediak recommended two Web sites — for the National Sleep Foundation and the

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Chediak, director of the Sleep Disorder Center at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach. But it would need to be done at least three hours before bedtime so the body could adequately cool down for peaceful rest, he said.

“In the end, what you want to do is find a distraction that will strengthen your natural need for sleep,” Chediak said. “You must get your mind away from things that are distressing you.”

When people turn to alcohol to anesthetize themselves from anxieties, it’s the worst thing they can do, said Dr. Steve Shapiro, medical director of the Sleep Disorder Center at North Broward (Fla.) Medical Center.

Benjamin said, “Most of the population goes to sleep after watching the 11 o’clock news. It can be very violent and repetitive; it’s of no value.” Better to “read about it in the newspaper the next morning where it’s greatly distilled, with much less speculation.”

But, he added, “Americans aren’t very good at common sense.”

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Gamecocks clobber A&M, State

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

It must have been spring fever in the air as Jax State's offense heated up over spring break. The Gamecocks scored 69 runs in six games and won four of them. Jacksonville State improved to 17-13 overall and 9-6 in the A-Sun.

One of the hottest batters on the team is Danny Civello who has hit 12 RBIs and four home runs over the break. "We're very confident and our bats have come around. From the beginning of the season, we felt like we could do this and now we're showing it," Civello said of the Gamecock offense.

In the first game of the week, JSU scored 11 runs in the losing effort against Tennessee Tech. Kerri Fair, Brian Haskins, and Brent Johnson all went deep in the game and Johnson finished with three RBIs. Civello and Fair finished with two RBI's and Evan Conley, Bobby Hicks and Haskins all chipped in with one. Bobby Wynns entered the sixth in relief and suffered the loss allowing four runs on six hits.

The hot bats continued last Tuesday and the pitching held their part of the deal as Jax State killed Alabama A&M 28-3. JSU set school records with 29 hits, 10 doubles and tied a school record for runs scored.

Haskins, leading the team in hits with 38, led the offense by finishing 5-for-5 with five RBIs and a home run. Johnson followed going 4-for-7 with a three run homer and six RBIs. Johnny Prosser, B.J. Burns and Brendan Rubenstein each had three hits, while Matt Ruckdeschel and Richard Turner finished with a pair of hits each.

Clark Jinks tossed seven scoreless innings, allowing just three hits, and recorded a career-high 10 strike-outs to earn the win. A&M committed five errors in the loss as 15 different JSU players scored a run in the rout.

JSU's bats didn't cool off on Wednesday as the Gamecocks ripped 20 hits and beat Alabama State 15-3. Civello hit a pair of home runs in consecutive plate appearances and drove in a career best seven runs.

Fair scored two runs and three hits including two doubles. Clint Carroll, Travis Suereeth, Brett Pettus, Ruckdeschel and Johnson all had two hits for Jax State.

Jase Krietzner picked up his first win of the season in relief of starter C.R. Palmer. Palmer tossed three scoreless innings and struck-out seven. Krietzner struck-out seven and allowed two earned runs.

As the bats started to cool down in Orlando, Fla., against the Golden Knights, Jessie Corn was just getting started. The two-time A-Sun pitcher of the week tossed a four hit shutout to lead the Gamecocks past UCF 6-0. Corn improved to a 5-1 on the season after striking out six and walking one batter.

The game was scoreless until the fourth inning when the Gamecocks scored three runs. JSU loaded the bases for Hicks, who delivered a 2-run single to give JSU a 2-0 lead. Hicks came around to score in the inning on a throwing error.

Ruckdeschel and Haskins finished with two RBI's each and the Gamecocks finished with seven hits.

In game one of the double-header the Gamecocks were held to one run and seven hits. Allen Buckley tossed a complete game for the Gamecocks in the losing effort.

Clay Timmerman provided all the offense for the Golden Knights by driving in all three runs in the win. Civello hit a solo homer to left field in the sixth inning to tie the Gamecocks run. Civello and Haskins each finished with a pair of hits to lead the Gamecocks.

In game two, JSU would put on the rally as they came from behind to win 8-7 and claim the series over Central Florida. JSU took a 1-0 lead in the first after Hicks slugged his third homer of the season. Jax State plated three more runs in the fourth inning on an RBI single by Johnson and a 2-run homer by Suereeth.

Civello went yard again in the sixth inning to cut into the Central Florida lead. Later in the inning Jax State would take the lead on a pair of singles and go on to win the series.

Krietzner earned the win and Josh Forrest pitched two scoreless innings for his third save. Jax State is putting together a run at the conference tournament and head coach Jim Case said, "I think we're playing better right now than we've played all year, but I don't think we're playing the way that we will at some point this season."

The Gamecocks return to action this Friday night at Rudy Abbott field for game one of their A-Sun series against Gardner-Webb beginning at 6:30. A doubleheader is slated for Saturday starting at 1.
'Cocks on nine game winning streak

By Micheal Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State softball team appears to be one on a mission. They began with a split of their series with Jacksonville University, losing game one 5-1 before winning the second game 8-0 in five innings.

The first day of spring saw some spring in the Gamecocks’ bats, as they hosted the Dolphins of Jacksonville University. JSU took the first game by a 5-1 score, handing Terra Ross her second loss after surrendering two home runs in the sixth inning, to JU’s Sonja Cadarette and Bridget Stary. They bounced back in game two, sinking the Dolphins by an 8-0 score in a game shortened by the ASC mercy rule.

Jessica Ford hit her third homer of the year; a 3-run dinger to left center for a 3-0 lead in the first inning. It was a lead JSU would not look back from. Veronica Davis shut down the green clad visitors to up her record to 8-2, as she struck out eight and allowed only three hits.

“We are very proud of the way the team played in the second game,” said head coach Janae McGinnis. “I wish it would have happened in the first game, but I think we were still down on ourselves after the loss to Belmont. I knew we were due for a slump (after 19 wins), but I was hoping it wouldn’t be during conference play.”

During their spring break they headed to Orlando, Fla., to participate in the Rebel Games, looking to create havoc and get some momentum. They accomplished that task by going 8-0 over the three day span they were there, to run their record to 28-4. The Gamecocks now own a nine game win streak going into the Atlantic Conference stretch run.

Day one saw JSU play Colgate and Saint Peter’s. They squeezed by Colgate 1-0 and defeated Saint Peter’s by a 2-0 score. The game with the Colgate Red Raiders was highlighted by a double from Annie Davis to plate the only run in the game. It was all JSU would need as Veronica Davis cruised to the win on seven strong innings of work, allowing only three hits and striking out seven. The Gamecocks then tussled with Saint Peter’s, with the stars being Janae Bonin and Ford, who both drove in a run. Ross matched Veronica Davis’ effort with seven shutout innings of her own, also striking out seven but only allowing two hits.

With a rainout day on Sunday, JSU returned to action on Monday, playing a pair of “binary” games, 1-0 victories over Wright State and Towson. The Wright State game saw-

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Campra, Pearson pull JSU Player-of-the-Year honors

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

JSU Athletic Director Tom Sietz presented two Gamecock seniors with the Eagle Owl Award Tuesday honoring not only excellence in athletic competition but also academic excellence.

Sally Pearson, a senior tennis player and native of Weldon, Lincoln, England, was the female recipient for this year. She sports a 2.80 GPA and a host of conference awards.

Pearson had her career best 15 wins last year and started that season with 11 wins and finished with a 7-1 conference record and has been named to the All-conference team since 2000.

"Sally may be the best player, male or female, that I have ever coached," said head tennis coach Steve Baily. "She has an awesome record and she is so consistent day in and out at number one singles. That is tough to do."

Jose Campra, the male recipient, is from Cordoba, Argentina. Campra has a GPA of 3.39 and earned all-academic honors in several tournaments for the golf team in the past years.

Campra’s honors include the Atlantic Sun All-Conference team for 2001 and medallist for the 2002 A-Sun All-Conference Championship and was a Scholar All-American last year.

Campra finished third in the Amoco Ultimate/ Young Oil Intercollegiate golf tournament shortly before the awards dinner and came in shortly after to receive his award.

Civello gets A-Sun nod

Civello, a 6-3 junior from Mesquite, Tex., batted .500 (10-20) for the week, scored seven runs in five games and recorded four multiple hit games. He posted an impressive 1.400 slugging percentage as he finished the week with five home runs and three doubles.

Civello blasted a pair of home runs and drove in a career high seven RBIs in the Gamecocks’ 15-3 win over Alabama State. He continued that effort by hitting two more home runs in the UCF series, including a two-run shot in the top of the sixth in the second game of the doubleheader on Saturday to spark a four-run rally and lead JSU to an 8-7 win over UCF.

JSU returns to conference play this weekend when the Gamecocks host Gardner-Webb in a key three-game A-Sun Series.
Texas won’t settle for Final Four

From the Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — At a school with little basketball tradition, the Texas Longhorns should be content just to reach the Final Four.

Right?

Don’t try telling that to T.J. Ford, coach Rick Barnes and the rest of the crew in burnt orange. They’ve got far loftier goals.

When Ford hugged Barnes after the Longhorns’ victory over Michigan State in the South Regional final, the coach quickly reminded his star point guard that the team’s goal is a national title.

“We’ve got more work to do,” Barnes said.

Texas is the only No. 1 seed in the Final Four, and the Longhorns like their chances in the national powers Kentucky and Kansas.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Longhorns have been generating a buzz in a city where football is king.

“We haven’t won anything yet,” Ford said. “This is a great feeling, but I’d rather cut down a net in New Orleans and put it on a national championship trophy.”

Barnes has wanted to take a team to the Final Four ever since 1981, when he was an assistant at George Mason and watched the games in Philadelphia. Until this season, he had never been past the round of 16 as a head coach.

“I told myself then that when I became a head coach, the one thing I wanted to do for my team was to [take] them to a Final Four so they could experience and feel it,” Barnes said. “Once you get there and experience that feeling, they will never question anything you tell them or get them to do in terms of getting there.”

Texas was last in the Final Four in 1946, when the NCAA tournament field had just eight teams. The Longhorns reached the regional finals in 1990.

Barnes has steadily built expectations for postseason success. Texas won the Big 12 in his first season, and made the tournament in five seasons under Barnes.

The Longhorns have been focused on getting to the Final Four since losing to Oregon in the regional semifinals last season. Victories over North Carolina-Asheville and Purdue in the first two rounds allowed Texas to advance to play in San Antonio, fueling criticism that the NCAA set up the Longhorns to succeed by putting them so close to home.

Texas had been ranked in the top 10 all season, but finished second to Kansas in the Big 12 and got bumped early from the conference tournament.

The crowds in the Alamodome were a definite advantage — more than 60,000, most of them wearing orange, came to watch and fill the arena with chants of “Texas Fight!”

The Longhorns didn’t sell out any of their home games during the regular season.

“It was a great feeling to look up and see so much orange,” Barnes said. “These guys earned it. They deserved it.”

The crowds at the Superdome won’t be so pro-Longhorn, although the prospect of a basketball championship has Texas fans scrambling for tickets to New Orleans.

“I expect a lot of people to jump on the bandwagon,” guard Royal Ivey said. “But that’s OK. I’m not going to eject anybody.”

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Breanne “Breezy” Oleman tosses her own seven inning, no run contest, as she allowed only three hits and striking out eight Spartan batters. Rachael Countryman drove in Becky Carpanetti for the game’s only tally. The Spartans game saw the same score, with the seventh-inning gem coming from Ross this time. The JSU hurler again gave up no runs with only three hits, Oleman lofted a sacrifice fly to plate Ford for the game’s lone score. Ford went 2-for-3 in the game.

Tuesday had JSU playing San Jose State and Towson again. It was no big deal for the Gamecocks, as they took care of both, beating San Jose State 11-1 in five innings, and Towson fell 2-1.

The game with the Spartans of San Jose saw Boblin go off, driving in four runs during a 2-of-4 effort where she popped her team-leading fifth home run, a statistic she shares with Oleman. Oleman herself doubled in the contest, as she drove in three runs. Veronica Davis gained the win, though she only pitched one flawless inning.

The second meeting with Towson went like the first, a close 1-run affair with all three runs coming in the fourth inning. Melinda McDonald and Bonin both went 3-for-4 in the game, but Allie “Swinging” Simons’ 2-for-2 day included an RBI, and Renee Hasan drove in Sav Gutierrez, who pinch ran for Simons, for the game winner.

Pitching honors went to Oleman, who went six string innings giving up only one run, two hits and three strikeouts. Veronica Davis pitched the seventh to pick up her first save of the year.

The final day of the tournament for JSU saw them play two familiar foes, again tussling with Wright State and San Jose State. Again, it was a pair of 1-0 games as JSU finished the tournament 8-0. The Wright State game was highlighted by Annie Davis’ RBI of Hasan in the fourth inning, and Veronica Davis’ seven shutout innings, allowing three hits and six K’s.

After beating JSU 11-1 in the prior meeting, the Spartans played with a vengeance, but fell in the eighth inning after the regulation game ended 0-0. Again it was Annie Davis driving in the winning run, this time the score belonging to McDonald. Ross went all eight innings allowing no runs, three hits and five strikeouts.

The 28-4 Jacksonville State Gamecocks return home to play Atlantic Sun conference foe Georgia State tonight. The Panthers come in with a 13-24 record, but they are 3-5 in the ASC. First pitch for the doubleheader is set for 3 p.m.

Marquette fans snap all the Eagles gear they can

From the Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — T-shirts, baseball caps and Coach Tom Crean Bobble-head dolls have been flying off the shelves at Marquette University’s spirit shop since the team advanced to the Final Four.

appearance in the Final Four in 26 years after beating Kentucky 83-69 Saturday.

The victory had alumni circling the Memorial Union looking for parking and students muttering in awe over the invasion of their campus.

“I didn’t even know the shop was open on Sundays,” to be

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Students, alumni and fans-by-marriage were lined up outside the Golden Eagle spirit shop an hour before it opened Sunday morning.

Fans even seemed to enjoy the 90-minute wait to pay for their gear, recounting the Golden Eagles' victory Saturday over Kentucky, sharing stories from their recent travels with the team and debating whether star guard Dwyane Wade will enter the NBA draft after the season.

"Today we could probably use 25 cash registers, but this doesn't happen very often," said Jim Graebert, the store's director. "We were as ready as we could be."

Marquette earned its first berth in the Final Four.
Ross pitches for family, fans

By Jane Little
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

“The ultimate compliment would be for a little girl to look up to me and say that she wants to be like me. Being an athlete is being a role model and the way I carry myself on and off the field is extremely important.”

Everything that Tera Ross says or does not say is what she is. She is honest and modest. She does not like to talk about herself but she will talk about everyone else. She spits out numerous compliments about her family, team and coaches.

Ross is extremely family orientated. When she first arrived at JSU it was a big adjustment for her to be away from her family. She said she still gets homesick even after being away for three years. “I am so blessed and so fortunate to have two great parents and a great family,” said Ross. “I’m so proud of them.”

Ross wants family to continue to be the focal part of her life. Being successful in life to her means having a great marriage, and great kids. She believes that the most important thing is to make a good contribution to society.

Ross also wants to give to society through her career. Ross is majoring in home economics education and would like to teach high school.

Ross speaks about her teammates as if they are the only ones who matter. She puts her all into every pitch she throws because she feels they return her efforts. She said this team has an inner drive and everyone is always working to get better and working for each other. She explained that everyone knows their role and executes it.

“I can’t say enough about our team,” said Ross. “There are no superstars. Everyone plays their role, wins the game and goes home.”

Ross’ teammates seem to feel her contribution is equally irreplaceable. “Her demeanor on the field is so important,” said senior Allie Simons. “She is a gamer, she comes to every game ready to play.”

Tera turned down many other scholarship opportunities at large schools. Mississippi State offered her a full ride and she proudly told them she was coming to JSU. She said that the coaches were one of the main reasons she chose JSU. When she first spoke to assistant coach Amanda Wiesner they hit it off immediately. “She said it was like talking to a long lost best friend.”

Coach Jana McGinnis inspires Ross and drives her to be a better player. Ross commented that she is always fair and honest and is always looking out for our best interest. “Coach is the most competitive person I have ever met, but also the most caring,” said Ross. “Our team is like a family and any problems we have we can always talk to our coaches about anything.”

The coaches did not have any problems choosing Ross to come here either. “Tera is a big part of why we have won 28 games this season,” said McGinnis. “She is a great role model for young kids, a loyal teammate and a good person.”

It is inevitable Ross is an extraordinary person. She is sweet and nice, but if all you knew of her was on the mound you would have an entirely different opinion. When Ross steps onto the field she changes.

“Tera has been compared to a bulldog on the field, but off the field she would cry if she stepped on an ant,” said McGinnis.

She said it is an instinct thing. She gets her game face on and believes that no one will hit off of her. Teams fear her and so they should. “Sometimes I hear other teams saying not to mess with me,” said Ross. “I even scare myself sometimes.”

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Ross wins the winning combination, which is essential for the 2003 softball team to continue to be successful.

McGinnis passes 300 win mark

From staff reports

Jacksonville State head softball coach Jana McGinnis won her 300th game last week during the Orlando Rebel Games, when JSU defeated San Jose State, 1-0.

In her 10 years at JSU, McGinnis has won an Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament title (1996), a league regular season title (2001), two Western Division titles and averages 30 wins per season. She also received Conference-Coach-of-the-Year honors in 1996.

The Gamecocks are currently 28-4 this season and return to action Thursday, when they take on Georgia State in a conference doubleheader. JSU is 4-2 in the league.

JSU finishes fifth at NCAA rifle tourney

From staff reports

Jacksonville State finished fourth in air rifle and fifth overall in the Rifle National Championship March 14 and 15. Freshman James Hall led JSU in air gun with a score of 393. The team shot a 1,542, only one point shy of third place. Kevin Simon led the Gamecocks in smallbore, with 1,164.

Alaska Fairbanks came into the 2003 NCAA Men’s and Women’s Rifle Championships as the team to beat, and the Nanooks did not disappoint in capturing their fifth straight title. En route to the victory, UAF set NCAA records in smallbore (4,717) and the aggregate scoring (6,287). Only West Virginia has won more consecutive titles than the Nanooks, capturing six between 1988-1993.

Xavier finished runner-up in the team scoring and 90 points behind the Nanooks with a 6,197 followed by Murray State (6,158) and Nevada (6,152).

Alaska Fairbanks, sweeping both disciplines, defended its smallbore title in scoring a 4,717 out of a possible 4,800, breaking its own record of 4,713 set in 1999. Matt Emmons had the top score of the day with an 1,184, which is just one shy of the NCAA record set by UAF’s Kelly Mansfield in 1999. Emmons teammates, Jamie Beyerle and Per Sandberg, recorded the second highest marks in firing identical 1,180s.

Sandberg led UAF’s air rifle team to a new NCAA 1,570 composite with the top mark of the meet, a 397, which is just one point off the record which Emmons tied two years ago.

Alaska Fairbanks’ 6,287 aggregate score shatted by 53 points the former mark of 6,234 set by West Virginia 14 years ago.

Xavier was runner-up to UAF in both disciplines, recording a 1,552 air rifle and 4,645 smallbore. Nevada won the bronze in air rifle with a 1,543 and West Virginia took home the third place trophy in smallbore (4,628).
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