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Spirit of giving alive among JSU education faculty

Dr. Judy McCrary, Mrs. Phyllis Taylor and Kappa Delta Epsilon raise \$1,326 for orphanage



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This painting is one of many brought back to the United States by Dr. Judy McCrary, assistant professor of education. McCrary brought back about 10-15 paintings created by children residing in an orphanage in Bucharest, Romania. The artwork was copied onto greeting cards and sold for \$10. All proceeds will be donated to help Romanian Orphanage 2.

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

The whimsical imagination of the children can be seen in their depiction of blue snowmen and snow-capped houses.

The children living in Orphanage 2 in Bucharest, Romania do not live the lives that average children in countries like the United States do.

Dr. Judy McCrary, assistant professor of education at JSU, first came into contact with these children when she visited Bucharest last Christmas with a group and visited for almost two weeks.

After visiting Orphanage 2, the director, Dr. Linda Gigli, gave McCrary about 10-15 pictures.

"The pictures were all winter scenes, and they were painted by the children and the snow was put on with toothpaste," said Phyllis Taylor, a colleague of McCrary and faculty adviser for the Kappa Delta Epsilon education honor society.

When McCrary returned, she

gave each of her colleagues one of the pictures, which they had matted and framed.

The pictures were received with delight, and that's when it sparked McCrary's idea.

"Dr. McCrary had the idea to turn the pictures into little note cards," said Taylor. "The orphanage director agreed to the idea, and then Dr. McCrary proceeded to have all the images put onto cards, and the back states that they are reproductions of artwork from children in Romanian Orphanage 2 and that all the proceeds will go to the orphanage."

Dr. McCrary then partnered with Kappa Delta Epsilon to sell the note cards to JSU students, faculty and staff.

Each year Kappa Delta Epsilon participates in various fund-raisers and programs, but this has been their most far-reaching effort.

The efforts of McCrary, Taylor and the members of

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JSUPD employs help of K-9 for arrest

By Patrick McCreless
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

search, and the controlled substance was found at that time."

Hodges, the JPD officer who handles Tigger, is also a part-time reserve police officer

Campus celebrates holiday spirit at President's House



The Jacksonville State University Police Department recently made its first arrest using a drug-sniffing dog.

The arrest, which took place on Nov. 16 at the Pete Mathews Coliseum parking lot, was for a charge of marijuana possession.

"The dog hit on the car," said JSUPD officer Neil Fetner, "and the officers made contact with the owner. She allowed them to do a

search, and the controlled substance was found at that time."

The dog, a yellow labrador retriever named Tigger, is trained to alert an officer when he detects the presence of a controlled substance such as marijuana, cocaine or heroin. When Tigger smells a controlled substance, he alerts the officers by sitting down.

The night of the arrest, Tigger was on loan to JSUPD. "He belongs to the Jacksonville City Police Department," said Fetner, explaining that since Scott

Hodges, the JPD officer who handles Tigger, is also a part-time reserve police officer for the University, JSUPD is able to make use of the dog.

"We can use him pretty much at our leisure, if we're having a special activity or something," said Fetner.

According to mapinc.org, a Web site dedicated to drug policy reform, the dog was obtained a few months ago by JPD from the Canine Detection Training Center at Auburn University at McClellan.

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The Chanticleer/Erin Chupp

The JSU Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Patricia Corbin, sing tunes of holiday cheer Monday to conclude this year's celebration of "JSU in Lights" hosted by the Student Government Association and JSU president Dr. William Meehan.

Father and daughter reunite in homeless shelter

By The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — David Smith was looking for a meal at a Birmingham homeless shelter, but instead found a daughter he had been separated from for eight months.

Smith, 49, battling alcoholism, had separated from his wife in Odenville and moved into an abandoned coal mine in Walker County. He said he'd lived like a hermit, eating wild game for five months.

"I was ashamed to show my face to anybody," Smith told The Birmingham News for a story Sunday.

He had no contact with his family and missed his 25-year-old daughter's wedding.

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JSU sets winning precedent in OVC

Gamecocks win conference in first year; lose in playoffs



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie

Darrell Prater enjoys the thrill of victory after the Gamecocks beat the Indians of Southeast Missouri, 22-17, for the OVC title.

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

After the crowd settled and the cheers had been quieted, Darrell Prater, one of Jacksonville State's senior team captains, walked confidently to the bus. Under his arms were a bag of football equipment and the fruits of JSU's 2003 season.

"Let me have that so I can wrap it up," said a coach. Prater just smiled, "I'm not letting go of this."

What Prater didn't want to give up was the Ohio Valley Conference championship trophy.

On the strength of its defense, JSU downed Southeast Missouri in the final game of the regular season, securing the conference title and the OVC's automatic bid to the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

"We were playing a little too hard," said Crowe. "We have to be smart about what we are doing."

JSU's offense was quieter than usual, but it was just good enough to win, with just under 68 yards passing. The running game was better, with 250 on the ground on 57 carries.

Maurice Mullins was 4-of-12 on the

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SGA spring semester goals include concert, Web site and increased participation

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

As the fall semester comes to an end, campus organizations are wrapping up activities, analyzing the semester's accomplishments and preparing to do it all again in the spring.

Chris Cook, SGA president, sat down with The Chanticleer to talk about the past semester and the events and plans students can look forward to in the spring semester.

"We discussed several goals which we wanted to accomplish for the school year as an executive board," said Cook. "One of these goals was to improve faculty and student relations."

The current executive board and SGA members ini-

tiated several events to improve relations, such as passing out inspirational thank-you notes to faculty and staff at President William Meehan's convocation speech, encouraging staff and faculty participation at events such as "midnight snack" and sending encouraging notes throughout the semester.

Cook hopes to continue to work to improve student and faculty relations in the spring semester. "We also wanted it to be easier for students to get involved with the SGA," Cook said.

The SGA worked to make that possible by hosting spirit competitions at home football games and giving away awards and incentives

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By the numbers:

Amount a full-time, in-state, undergrad student pays per day for JSU tuition:

\$24.93

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Football:

Nov. 29 Western Kentucky 45, JSU 7

Men's basketball:

Nov. 29 Miss. Valley State 84, JSU 59

Dec. 1 JSU 71, Jackson State 63

Saturday - vs. Tennessee Temple 7 p.m., 91.9 FM

Women's basketball:

Dec. 2 Alabama 81, JSU 52

Saturday - at Birm. Southern 2 p.m.

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PAGE TWO

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Romania (from page 1): Orphanage will receive gift of hope this Christmas

Kappa Delta Epsilon have helped to raise a total amount of \$1,326.

"The orphanage doesn't have any idea that we have raised that much money for their orphanage," said Taylor. "To give you an idea, a surgeon in Romania makes about \$150 a month, and you can buy a brand new car for \$4,000."

The amount raised through the collaborative effort of several education department resources has proved very beneficial to the orphanage.

"I'm ecstatic. I couldn't have imagined that we could do

anything more worthy," said Taylor of her involvement with Kappa Delta Epsilon and the project.

McCrary and Taylor will be on TV24, Dec. 4 at 6:30 a.m., and they plan to continue selling the note cards throughout the spring semester.

The note cards come in a set of eight with four different images.

They are \$10, and 100 percent of the proceeds go to Orphanage 2 in Bucharest, Romania. McCrary hopes to send the first portion of the money in time for Christmas Day.

"These kids don't



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Artwork by the children of Orphanage 2 in Romania.

have what we have and have not grown up like we grow up, and what may seem like a small gift to us is huge to them," said Taylor. "I think that it will be cool for the children to know that some college students in

Alabama worked to help them, and of course, Dr. McCrary's work."

For more information, contact Dr. Judy McCrary at 782-5167, or Mrs. Phyllis Taylor at 782-8058.

Fall 2003 Examination Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 4 - Tuesday, Dec. 9

Thur., Dec 4	07:30-09:30	07:30 TT
	10:00-12:00	11:00 TT
	13:00-15:00	14:30 TT
	17:00-19:00	16:30 TH
	18:00-20:00	18:15 TH
	19:00-21:00	19:45 TT
Fri., Dec. 5	08:00-10:00	12:30 MWF
	10:30-12:30	11:15 MWF
	13:30-15:30	13:45 MWF
Sat., Dec. 6	Same time as class normally meets	
Mon., Dec. 8	08:00-10:00	08:45 MWF
	10:30-12:30	10:00 MWF
	16:00-18:00	16:00 MW, 16:15 MW, 16:30 MW
	17:00-19:00	16:30 M
	18:00-20:00	18:15 M
Tue., Dec. 9	08:00-10:00	09:15 TT
	10:30-12:30	12:45 TT
	16:00-18:00	16:00 TT, 16:15 TT, 16:30 TT
	17:00-19:00	16:30 TU
	18:00-20:00	18:15 TU
	18:00-20:00	18:15 TT

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On Thanksgiving morning, Smith heard that the Birmingham Baptist Association was handing out food and clothing at the old Farmers Market location downtown.

While eating bacon, eggs, grits, biscuits, cereal, milk, fruit and coffee, Smith shared his story with volunteer Henry Capillary of The Church at Cahaba Ridge in Clay. "That's more or less the reason I went," Smith said. "I wanted to talk to somebody. There's a lot of pain in me ... Sometimes you feel like nobody cares, but I know it's not true."

Smith told Capillary he

couldn't bear to see his family. "I felt like they were better off without me," he said. But Smith asked Capillary to tell his wife he was alive. Smith's wife told their daughter, Christy Williamson, about it Thanksgiving night. On Saturday morning, Williamson and her husband, Jordan, traveled from their Pell City home to Birmingham to look for her father, who had missed her wedding in May.

"I just wondered how he was, where he was, if he was OK, if he had food," she said. They arrived at the Baptist outdoor kitchen at 6 a.m. but couldn't find him. After her husband left to get a picture of her father, she turned around about 7:20

and there was Smith, lined up to get food.

"I just walked up to him and threw my arms around him," Williamson said. "We just stood there hugging each other for what seemed to be five minutes." Ricky Creech, director of the Birmingham Baptist Association, heard Williamson cry out when she saw her father.

"She ran right into his arms, and they embraced. It was full of emotion, full of tears, and so were all of us," Creech said. "We were dying over here. For the longest time, they couldn't let go. They were just paralyzed in one another's arms."

Smith said seeing his daughter's face meant the world to

him. "There aren't enough words to describe it," he said. "I could see the love and the hurt and a little bit of relief." Williamson and her husband

took Smith to their home Saturday for a long talk and an overnight stay. Saturday afternoon, Smith said he planned to get into an

alcoholic recovery program for the first time. "I've always wanted help but would never let anybody help me," he said.

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WEDNESDAY

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Delta Sigma Theta: Congratulations to our graduates Rikisha, and Jahanna. Also congrats to Sharree for getting accepted into the nursing program. Good Luck to everyone on their final exams and have a safe and happy holidays. **Contact:** Marshonntri Reid, dst_kappabeta73@hotmail.com.

National Pan-Hellenic Council: The National Pan-Hellenic Council would like to congratulate its 2004 Executive Council Officers: President Marshonntri Reid, Vice President Joe Joseph and Secretary/Treasurer Marcus Shephard. Here is to a great year ahead! **Contact:** Megan Radison, mradison@jsucc.jsu.edu.

Alpha Xi Delta: Congrats to our new executive officers! (Katie Green - president, Lindsey Spurlock - chapter life, Jenny Wentworth - public relations, Emily Randles - recruitment, Andrea Palacios - financial, Casey Cheek - programs, Bonnie Head - Panhellenic delegate and Ashley Scott - recording secretary). Have a safe and happy winter break! **Contact:** Jenny Wentworth at 435-5152.

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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

- Nov. 15 - Richard Blake Clawson, 20, was arrested for DUI occurring on 5th Street, Jacksonville.
- Nov. 13 - JSU reported theft of various chemicals occurring at Martin and McGee Hall.
- Nov. 20 - Reed Dowlen of Tampa, Fla., 18, was arrested for minor consumption of alcohol occurring at Brother's Bar, Jacksonville.
- Nov. 20 - Joseph Bill Enochs of Springville, Ala., 24, was arrested for open container violation occurring on Highway 21 at Mountain Street.
- Nov. 20 - Wesley Rodick, 23, of Douglasville, Ga., was arrested for DUI occurring at Brother's Bar, Jacksonville.
- Nov. 20 - Matthew Bart Cornelius, 21, was arrested for public lewdness occurring at Brother's Bar, Jacksonville.
- Nov. 21 - Christopher Les Tucker of Collinsville, 19, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol occurring on Forney Ave.
- Nov. 30 - Jeremy Lamar Norman, 22, reported burglary occurring at Penn House Apartments. A Sony Playstation 2 and Playstation games were stolen.
- Dec. 1 - Kimberly Matthews Womack reported identity theft occurring on March 18 of JSU letterhead requesting prescriptions to Dr. Norrell.

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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K-9 (from page 1): JSUPD considers drug dog, Tigger, a great asset

Tigger cost the department \$6,000. The site also reported that Hodges, who was chosen for his background in handling dogs in the military, had to go to the orientation at Auburn's McClellan outpost and then spend a month there training. The dog is now cared for by Hodges and lives with him and his family.

The city of Auburn's Canine Detection Center Web site says that the

center was established in response to the recognized shortage of high quality detection dogs and detection team training.

The center offers state-of-the-art instruction to train dogs, handlers, trainers, and program managers in all facets of canine detection work.

It blends professional canine training with the most recent technological advances. The center includes a performance

based selective breeding program of detector dogs as well.

Although Tigger was used for the first time during the Step Show at the Coliseum, Fetner said that the department's choice to debut Tigger then was not planned for that event specifically. "That just happened to be the first event that came on the schedule," said Fetner.

"I'm sure we'll have Tigger on campus in the

future for football games and things of that nature," he said.

JSUPD is also working on showing their gratitude to Tigger for his help.

"We are in the process of trying to get Tigger his own badge and his own coat," said Fetner.

"That's a big thing, so we want to do that for him," said Fetner, "because he is an asset to the JSUPD."

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from SGA, page 1

to participating organizations on campus. This worked in conjunction with their goal to develop a more student-friendly student section and increase student participation at athletic events.

Jennifer Mince, SGA director of publicity, stated that her major semester goal was to make SGA publicity more interactive. "By interactive publicity, we're meaning something that catches the eye," said Mince.

Mince went on to say that, "It's publicity that people can relate to, and it's taking the normal and making it irregular." Mince and her committee tried different approaches with flyers like the eye charts that would be more appealing and draw

people to stop and read the information whether it was something they wanted to know about or not.

One of the major collaborative goals of the publicity committee and the Student Activities Council is to provide JSU students with a bigger and better spring concert.

About two weeks ago the SGA and members of the S.A.C. conducted a concert survey to pole the student body's preferences. "The concert and boosting participation are going to be our major concerns for the spring," said Mardracus Russell, SGA vice president of Student Activities.

"For the concert we will probably order key chains, cups, whistles or some other type of cool souvenirs to help publicize and get the students excited about the concert," said Mince about

her committee's plans concerning the concert.

Other goals of interest include getting students involved in the positive and helpful aspects of college life.

"We really want to make sure that we are giving students what they want."

• *Chris Cook*
SGA president

"Student participation was really good this semester, and one of the goals of the S.A.C. is already in the making because movie night is back," Russell stated.

Russell stated that they already have a full selection of movies lined up for the spring semester and that they plan to show them at least once a month. This is one of

the ideas for continuing to help increase student body participation.

During the fall semester, the SGA hosted several movie nights that were well attended by students.

Another branch of the SGA was also hard at work this semester. "The Organizational Council has been working hard this semester to increase attendance at our meetings and also to produce programs and provide unity between our organizations," said Alesha Ingram, SGA vice president of the Organizational Council.

"This semester there has been an average of about 50 organizations present and there used to be only about four or five," said Ingram.

The council helped boost attendance by passing bills making it mandatory for

organizations to have good attendance to receive SGA allocation funds. According to Ingram, attendance was also better because of frequent communication and developing programs like motivational speaker, Joe Martin, which were beneficial to the organizations.

The SGA executive members are geared up for the spring semester and are ready to accomplish bigger and better things.

Some of the major events include publicizing SGA elections and senator vacancies in the spring and once again focusing on the spring concert.

"I am really excited about the spring," said Cook, "because we are getting an SGA Web site."

Cook hopes to use the Web site to keep students more up-to-date about

events and things of importance.

"There's a lot of options and potential to make our Web site really great and beneficial to the students," Cook stated.

The SGA hopes that one day students will be able to vote for bills and things such as Homecoming Queen by accessing the Web site.

The SGA is also planning some form of recognition for those organizations which have participated in the newly structured Organizational Council.

The SGA would like to encourage students to stay informed and get involved in the many events and committees they have to offer.

"We are progressing well with every goal we have and we really want to make sure that we are giving students what they want," said Cook.



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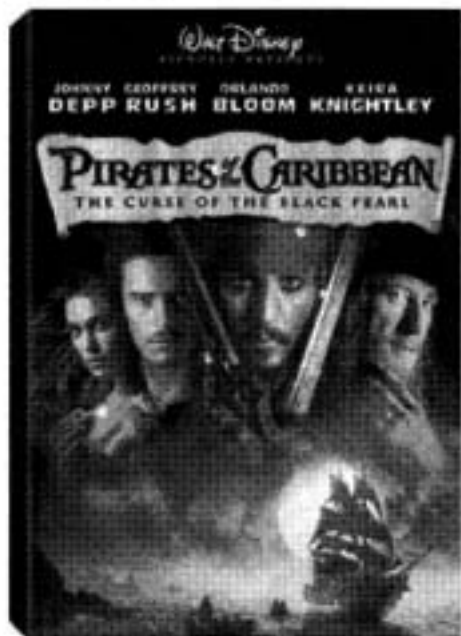
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QUESTION
OF THE
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**“What do you want
Santa Claus
to bring you
for Christmas?”**

—Compiled by
Gary Lewis
Managing Editor



Jennifer Douthit
Junior
Communication

“Some one-on-one attention
with Michael Vick.”



Cassie Ferguson
Senior
General studies

“I want the updated set of
Encyclopædia Britannica!”

With this, I leave you, but I'm taking my towel

This issue marks my last as a member of The Chanticleer editorial staff.

It's been a great 2 1/2 years, and I don't think I could've asked for a better group of people to work with.

Tradition dictates that a farewell column should be filled with thanks and well wishes. I guess I'll get around to that.

But first, I just want to send a heartfelt thanks to whoever it was that decided that JSU should have a normal mascot.

Cocky, ya big ol' bird, I love ya. I must admit, it took a visit to beautiful Bowling Green for me to truly appreciate the serene normality of seeing a 6-foot chicken walk around at JSU sporting events.

Please don't misunderstand. The people up at Western Kentucky are wonderful, friendly, helpful and deservedly proud. Apart from their athletic success, WKU boasts one of the finest journalism schools in the nation. Far be it from me to question anything that goes on up there.

I mean no disrespect when I say this, but honestly, the Hilltopper mascot scares the hell out of me.

It's not so much Big Red himself. ESPN certainly loves the thing. Major cool points for that.

No, it's more the whole towel thing

By Gary Lewis
The Chanticleer
Managing Editor



that bothers me.

Hilltopper fans are famous for waving red towels in the stands.

The WKU logo features an outline of the state of Kentucky, framed by a hand waving a towel.

Big Red himself was described on an Internet forum as a salute to the towel tradition, saying he was designed to look like a big mound of red towels.

Yet another Hilltopper fan rebuked that, saying the costume designers did not intend for Big Red to represent anything material. Instead, he simply represents the “Spirit of WKU.”

A spirit, one can only assume, that resembles a gigantic, formless mass ... of red towels.

The towel fascination is enough to make me wonder if the late, great Douglas Adams might not be the patron saint of Western Kentucky. If he's not, he should be.

After all, when it comes to knowing where one's towel is, a Hilltopper is hard to beat.

Adams, in his epic “Hitchhiker”

series, discussed at length the usefulness of the common towel for interstellar travelers. So important were towels, in fact, that one of the finest compliments one could pay a person was to say something like, “There's a guy who really knows where his towel is.”

Having a towel at the ready meant that a person was prepared for anything life threw his way. Only an amazingly with-it, together guy would be worthy of such high praise.

Which is why I say, from the heart, that Ben Cunningham, my former editor-in-chief, is a guy who really knows where his towel is.

Thank you, Ben, for everything. You've been a friend; you've been a brother. It's scary how much you know about the newspaper business. Thanks for convincing me to come work for you back in 2001.

Thanks also to my two former managing editors. First, to Joshua Bingham, for teaching me more about copyediting than I could've

ever learned in any class. Second, to Stephanie Pendergrass, for serving as a wonderful arch-enemy, at least until she got all uppity and went into broadcasting. Boo, Pendergrass! Boo!

Thanks and best of luck to everyone on the current staff. Danni, Jeremy, Roz, Katja and Erin have made all those late deadline nights worth every hour of missed sleep. I'll truly miss each of you, and I promise I'll visit.

I'm sorry I won't be around in the spring, but the real world is calling my name.

“Gary ... Gaaaaaarrrrrry,” it's saying. “Come to meeeeeee ...

“Don't forget to bring a towel.”



Spirit of giving should reign throughout the year

By E.R. Shipp
New York Daily News (KRT)

All about us, we find examples of how, starting with Thanksgiving and lasting through Christmas, we can perform good deeds for people we probably ignore otherwise, from the unhinged and the homeless to immigrants and the incarcerated. It's like that Broadway show tune,

a Brooklyn mortician did after two children were killed in a suspicious fire after their mother left them home alone while she went to work.

But we're just so inspired at holiday time, aren't we?

Celebrities doling out turkey dinners in soup kitchens. Volunteers visiting nursing homes and hospitals or delivering baskets of food for impoverished families.

shackle house, people poured out of the woodwork to remodel the house, while others contributed more than \$150,000.

Sometimes the reaching out seems more self-serving than altruistic. Kind of like President Bush's cloak-and-dagger visit to Baghdad to serve turkey to the troops on Thanksgiving Day. That had “Campaign 2004” written all

With the announcement that professional basketball player Alonzo Mourning needs a kidney transplant, dozens of people called to volunteer to donate a kidney. Many more of us could help others through an organ or bone marrow donation, but we don't without such a catalyst.

Our four-legged friends can also become beneficiaries of publicity. In one week, more

charitable no matter what month of the year it is or how much publicity a single situation garners.

ABOUT THE WRITER

E.R. Shipp is a columnist for the New York Daily News. She won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1996. Readers may write to her at the New York Daily News, 450 West 33rd Street, New York, N.Y.



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Communication

"What am I gonna get? Or what do I want ... Richie Rhodes."



Kelly Summers
Junior
Fashion merchandising

"I want a pirate ship ... arrr!"



Stacey Wilson
Freshman
Nursing

"I want detention with Brett Rushing."

and the incarcerated. It's like that Broadway show tune, "Don't nobody bring me no bad news." These folks are bad news, at least to our psyches.

Not everyone waits until this time of year to become a reformed Scrooge. There are frequent examples of people coming to the rescue of families that have lost their homes to fire or who volunteer to cover the costs of a funeral, as

or delivering baskets of food for impoverished families. Kids collecting millions of pennies for neighborhood charities as part of the Penny Harvest program.

A year ago, after WNBC-TV in New York aired a Thanksgiving-themed story about a woman who, despite having been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor, was raising seven kids with Down syndrome in a ram-

bling Thanksgiving Day. That had "Campaign 2004" written all over it, though many of the soldiers who met with him were grateful to see their commander in chief.

Maybe it's that many of us don't know how to channel our charitable spirit and need a spur. When this newspaper, for instance, highlights the sad plight of people or animals, there can be an avalanche of offers to help.

also become beneficiaries of publicity. In one week, more than \$30,000 poured in from New York Daily News readers concerned about the future of Boomerang, a sickly lion cub abandoned by a New York Post reporter who had acquired him through the Internet in October.

During this season of heightened awareness of the need to be generous, maybe more of us can pledge to be

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Learning from voter anger: California, Alabama and American Democracy

By Glen Browder
Special to *The Chanticleer*

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As California's gubernatorial recall and Alabama's anti-tax referendum fade into history, perhaps Americans should focus on a valuable civics lesson to be learned from these experiences: America is changing in ways that are important for the future of American democracy.

Centrifugal Democracy. The critical lesson is the changing nature of the American political system. In transformational terminology, California and Alabama evidence the cumulating forces and disruptive pressures of centrifugal democracy. Energy, power and influence are spinning outward (away from traditional, centralized, governmental leaders and political institutions) to "the people" wherever and however they choose to aggregate and conduct their daily lives. This centrifugal phenomenon generally exerts itself most prominently

as neopopulism (in the form of aggressive direct democracy initiatives newly enhanced through the politics of modern technology).

Democratic Dysfunction. Particularly in large, diverse California, but also in smaller, more homogeneous states like Alabama, the centrifugal forces of neopopulism can wreak havoc; and much of those states' contemporary dysfunction – not just the recall and anti-tax backlash – can be traced to raw conflict between an established system of representational government and the public's increasing penchant for direct democracy.

In both states, decisions historically have been made by politicians and interest groups in the cozy, insider confines of the state capitols. More specifically, Californians felt that problems like the energy/budget crisis were being addressed on a "pay-to-play" basis among Sacramento politicians; and Alabamians saw the state's revenue crisis as a trumped-up excuse for huge tax increases designed behind closed doors by Montgomery politicians,

powerful lobbyists and progressive leaders. Unfortunately for the elitist establishment in both states, the people got a chance to exercise final judgment – and people's anger prevailed overwhelmingly, almost wrathfully.

The practical lesson is that as society increasingly augments historic republican government with direct democracy plebiscites, then the public policy-making process must be attempted, from the beginning, in open, constructive fashion involving real public participation rather than elitist rule; ignoring this reality invites a series of rogue democratic attacks – in the form of recalls, initiatives and referenda – on stubborn, resistant, professional politicians.

Perhaps the most immediate, challenging item atop the agendas for new Gov. Schwarzenegger and chastened Gov. Riley thus should be statewide discussion about the future of California and Alabama. Particularly as these leaders search for budgetary solutions, they must bring their "people" to the discussion table

from the beginning, ahead of professional politicians, special interests and progressive elites, in efforts toward establishing public priorities, assessing the real fiscal situation, cutting fat from the budget, consolidating useful programs and then, and only then, considering possible tax options.

As for the rest of us, these California and Alabama developments certainly merit close attention. Numerous other locales already are facing comparable situations, with similar forces likely impacting the rest of the country in the foreseeable future; and the lesson thus far is that the historical experiment fares poorly when traditional leaders ignore fundamentally changing American democracy.

Considering the surge of centrifugal democracy throughout the American system, it is possible that, in the next few decades, the American people will rethink various aspects of their public life. Conducting future policy-making in politics-as-usual manner is a recipe for democratic dysfunction because raucous direct democracy

inevitably will confront and confound stubborn, old-style government.

Voter anger has trumped traditional politics in California and Alabama, providing useful points of caution and guidance about important trends in broader American society. Despite unsettling possibilities of the recall/initiative/referendum movement for traditional elites, public plebiscites are part of America's future. Maybe it's time to consider how we might – no, how we must – expand our Great Experiment, within an appropriate framework of constructive civic deliberation, to include greater public participation in American democracy.

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Give the gift of time during holidays

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

A gift doesn't have to be something material. Sometimes the most meaningful gifts come in the least expected forms.

"There are many ways to help those in need. Some just need a friend to spend time with, some local agencies need help with their clients and the service they offer, some people need help filling out the proper paper work so they can get the help they need," said Stacey Wilkins, Volunteer Center Coordinator at United Way of East Central Alabama. "An hour of your time can mean a lifetime of feeling cared about to someone else."

There are many volunteer opportunities in the community, both this holiday season and after. Second Chance is a shelter for abused women and their children, and they

need volunteers for their gift-wrapping booth at the Quintard Mall. There are a variety of hours to volunteer for this event, from a whole day to one hour.

Second Chance also has an Adopt-A-Family program in which a business, church or individual can adopt a family for the Christmas holidays. "There is always a need for volunteers, and it seems this time of year people want to volunteer because they know there are people out there who are less fortunate than others," said Wilkins. "Still there are volunteers needed year round for different reasons."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is an organization that seeks to provide positive, caring adults for children and youth, ages 6 to 15, in a one-to-one mentoring program. The agency will be celebrating its 100th anniversary next year. It has

been in Calhoun County since 1996.

"At the moment we have 20 students from JSU volunteering, but we would like very much to have 50 to 100 volunteers from JSU," said Sue Gajda, Outreach Coordinator of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Anniston.

Volunteers meet once a week with the children at the school, and it is up to the volunteers and children to decide how to spend their time. They can sing, have fun or take the child to lunch – the important thing is to make that child know that there is someone who cares, according to Gajda.

"A lot of these kids come from dysfunctional families. Some of them might be those quiet kids in the corner that nobody likes," she said. "It helps them with their self-esteem, and the mentor can help to motivate them both socially and academically.

Now they know somebody cares."

Representatives from the agency are more than happy to come and give a presentation to any club, group, or organization at campus to let them know more about Big Brothers Big Sisters. This mentoring program does not require someone to be "perfect" to positively touch the life of a child or youth, but to simply be a dedicated, caring individual, Gajda said.

SGA President Chris Cook recently volunteered as a Big Brother to a boy in a local school. "I thought it was going to be a whole lot of work. I thought I was going to have to teach them how to spell, or how to read. But really all they want is to somebody to talk to, a role-model," he said. "I was really surprised how easy it was."

"I just started meeting with my little boy about a

week ago, and it was fun. It is weird to think that those problems he has, in my mind were so small, but to him they were so big," Cook said. "He was worried about his sweatshirt his mom made him wear, and I just tried to make him feel better. You just got to be there to be their friend."

To volunteer for the Big Brother Big Sister program or learn more about it, contact Sue Gajda at (256) 238-9622 or (256) 240-7391.

To learn more about other opportunities to volunteer during Christmas and after, contact Stacey Wilkins at the United Way Volunteer Center at (256) 236-8220.

"I really would encourage people to do this. If you think about it, it is only an hour a week, which is really not a whole lot," Cook said. "You're really helping that kid a lot if you just spend time with him and listen."

Ready for the holidays

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



We have finally come to the end of the semester with only a few days left. To me it has felt longer than usual, maybe because I have missed Finland more than before, but also because of the many new things that were my responsibility this semester.

As a new features editor and president of the Society of Professional Journalists, I have felt more pressure to do my work as well as I can, and even better, but also lot of stress of handling all the different things going on in my life.

In the end I have to say it has all gone well, and I am proud of myself. At some point I thought the day I would get to go home for Christmas would never come, but now I'm finally three days away from flying to Helsinki. I can hardly wait, which makes the time go even slower.

Christmas is the best time of the year, especially when I am able to spend it with my family. I love the warm, fuzzy feeling it gives me each year, the anticipation of Christmas Eve, that almost always goes by too fast. Every December I light more candles than usual, listen to Christmas music, and read

And in storms Cloud Ten

By Donnie Wells, Jr.
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A week from now Jacksonville may not be the same. Or should we say Jacksonville might not be the

the country as well.

"We've already gotten calls from people in Germany and Nova Scotia, Canada about the record," said Brian McDonald. One of the singles from the album, "Fall Away," is current-

Santa becomes naughty

By Rene Rodriguez
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KAT)

Following the worldwide success of 1998's "There's Something About Mary," there seems to be no limit to how far American comedies will push,



Jacksonville may not be the same. Or should we say Jacksonville might not be the same after Cloud Ten gets through with it. Atlanta's hottest band will be storming in Friday night, Nov. 12, to grace Brother's Bar with a night of in-your-face rock.

Cloud Ten is the next band being cranked out of the factory known as Superkala Records, responsible for Course Of Nature, whose hit, "Caught In The Sun," rose to No. 1 on Billboard. Superkala Records has shown a lot of excellent taste in picking the bands in their repertoire, and Cloud Ten is no exception.

It's no surprise that Cloud Ten is a definite powerhouse act; their line-up consists of five members, which is more uncommon than common in most bands these days. Cloud Ten features Zack Hooper on Lead Vocals, Tyler Bence on Guitars, Adam Hooper on bass and backing vocals, Brian McDonald on guitars and Shane Lenzen on Drums.

Their upcoming album, "The Sound Of..." has already been shipped to radio markets all over the country and outside of

Atlanta, says Brian McDonald. One of the singles from the album, "Fall Away," is currently sitting at No. 1 on Alternative Addiction's Unknown Bands Top 10 list.

There is a lot in store for the band; two really big shows are on the books for the next couple of months, the first being this Saturday night when Cloud Ten will open for Revis at Off The Wagon in Montgomery, Ala. In addition, you can find their radio single, "Caught In The Rain" on the "Daredevil" movie soundtrack, and on their album, "Places For Breathing." The second show will be at the House Of Blues in New Orleans, coming up next month.

"We couldn't be more proud about anything right now," said Tyler Bence, regarding the album. "'The Sound Of...' has got us all super-amped. We are unsure of the exact release date, but right now, it's all up in the air." When asked about their future plans, Bence couldn't have been more blunt. "We hope to take over the world, and you CAN quote me on that."

Something About Mary, there seems to be no limit to how far American comedies will push, what place they'll go or what subject they'll broach, in order to get a laugh.

Today, anything is fair game, anything, that is, except for Santa Claus. That's what filmmaker Terry Zwigoff discovered when he started shopping his latest project around Hollywood: a dark, hilariously profane tale called "Bad Santa."

It didn't matter that Zwigoff's previous two films ("Crumb," "Ghost World") had made him an Oscar nominee and critical darling on the verge of breaking through to mainstream audiences. It didn't matter, either, that "Bad Santa," about an alcoholic, womanizing thief who poses as a department store Santa Claus, had the likes of Joel and Ethan Coen, who dreamt up the story, attached as executive producers.

According to Zwigoff, every studio in Hollywood had the same response: Thanks, but no. Really, no. "They were offended by it," he says. "They were deeply offended. They would say, 'You can't have Santa



Courtesy Dimension Films

Billy Bob Thornton as "Bad Santa," in theatres since Nov. 26. This story of an alcoholic, womanizing con man posing as a department store Santa, is an R-rated movie, not intended for children.

swearing!' And I would say, 'But he isn't Santa Claus. His name is Willie Soke, and he's a crook who is dressing up as a department store Santa to rip off the mall.' Jeez! Forest for the trees, I don't know."

It wasn't just that "Bad Santa" placed the beloved figure of jolly Saint Nick in the middle of some decidedly un-Santa-like behavior, including boozing, stealing, cursing and having angry sex in dressing room stalls. It was also that the overall tone of the piece, written by John Requa and Glenn Ficarra, was so relentlessly, breathtakingly "mean."

There's no way to illustrate the raunchy nature of the humor in "Bad Santa" in the pages of a family newspaper. It's enough to say that no matter how jaded you might think you are, the movie's streak of cruelty and cynicism will make you gasp as often as it makes you laugh.

The R-rated "Bad Santa" doesn't only set a new record for the number of four-letter words in a Christmas-themed film. It also takes the entire idea of a Christmas-themed film and stomps on it, tears it apart and balls it up into a lump of scalding-hot satire.

Red Hot Chili Peppers

Greatest Hits

★★★★



Courtesy Warner Brothers

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Few bands have gone through as much turmoil, heartache, success and drugs as the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Surfing out of L.A. in the mid '80s on a heroin-fueled funk train, the Chili Peppers have come to be a defining band for a generation.

They were and are a group of testosterone boasting, socks-on-cocks partyers who eventually grew up and created some of the most startlingly special albums of the last 15 years. But that

doesn't mean they have to keep their shirts on.

Not many bands were more deserving of a "Behind the Music." Now, almost 20 years after they began their career, a definitive Greatest Hits album has been compiled to tell the story of a band who are hard to define, but easy to love.

The album features a number of classic Chili Pepper cuts, and none stands out more than the opener, "Under the Bridge." Released on "BSSM" the song

was a dramatic shift for the band at the time; however its soft melodies and charming chord progression vaulted the band into the Top 40 and into mainstream airplay.

Aside from Pearl Jam's "Jeremy" and Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," few songs were heard more often in the last 10 years. The album also features funk specials "Give It Away," "Suck My Kiss" and "Breaking the Girl" all of which came from "BSSM."

Several defining tracks from the band's other commercially successful albums are also featured. As expected, Greatest Hits features Chili Pepper standards "Californication," "Parallel Universe," "Scar Tissue" and the new classic, "By the Way."

What is surprising is the inclusion of the song "My Friends" from "One Hot Minute." The

Peppers have always said the album was their low point creatively, and they have even gone as far as to not play any tracks from the album when in concert.

But this song had to be included one way or another. It's the only song on the "One Hot Minute" album that actually sounds like a Chili Peppers ballad. It's clear that the turning point for the band came when singer Anthony Kiedis quit trying to rap and found he could actually carry a tune (when he tries that is).

But the highlight of Greatest Hits never actually appeared on an album. Lifted from "The Coneheads" soundtrack, "Soul to Squeeze" is a perfect mix of Kiedis' charisma, Flea's funkiness and Frusciante's subtle brilliance. Smith is also a standout, even when he's playing his softest drums ever.

Two new songs are also

included in the package, but they don't really add anything to the overall picture. They're prototypical Chili Peppers songs, full of flavor and melody, but they'll be better served on the next album.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers have finally come full circle. Their success and staying power comes from a unique, creative earnestness and an unwillingness to give up in the face of challenges. For now they're one of the biggest bands on the planet, in time they may be remembered for being much more than that.

Like few bands before them they continue to accumulate fans even as they approach the second decade of their existence. They may not rock the socks anymore, but by God, they still rock. Now if we could just get Flea to put a damn shirt on ...

fast. Every December I light more candles than usual, listen to Christmas music, eat good food and chocolate.

I also love the traditions that come with the Christmas time. Ever since I've been little, on the day before Christmas Eve, I have gone with my parents on our usual rounds to our relatives' houses just to wish them Merry Christmas and exchange gifts, but we also go to each of the graves of our loved ones that have passed away.

Usually those loved ones have been relatives I hardly remember, but this year one among many will be my grandmother, who passed away last December. I got her the most special gift of all, a wooden angel of remembrance, to make sure she will never be forgotten.

These traditions, and all the other ones our family has, I make sure I will continue when I have my own family some day. They represent history and respect for my parents and grandparents, who started all the traditions we follow today. When the world is changing every day, some things in my mind should always stay the same.

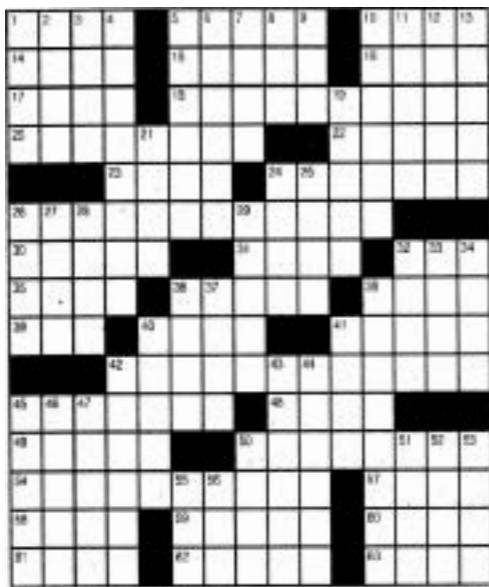
After the holidays we will start a new semester, which will be my last as well. I have to keep reminding myself that I am really coming to an end of something that started as a plan to stay here for only a year.

Now, I have been here three-and-a-half years, and as I said to my mom on the phone the other day, I feel like one of my dreams is literally coming true. But I still have so many dreams that are waiting to be made true, and soon it will be time for me to go after those, which might mean leaving the United States behind at least for a while. (You should never say never.)

Still I have one more semester to enjoy here, and I will do just that. I hope whoever reads this will truly enjoy their holidays and will have a very Merry Christmas.

Crossword

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 1 Tortoise's rival
 5 Church official
 10 Like the eye of a storm
 14 Approval
 15 Nary a soul
 16 La Scala highlight
 17 Air-freshener scent
 18 Left-hand digit
 20 Start
 22 Measuring instrument
 23 Boundary
 24 Map volumes
 26 Speeding up
 30 Chess side
 31 Crazy
 32 Parking area
 35 Lattice strip
 36 Smiles expansively
 38 "Whip It" group
 39 Mata Hari, e.g.
 40 Reheat
 41 Horse opera
 42 Branch of mathematics
 45 Stories in installments
 48 Served perfectly
 49 Painful muscle spasm
 50 Comes forth
 54 Truces
 57 Artificial bait
 58 Butcher's cut
 59 Love to pieces
 60 MS-DOS competitor
 61 Residue
 62 Flower with velvety petals
 63 Cabinet dept. head
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 4 Some canines
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 6 Hang around
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 8 U.K. member
 9 Ring off.



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 12 Feudal lord
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 26 Leather piercers
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 28 Urban center
 29 Texas shrine
 32 Riga resident
 33 Finished
 34 Thatcher or Heath, e.g.
 36 Get-out-of-jail money
 37 Units of work
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 41 Prophetic sign
 42 Measuring by stopwatch

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Beating Around the Bush

by Corey McDaniel & Bryan Stone



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 12/05/03 The Black Dahlia Murder, Himsa, Three Inches of Blood, The Arsonist and Style Over Substance - 1213
 Justin Johnson - The Peerless Saloon
 12/06/03 Gnat Valley Ramblers - The Peerless Saloon

Birmingham

- 12/04/03 ReBirth Brass Band - The Nick
 12/06/03 Zig & The Zigtones - Courtyard 280
 12/09/03 Buchanan - The Nick
 12/10/03 Chris Knight and Daniel Johnston - The Nick

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- 12/05/03 Flat Stanley - Andrews Upstairs
 12/06/03 Marat and Union Drag - 10 High
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Good Luck on Finals!!!

-SGA



Thank you,
goodbye, I'm
sorry and all
that other stuff

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Well, boys and girls, it's the final column of the year for me. And boy do we have a lot to talk about. So let's get right to it.

First of all I would like to express my disappointment about the game this past Saturday. I had fought and stood up for my beloved Gamecocks, believing that, no matter what the conference, they still would have fared well. That got shot to hell in just under 5 minutes.

You all did a great job, and you have those conference rings. I expect we'll see a whole lot more of JSU in conference tournaments and conference finals for a long time to come.

And I want to congratulate the volleyball team and the soccer team for their great year. Congratulations to the players of the year in their respective sports.

I was undefeated this year in calling the JSU football games. And yes, I know that it was not a Boston-Chicago Series, but hey, one can dream, right?

And Alabama got beat ... by a lot of people. So what. Auburn doesn't want their coach, and he wins. If I were Tuberville I would sue

JSU wins OVC title

Gamecocks win over SEMO; lose big in playoffs to defending national champions

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night for all of the 68 yards. Mullins also pulled up and ran for 65 yards on eight carries.

Kory Chapman, JSU's leading rusher (second in the OVC), had 93 yards on 22 carries. Teammates Oscar Bonds and Ralph Jenkins added two key rushing touchdowns late in the game.

But the man of the hour for JSU was Dexter Sistrunk. The junior out of Opelika, Ala. had two key defensive plays in the first half that assured JSU the win. Sistrunk picked up a fumble on a pitch from SEMO quarterback Andrew Goodenough to Brandon Amick and rumbled 42 yards for the score.

Later SEMO was threatening to put together a drive that could have cut the JSU lead to three going into the half, but a punishing lick from Sistrunk on a fourth down pass stopped the drive and gave JSU the ball.

For SEMO, Goodenough was 27-of-45 for 407 yards and a touchdown. SEMO also put together 83 yards on the ground on 32 carries. Amick was SEMO's leading receiver with 7 catches for 156 yards and one touchdown.

Both teams were slow out of the gate with neither offense scoring a touchdown until the third quarter. After Sistrunk's score off the fumble, Steven Lee added a 51-yard field goal and the Gamecocks took a 10-0 lead to the locker room.

SEMO was a lot quicker get-



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie

The Ohio Valley Conference Champion Jacksonville State Gamecocks hoist their trophy high in the air after their 22-17 victory over Southeast Missouri State two weeks ago. The Gamecocks were then swiftly eliminated in the playoffs by defending national champions Western Kentucky.

Dorsainville scored from the 1, but a 76-yard pass and run by Amick keyed the drive, and SEMO had the first offensive touchdown of the game.

Jacksonville answered though, putting together a clock-eater that went 71 yards and took 5:45 of clock time. Jenkins then scored on a reverse from 10 yards out with a huge block from Levet Jones that allowed Jenkins to turn the con-

tance of the Indians.

Derrick Kutz hit a 21-yard field goal for SEMO before the end of the quarter making it 16-10 going into the fourth.

The fourth quarter was a nail-biting battle of field position. JSU held SEMO on fourth down with just under 7:00 to play and threw together a 75-yard drive that took the clock to 1:39 with the Gamecocks ahead 22-10. SEMO would add

enough.

"I did what I set out to do," said Jonathan Dryer, who missed several games with injuries earlier in the year. "There are no words to express it; it's exciting. We are going to go to the playoffs. It's great."

"This was a 10-point football game for our defense against what was a really good offensive football team," said Crowe. "We don't expect you to be any

ing defense; they have done exactly what we asked them to do."

WKU 45, JSU 7

After going 8-3 in a conference that receives little respect in football, the Gamecocks thought that they had a good chance to play with the defending national champions, the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers. They were wrong.

After scoring 21 points in the first 5:00 of the game, the Hilltoppers never looked back. Both Chapman and Mullins rushed for less than 100 yards, and the team as a whole was held to less than 200. Jacksonville did however score once in the fourth, preventing the Hilltoppers from getting the shutout, but it was not enough to prevent JSU from suffering its worst-ever playoff loss with a 45-7 margin.

Kentucky looked more like JSU than JSU did, establishing the run early and often with a freshman quarterback that had no jitters. Justin Haddix went 6-for-10 for 181 yards and gave JSU's secondary all that they could handle.

No bright spots for the Gamecocks in this game, but an angry Crowe had this for doubters:

"We were physically not ready to play, I think that they dominated the game physically. I think that there are parts of this game that we can forget. This is not an accident that we

coach, and he wins. If I were Tuberville I would sue the ever-living crap out of that university. Then I would be the athletic director and decide whether I stayed or left.

For some strange reason whoever is running things up there has decided to make things interesting. The NFL is all shook up. LSU and Georgia are the two top-rated teams in the SEC, and before that, Ole Miss had the best record. And what is going on with the BCS? Things are downright weird.

Speaking of things shaking up, as you know, Gary will be leaving us in the spring to go on to bigger and better things. Not to sound all sentimental, Gary has been here a long time. I have known Gary quite a while. As a matter of fact, Gary has worked here since before I left for the war.

I will miss those conversations that we had in the office about Jacksonville sports. I guess now I have to actually start looking things up instead of being about to just ask Gary.

So have a Merry Christmas or whatever you celebrate. Eat lots of food, drink and have a good but safe time, i.e. don't drink and drive, you guys know the deal. Ask Santa to bring me some Valium, because with my courseload next semester I am going to need it.

Oh, and one more thing, to anyone that I just might have pissed off this semester, which by the looks of your letters it's only been one, I apologize. To all the people that hate my column and me but never write, well, I will apologize for you, too.

Merry Christmas, and good night.

SEMO was a lot quicker getting started in the third quarter, driving 89 yards in four plays in only 49 seconds. Bob

block from Levet Jones that allowed Jenkins to turn the corner. The Lee kick was blocked, leaving JSU within striking dis-

1:39 with the Gamecocks ahead, 22-10. SEMO would add a quick strike with 0:41 remaining, but that would not be

sive football team," said Crowe. "We don't expect you to be perfect, just keep the scoring down, and we lead this league in scor-

this game that we can forget. This is not an accident that we are here, and we're gonna be here again."

Brown, Eager lead men's Gamecock hoops to wins

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The men's basketball program at Jacksonville State has a decidedly two-way playing style this season. They live by the motto "win 'em at home" as they are 3-0 on campus and 0-2 off of it. The home victims have been Alabama A&M, 74-68, NAIA's Shorter College, 97-90, and Jackson State, 71-63. The road contests have been gruesome, as JSU has fallen to Southern Illinois, 84-49, and Mississippi Valley State, 84-59.

The season opened at home for the Gamecocks, as they hosted Alabama A&M. Carl Brown scored 14 points as JSU took out the Bulldogs, 74-68. Abdou Diame scored 10 points and had two blocked shots in his much-anticipated JSU debut. A&M led at the half 36-35, but JSU responded by hitting 10 of their first 12 attempts in the second half to pull away. Trent Eager recorded a career-high 18 points in the contest, while JSU hit 63.2 percent from the floor in the second half.

JSU stayed at home to host Shorter College of the NAIA ranks in game two. This wasn't your average group of run-overs, as Shorter led for most of the game before JSU pulled out a 97-90 win. Trent Eager had another career high, as he scored 30 points, the first time a Gamecock has reached 30 since 1998. Also recording a career high was Carl Brown, as he poured in 23. Shorter held a 46-38 halftime lead, but JSU broke out early in the second

half with a 9-0 run to cut Shorter's lead to 53-52. SU upped the lead to 60-54 before JSU hit four-straight 3-pointers to take the lead for good. Scott Watson hit two of those to finish with 15 points, 12 of which came on 3s.

The Gamecocks then ventured out on the road for the first time in the season, visiting Carbondale, Ill. Southern Illinois wasn't very hospitable,

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as they handed the visitors an 84-49 whopping, extending their home unbeaten streak to 28 games. JSU led 8-6, but then went 8 1/2 minutes without a field goal, as SIU took a 22-8 lead they would not relinquish. JSU only hit 28 percent from the floor in the first half, as they trailed 40-21 at the break. For the game, SIU hit 51.5 percent from the court, while JSU only hit 34.5 percent. Abdou Diame led the team in scoring with 10 points, and Trent Eager added eight. Free-throw shooting was woeful for JSU, as they only hit 8-of-18.

JSU headed south to Itta Bena, Miss., for a visit to Mississippi Valley State. Again, it was a rude awakening, as they dropped an 84-59 decision. Carl Brown was unavail-

able for JSU, causing the Gamecocks to experiment with a new defensive scheme. MVSU led 43-33 at the half, but broke the game open as JSU didn't score a field goal again until the 9:50 mark of the game, when the Delta Devils held a 60-39 advantage. Josh Perry and Abdou Diame led the Gamecocks with 12 points each, and Trent Eager added 11.

JSU returned to the friendly confines of the Pete on Monday as they hosted Jackson State. A very close contest opened up late as the Gamecocks pulled away with a 71-63 win to up their home court win streak to eight. Jax State went on an 18-6 run to close the first half and led at the half for the first time all season.

The visitors went on a 14-3 run to open the second half, but JSU used 65.3 percent field goal shooting in the second half to pull back in. Scott Watson hit a shot from downtown to put the Gamecocks ahead at the :42 mark for good. Carl Brown scored 21 points in a performance that Coach LaPlante called "simply dominating. He did whatever he wanted in there." Trent Eager also added 19, and James Denson came off the bench to score 14.

The winter break at JSU gives the Gamecocks a mix of tough and winnable games. Saturday they host Tennessee Temple from the NAIA ranks. Ohio Valley Conference play begins Jan. 3, as the Gamecocks host Austin Peay State, then JSU travels to Birmingham to face rival Samford on Jan. 6.

Dagostino, Gamecocks off to great road start in women's hoops

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The Gamecock women are cruising in the early days of the Dagostino era, as they have jumped out to a 2-1 season record with victories over Hampton, 93-86, and Alabama A&M, 71-60, with a very narrow loss to James Madison, 68-64. JSU has proven to be tough down the stretch in those games, outscoring the opposition by a 49-17 mark in the last five minutes of the three games.

Game one of the "Year of the Dag" came in Hampton, Va., as the Gamecocks traveled to face the Lady Pirates of Hampton University. Shanika Freeman scored 31 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead JSU to an 83-72 overtime win.

Hampton led the game early, 22-11, before a 24-6 Gamecock sprint broke the game open. JSU finished 32-of-81 on the game from the floor, while Hampton shot 25-of-65, out-rebounding JSU, 55-49. Freeman was joined in the scoring column by Cobie Carlisle, who had a career-high 16 points and 10 rebounds for her first career double-double.

For the second contest, the road warriors went north to Harrisburg, Pa. to help open the season for the James Madison Royal Dukes. The Dukes hadn't lost a season opener since 1986 and were determined to keep that streak alive. They did so after a 68-64 win which saw eight lead changes and three ties. An early JSU run of 10-4 gave them a 24-17 lead, but JMU would storm back to cut the halftime gap to 34-32. The Gamecocks managed to tie the game at 54-54 late, but JMU pulled away on the strength of its free-throw shooting. JSU only hit 38.5 percent from the floor as the Dukes took over the second half.

Embry led JSU in scoring, pouring in 22 points. Also contributing on the evening was Freeman, who scored 15 points and collected seven rebounds. Tasha Holston had nine points and tallied a career-high seven assists to go with three steals. Cobie Carlisle also added seven rebounds on the game.

The third game was much closer to home, as JSU played at Normal, Ala. The Alabama A&M Bulldogs hosted this time, and JSU jumped on the homesteaders to gain its second win of the season. Carlisle had the second double-double of her career, as JSU took a hard-fought 71-60 victory.

Kelly Nye ensured the JSU win, as her 3-pointer put JSU up for good at 58-56. Freeman again led the way, scoring 19 points and grabbing a season-high 16 rebounds. Courtney Slaughter added 15 points and three steals, while Nye finished with 10 points and three assists. The Bulldogs were hampered by their own ineffectiveness at the line, hitting only 8-of-21 free throws in the first half, and only 12-of-31 for the game.

The holiday break will be very telling for the women's basketball team, as they play eight contests. Saturday, they travel to face Birmingham-Southern, then they finish out the break against rival Samford on Jan. 6 and Tennessee State on Jan. 8.



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