SGA sets rules for homecoming parade

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

The SGA Senate spent most of its time Monday night debating a bill to set regulations for the homecoming parade.

Senator Allison Pierce’s bill raised the greatest amount of discussion. It outlined regulations for float and car decoration for the homecoming parade.

These regulations come after problems during last year’s homecoming parade. Recommendations were sent out to participating organizations, but were later rescinded by SGA President Robert Hayes.

One float measured 30 feet in length and slowed the parade, according to Pierce. Her bill would require floats to be between 16 and 23 feet.

Some senators said the minimum requirement might discourage smaller organizations from participating in the parade. These smaller organizations usually enter a car instead of a float, according to Pierce.

“I just think it’s petty that we have to fight with each other about homecoming floats,” Senator Cambrey Jordan said. “I don’t think it’s something that should be in the Code just because it’s going to take away from smaller organizations that want to be in it.”

Another concern was safety. The bill would not allow people to ride on the floats and limits the number of people walking beside the float to four.

“We don’t want to have to wait for an accident to happen [before] we say no riders,” Pierce said.

Before the bill passed Senator Lindsey Eubanks added an amendment that would immediately disqualify all organizations that do not meet the requirements.

The bill passed in its amended form. Senator Jordan Brewer authored two bills addressing committee membership. Previously, the Constitution required every senator to serve on at least two committees. Brewer sought to exempt committee chairs from a second membership.

Senator Mardracus Russell, who served as homecoming committee chair, also endorsed the bill citing workload of committee chairs and meeting conflicts.

The bill passed unanimously.

The second bill was to make the same changes to the Code of Laws. It passed with no discussion.

JSU remembers Columbia

By Miranda Bryant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

About two or three of those thieves are caught each year in the city of Jacksonville, said Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson.

“There are a lot of out-of-town thieves that come here to party from places like Birmingham,” said Thompson. “They see the opportunity to break into cars and take it.”

The larger apartment complexes in Jacksonville usually have more reports of automobile break-ins, said Thompson, since residents and visitors cannot watch their vehicles when they are parked away from their apartment units.

“With a big apartment complex, like Cottonwood or Jacksonville Place, somebody gets in there to break into cars, and we don’t have just one break-in,” said Thompson. “We have five or more.”

Larger apartment complexes have more people and thieves know that residents at those apartments won’t be alarmed if they hear the noise of a burglarly, since they’re used to the disturbances occurring all hours of the night, said Thompson.

Aside from textbooks, many expensive electronic devices are stolen from vehicles in the city of Jacksonville, said Thompson. “If you are going to invest in an expensive sound system for your car,” he said, “you should spend that much money on an alarm system.”

Arrests made at Kappa Sigma party

By Miranda Bryant

Fewer vehicle break-ins are occurring at JSU this semester compared to last year’s rash, said University Police Chief Nelson Coleman.

Only three reports of breaking and entering automobiles have been made this semester. More than 20 occurred last semester, according to University police reports, with the majority near the end of the semester.

Most automobile break-ins at this campus occur at the end of each semester, said Coleman, because the two bookstores are buying back textbooks at that time. “It’s mostly books that get stolen,” he said.

Number of auto break-ins slows
Local kids look up to JSU students

**By Aubrey Vines**  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Big Brothers. Big Sisters of Calhoun County have teamed up with Mentor Alabama and JSU’s Student Government Association to help JSU students become mentors for children.

Mentor Alabama came to the SGA and told them about the local program and the SGA decided to partner up with Calhoun County’s Big Brothers. Big Sisters program to get “all college students involved with the youth of Alabama for the brighter tomorrow,” said Robert Hayes, president of the SGA.

Attorney General Bill Pryor has challenged the presidents and campus leaders of Alabama’s four-year public and private colleges to recruit at least one percent of their students to serve as mentors. He has pledged to send a personal letter of commendation for community service for each student who successfully completes a two-semester commitment as a mentor with a local mentoring organization.

The goal of Big Brothers, Big Sisters is to “reinforce positive attributes in children including a strengthened sense of self-worth at home, in school, and in the community,” according to a press release. One of the goals of Mentor Alabama is to “increase public awareness as to the potential of mentoring in reducing juvenile crime by providing mentored youth persons with guidance to make decisions that help them to grow to be law-abiding citizens and valuable employees who strengthen our businesses and communities.”

The program consists of two different types of mentoring, see Mentor, page 2

Students paying price for freedom

**By Miranda Bryant**  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville police arrested a student at the Kappa Sigma fraternity house on Mountain Street early last Thursday morning, according to Police Chief Tommy Thompson.

The student was arrested for disorderly conduct, said Thompson, after patrolling officers continuously heard loud noises coming from the house and telling the residents to turn the stereo down.

After the Sigma Nu house burned down in December 2001, all fraternity houses, except Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia on Francis Street, were on campus until Kappa Sigma moved from Paul Carpenter Village to Mountain Street over a year ago. Phi Mu Alpha is not affiliated with the Interfraternity Council.

“We were relieved to have them (fraternities) off Mountain Street for a short while,” said Thompson.

When the city police department gets noise complaints from Mountain Street residents about the fraternity house, officers find empty beer cans on the curb and illegally parked vehicles, according to Thompson.

“I don’t think they (fraternity houses) ought to be off campus,” said Thompson, “because some people have to be at work at 5 in the morning after staying up until 3 listening to all the noise and people throwing up in the bushes.”

Police would not name the arrested student and would not make arrest reports available. A Kappa Sigma member identified himself to The Chanticleer as the arrested student, and said other arrests were made at the Kappa Sigma house when minors were in possession of alcohol. Editors at the newspaper have decided to withhold that student’s name until arrest records can be checked.

“I got stuck in the wrong place at the wrong time,” said the student, who said he left the jail nearly 10 hours after the arrest. “The police told me that they had been there twice before they came to arrest me, but I wasn’t there then.”

**By Aron Taylor Webb**  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Thousands of U. S. National Guardsmen and Reservists have been called upon to aid in our country’s defense since the horrible events of Sept. 11; leaving their lives, family and school behind in order to fulfill their obligations.

While most have been able to pick up and carry on with daily routines, others are preparing for war. Due to cuts Clinton made in military forces, the Department of Defense has had to activate many guardsmen and reserve components in order to meet demands for homeland defense or overseas deployment.

When called for deployment, though, the mission is sometimes the last thing on a service member’s mind. “When it comes to the mission, troops understand what is required of them,” said Maj. Blankenhorn of the 310th Chemical Company. “It is the unknown things that will be out of their control, while they are out of the area, that is of more concern.”

Most of the concern lies in the welfare of families that are left behind.

“I made more money with my civilian job than I do as an active duty soldier,” said Spc. David Miller. “How will my family be able to make ends meet?”

The time allotted for guardsmen and reservists that are called range from 365 days up to two years and could be longer if Bush declares war on Iraq. It can be very hard for friends and family to realize the personal hardships that soldiers endure. There is a lot of information that cannot be shared, and this makes it even harder to cope with the separation.

While some of these “weekend warriors” have served on

**see Deployed, page 2**
Forney families may move to Jax Apartments

By Ben Cunningham  
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Students and their families who live in Forney Hall won’t necessarily be forced to look for housing off-campus when the building closes at the end of the semester, according to the director of University Housing and Residence Life.

JSU’s board of trustees voted last month to close the 76-year-old building at the end of the semester because of increasing maintenance needs and the expected high cost of renovations.

“We would look at Jax Apartments for a complete family housing complex now,” Marie Humphrey, director of the Housing office, told The Chanticleer last week. The University acquired Jax Apartments in May 2001, as a donation from a local alumnus. “We would look at moving those families over to that area,” Humphrey said.

Both Forney Hall and Jax Apartments are available as housing for JSU students with families. They are the only University-owned residences with two-bedroom units available. Of Forney’s 18 units, only six are currently occupied, according to Humphrey. She said the Housing office tried to keep from filling all available rooms there this semester in anticipation of the building’s closure.

Humphrey estimated the cost of necessary repairs to be in the millions.

The move to Jax will mean newer, more comfortable living spaces, Humphrey said. “It’s a better complex, I think some of the families are going to be pleased. Space-wise Forney — of course — is bigger. But, we just want to make sure our students are living in good conditions, a place that’s fixed-up and nice and clean.”

High on the list of advantages of Jax over Forney is University-provided air conditioning. JSU does not supply air conditioners in Forney Hall, though students may install their own window units. Humphrey said her only concern about the Jax location is the lack of outdoor play areas for students’ children, like that available at Forney.

The closing of Forney Hall will mark the severing of the University’s last ties to the original campus of the Jacksonville State Normal School, which later became JSU. The teacher-training school first operated out of buildings it purchased or leased on the Jacksonville town square, and later built new structures at the present site of Kitty Stone Elementary School, including a women’s dormitory in 1916. Forney Hall opened there as a men’s dorm in 1927.

As the main campus moved north to its current location, Forney Hall was turned into apartment-style housing for students with families.

“The building is just very old,” Humphrey said. “If you look at any building you have to do the pros and cons of cost of repair of a building versus just gutting it down. It would be different if we didn’t have another complex to move the students to.”

The children being mentored are from lower, socio-economic status, single parent families, or are special needs children that require extra support and help.

“I think it’s awesome because it helps me grow as a person and will make me a better teacher, a better parent, a better role model and community figure," said Hayes about his feelings toward the program.

Students who have already been chosen to be mentors include Craig Mewbourne, Katie Nelson, Andrew Symonds and Hayes. Mewbourne said he chose to be a Big Brother because he hasn’t had a chance to do anything for the community this year. He has been a part of Camp Smile-A-Mile in the past and said it was really rewarding and he wanted that again.

Students can apply in 402 TMB. Each student will be interviewed, have their backgrounds checked and will have to supply three references. If chosen as a mentor, students will make a commitment to the partnership and the child for one year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Alpha Omicron Pi:** Congratulations to all of our new LC and Cabinet officers! Thanks to Sig-Ep for a great Togo Mixer on Tuesday! Good luck to our intramural basketball team this week! **Contact:** BrownEyedGurl927@aol.com
- **Ambassadors:** Applications for 2003-04 JSU Ambassadors will be available starting March 3 at the Visitor Center. **Contact:** Tracy Phillips, 782-5260.
- **JSU Cheerleader Tryouts:** JSU cheerleading tryouts will be April 11-13. Tryout applications must be turned in by Feb. 28 to be eligible for tryouts. You can pick up an information sheet and application at the JSU Athletic Department, or go online to www.jsugamecocksports.com and click on the cheerleading link. **Contact:** Brittany Ishee, bishee@jsucc.jsu.edu
- **Delta Zeta:** Congratulations to all of the new littles and their bigs! We are looking forward to Pack Pete night and intramural basketball tonight. Have a wonderful week everyone. Thanks to Molly and Courtney Stone for being such a great help to everyone. **Contact:** dzinformation@yahoo.com
- **Financial Aid:** The preference deadline to have all application forms on file for financial aid is March 15. The deadline to receive financial aid for Spring 2003 is March 31. All paperwork must be complete and in our office by this date. **Contact:** Stephanie Miller, 782-5001.
- **Freshman Forum:** We would like everyone to participate in Project: Valentine! We are asking everyone to donate their old cell phones, no matter what condition they are in. They will be distributed to those waiting for organ transplants. Please bring them by the Office of Student Activities, 402 in the TMB by March 3. **Contact:** Katie Scott, katiescott@hotmail.com
- **Get Singled-Out by JSU Housing:** This Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m., in the Roundhouse JSU Housing invites you to participate in Singled-Out. **Contact:** Sean Greninger, 782-7704.
- **from Mentor, page 1** site-based and community-based. Community-based is when the child is taken from a location to anywhere within the community to spend time with their mentor.

The SGA’s program is strictly site-based. The mentor will go to Kitty Stone Elementary, Pleasant Valley Elementary and other schools in the area to spend time with the child in their own environment. The mentor can read to the child, take the child to lunch or play sports.

So had many other students at JSU. Since Sept. 11, approximately 35 JSU students have been activated; thus, pushing graduation back for the time being while they prepare for the mission ahead.

“JSU was very supportive in getting me off the roll and even getting my refund to me in a timely manner,” said Sophomore Atawun Lowe, who was deployed October of 2001. Fourteen students have been deployed and take advantage of their relationships you have with those you could be separated.
Embrace the days you spend away. Many more units have war draws closer. A JSU senior, get prepared. “I am so close to home.” The support they receive from Fourteen students have been away. from his unit’s commander to relive the memories when so far activated since December of last ed from,” Daigle said. "I’ll admit I joined for the college money and I never really expected I’d be called up for war, but I guess this is what I signed up for,” said Spc. Avis Burns — a junior at Clemson — of the 310th. Deployed Oct. 25, 2001. Fourteen students have been activated since December of last year and many more units have been put on alert as the reality of war draws closer. A JSU senior, who wishes to remain anonymous, has received the warming from his unit’s commander to get prepared. “I am so close to your relationships you have with those you could be separated from,” Daigle said. "Embrace the days you spend together so the soldiers can relive the memories when so far away. Nothing is more important to a soldier deployed than the support they receive from home.”
In Our View
Let students save money

Think there are some things about JSU that need to change? Who doesn’t? We’ve all got our beefs, with campus housing, vampirical book prices and any number of things.

If you’ve got a beef, let me ask you this: what are you going to do about it?

That question will likely get one of two reactions from you. The first — and least likely — is that you’ll say, “Damn it, I’m gonna get this changed!” You’ll rally the support of like-minded students, draft your proposals and present them to JSU officials.

The second reaction — one that plays out nearly every day — is that you’ll grumble about your beef a bit, but any drive you have to do something will be lost as you realize you don’t know exactly where to start, and that you don’t have time to figure it out anyway.

Fortunately for you, someone set up a campus group years ago to hear your beefs and work for the interests of the student body. That group, of course, is the Student Government Association.

You might be thinking, “The SGA is a do-nothing bunch of people who won a popularity contest to get where they are. How can they help me do something about my beef?” While there’s some truth in that thought, it’s not entirely right.

It’s true that the SGA and its Senate often miss the boat on addressing the real-life needs and concerns of the students they represent. In their defense, however, it’s not entirely their fault.

The SGA faces major challenges living up to the Declaration of Purpose in its Constitution. Among other things, that declaration says that the SGA exists to “fulfill, to the best of our ability, the wants and needs of the entire student body.”

The SGA’s major problem is figuring out what those needs and wants are. Unless students come to them with specific concerns, the senators and executives who make up the SGA have no real compass to guide them in their task. They’re student leaders, leading us nowhere in particular.

So how do you let the SGA know your wants and needs? Tell them, of course. You can show up at the Senate’s regular session every Monday night at 6 p.m. in the TMB’s auditorium. For those who are prone to the second reaction to my question above, that might be expecting too much.

Well, then how about just telling your senator what’s up? Then she can discuss the matter with other senators and they can come up with legislation to get things changed. It may not always work, but hey, that’s democracy in action.

Even that option isn’t as easy as it should be. First of all, who’s your senator? Which senator represents you, specifically, in the Senate? The answer is none of them, or all of them, depending on how you look at it.

When students vote in the spring, they select three candidates from the entire ballot of hopefuls. The top 35 vote-winners become next year’s Senate. The problem is that all 35 of those senators are elected at large. They don’t answer to any particular portion of the student body, but to all 9,000 of us. If Congress was elected that way, it would be filled with representatives from California, Texas and New York. That wouldn’t be representative of the country, and it’s not representative of the student body.

So why elect at large in the first place? Well, it’s easier. Having all 9,000 students pick from the same field of candidates means you’ve only got to have one polling place, and you’ve only got to print one ballot.

So if at-large is easier, what’s the benefit of electing senators, say, by college or by major? It could result in more candidates, campaigning in the spring for the votes of people they see in class every day. A candidate might have to adopt a pet issue or two to get an advantage over his opponents for a specific seat.

That pet issue could turn out to be your beef with the University. Bingo, you’ve got someone in the Senate representing you and your beef. If you come up with another beef, you could talk to him after class — you might know him since you’re in the same department — and he can bring that up with the Senate.

It would require lots of thought and work to put an election system like this in place. But just because something’s a challenge doesn’t mean it shouldn’t be done.

No, it probably wouldn’t work perfectly — what does? — but changing the SGA’s election system for senators would go a long way toward helping them help us.
Military has good advice for president on diversity

By the Detroit Free Press

University of Michigan officials from the nation’s military academies told the New York Times that they need to maintain both integrated student bodies and officer corps. West Point even has specific quotas the president so soundly defended.

But shortly after the Bush administration filed Supreme Court briefs opposing affirmative action as used in admissions at the University of Michigan, officials from the nation’s military academies told the New York Times they needed such programs to “maintain both integrated student bodies and officer corps.” West Point even has specific percentage goals that sound suspiciously like those quotas the president so soundly derided.

And retired senior military officers are so concerned about the diversity of the leadership ranks being depleted that they are filing a Supreme Court brief supporting the University of Michigan.

That means President George W. Bush is filing a brief opposing policies that his military says are needed. Academy officials want diverse student bodies to produce military leadership that reflects the society it is ordered to defend. And they need an officer corps that reflects the troops.

Minorities make up 18 percent of the enlisted Air Force and a whopping 44 percent of the Army. “Officers of color are important as role models in the Army,” Col. Michael L. Jones, dean of admissions at West Point, told the Times — role models that would include Secretary of State Colin Powell, the four-star general and strong advocate for affirmative action.

The military knows that race matters. It is, Jones stressed, just one small factor in the overall admissions process. But court-watchers say the Bush brief would preclude even that.

Perhaps the commander in chief should have consulted the troops before engaging in this battle.

Search for Columbia debris finds tears and — unexpectedly — laughs

By the Chicago Tribune

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Friday, Feb. 7.

It’s no doubt true that disaster brings out the best — and the worst — in people. Also, we might add, some well-intentioned wackiness.

All three were on display last week, following the disintegration of the space shuttle Columbia.

All week, thousands of volunteers and law enforcement officers painstakingly combed a huge swath of Louisiana and Texas, some on horseback or on foot, seeking pieces of Columbia that might help NASA solve the mystery of what went wrong. They’ve already gathered some 12,000 pieces of shuttle debris, authorities say.

At the same time, after repeated warnings not to touch debris from the shuttle, officials say a few people not only touched them, but also walked off with them. That’s against federal law, and authorities on Wednesday arrested two people, accusing them of stealing government property. Officials offered anyone else a two-day grace period to return shuttle debris without facing prosecution. The parts are considered key to reconstructing the Columbia disaster.

If the charges of theft are true, that is particularly dispiriting. But perhaps not too surprising, since there were reports a few days ago that purchased parts of the shuttle were already being offered on the Internet auction site eBay. Those items were quickly expunged from the site.

It is clear that those who would seek to profit from the disaster don’t represent the majority of Americans, as evidenced by the outpouring of volunteers to search for debris and a flurry of concerned calls that NASA and other officials have fielded in recent days.

People all over California, Arizona and New Mexico have been phoning authorities to report suspicious objects that could be parts of Columbia. Among them were items that turned out to be a piece of burnt toast, a truck mud flap and a Chevrolet alternator, the Associated Press reported.

“It’s easy to speculate. It’s easy to be confused,” NASA spacelift officer deputy Michael Kostelnik told the AP.

There are, he added, “a lot of things laying around the country.”

Indeed.

In Shreveport, La., an elderly woman apparently called 911 after finding an egg yolk on her porch. Did the Columbia, she wanted to know, return shuttle debris without facing prosecution?

Sometimes, even in the midst of such a disaster, it’s hard to know whether to laugh or cry. Or just marvel.
A procrastinator’s guide to date ideas

By Corrie Heard
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Bring on the roses, the chocolates, and the champagne. Like it or not, tomorrow is the day that tradition compels us to celebrate that little four-letter word with a lot of heart—love. Whether you are in a committed relationship, a dating relationship, or just hanging out with friends, we have compiled some last-minute ideas to help you spice up the night with your significant other.

Romance Under the Stars:
Whether you want to be one-on-one with your honey, or prefer to celebrate the night with a group of friends, the great outdoors beckons the tender-hearted. Nothing can be more picturesque than camping out in the beautiful mountains of nearby Mount Cheaha.

Temperatures are expected to be in the low sixties so freezing is not likely. Pack a tent, some sleeping bags and all the gear to build a cracking fire. Marshmallows and your box of heart-shaped chocolates can transform into about your significant other is another great way to utilize the poetic atmosphere of the outdoors.

The Play Date: What could be more fun than celebrating the simplicity of childhood on the most romantic day of the year? Plan a trip to the museum, an ice-skating rink, a park, the zoo, the bowling alley, a local basketball court, the golf course, etc.

Granted, not much outdoor amusement is available in February, but be creative. A scavenger hunt made to lead the player to his or her Valentine’s Day gift is another fun way to celebrate.

Using a video camera to record a

Day lunch could satisfy the dining options of the last-minute planner. Places such as Paesano’s at the Tower, a new Italian eatery in Oxford next to Outback Steakhouse, offers a quaint historical ambiance for romantics. It opens for lunch from 11 until 2, and reopens for dinner at 5, and will employ a harpist from 7 until 9 on Valentine’s Day. For dinner at Paesano’s, it is easiest to get reservations with a party of eight or more, so grab some couples and call quickly.

Another twist on a traditional evening would be to start it off by presenting your significant other with a “coupon book of love,” entailing him or her to various activities for the evening, such as a romantic dinner, a movie, a late night ice cream outing, a massage, etc. Adding playfulness to the traditional date is a great way to spice up the romance without much added dough.

Honey for Homebodies: So you’d rather not brave horrific traffic only to find yourselves waiting for two hours in a mediocre restaurant where you usually take her on Friday anyway?

Not to fear, the perfect Valentine’s Day date begins in your kitchen. Culinary inclined or not, you can create a perfect Valentine’s dinner that will melt the heart of your significant other. Setting the mood is the most important part of creating a dinner at home. Glowing candles, rose petals, flowers and chilled champagne should contribute to a beautifully decorated table. Play romantic music, preferably a CD you make that includes your sweetheart’s favorite songs, which can also be a sweet gift for him or her. Rent a romantic flick for the evening or one that is especially significant to your relationship. You can order take-out or buy an “add water and stir” meal at the grocery store if you don’t have time to cook.

Valentine’s Day dinner traditionally entails the incorporation of aphrodisiacs such as oysters, roast rack of lamb and a sweet dessert. But whatever you like, because tradition is not for everyone. You can find tons of

Online dating services offer its members the ability to post their profiles and pictures for the world to see. The anonymity the Internet provides for the singles comforts many into believing that the people on the other end are perfect, just like they say they are.

Match.com reported a 195 percent increase in paid subscribers last month over this time last year. Yahoo’s online personals service has increased the company’s revenues despite a recent decline in advertising income.

If going online and meeting 250-pound women who say they are 150 pounds isn’t your thing, try 107.7 The X’s Turbo Dating at a Birmingham bar. Participants in this dating game go on 20 consecutive five-minute dates with other singles in the bar and then decide who they want to continue to see.
Course provides travel for credit

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

The English and art departments are working together to give students a chance to tour and study New York City while receiving a three-hour credit in each department.

The two courses being offered, current New York Theatre (EH 484) and New York Art Museums (ART 484), include a three-week study on campus of current New York theatre and the art museums and a four-day trip to New York City, according to Dr. Steven Whitton, English professor.

During the three-week study on campus, students will learn about the museums and exhibits they will visit, as well as study the four Broadway plays they will see. Whitton and Carter Osterbind, art department faculty member, teach the course.

During the trip to the city, students visit places like the New York Art Museum, Statue of Liberty and other attractions and museums during the day, said Whitton. Evenings are filled with Broadway theatre shows.

The plays “under consideration” are:

“Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom” by August Wilson stars Whoopi Goldberg and Charles Dutton. The play debuted on Broadway 18 years ago and gained Dutton a Tony Award for his performance as “Levee.”

“Long Days Journey Into Night” is a classic play about a dysfunctional family by Eugene O’Neill which first hit the Broadway stage in 1986.

“Gypsy,” the musical classic which first appeared on Broadway in 1959, stars Bernadette Peters. The musical is about a mother who drags her daughters across the country in search of fame for the two girls.

“Nine” is a 1982 Tony Award-winning play starring Antonio Banderas who plays a film director and struggles to act his mature age of 40, rather than that of a nine-year-old.

Cost for the trip $1,525 and doesn’t require much prep time or cooking time. The key to last minute date planning is to be creative, because doing so will ensure that your ideas come straight from your heart. After all, isn’t that what Valentine’s Day is all about?

Lou Reed
The Raven

★ 1/2

Review by Gary Lewis
The Chanticleer Contributing Editor

Lou Reed, who rose to fame in Andy Warhol’s over-hyped Velvet Underground, continues to cling to his image as the too-hi-for-words rock-and-roll troubadour.

He’s struck gold with this formula only once, doing-dooing his way to #16 in 1973 with “Walk on the Wild Side,” a song that defined subversive downtown cool. In the years since, Reed has spent his time recording consistent reminders that he can’t sing, can’t write and wouldn’t know song development if it walked up and bit him on the ass.

His latest effort, “The Raven” is no exception. This CD, an outgrowth of a stage collaboration with Robert Wilson called POEtry, is meant as a tribute to the genius of Edgar Allan Poe.

“The Raven” is a prime example. The listener is treated to a fine reading of Reed imitating Burroughs imitating Poe. Gone are such lines as “Get thee back into the tempest and the Night’s Plutonian shore,” replaced by Reed’s less-inspired “sweaty arrogant dickish liar who ascribed to nothing more.”

In “Triptetna’s Speech,” Reed uses the king and his court as metaphors for the Enrons of today. Rather than let the reader come to that conclusion on his own, however, Reed closes the speech with the words, “Businessman, you’re not worth s***ing on.”

Thank you, Captain Obvious.

A few songs do manage to rise above the tedium. “Perfect Day,” featuring the ethereal vocals of Antony, is one such exception. It’s certainly not for everyone, but the song is nothing if not transcendent.

So, in the spirit of the new “dating devolution,” I urge you to go on a Valentine’s date with the hottest individual you can find, talk about the weather and the newest magazine you’re subscribing to and then have a one night stand.

That, 15 years from now, call me and whine about how lonely you are, tell me about “the one that got away” and express your jealousy of your neighbors who have two beautiful kids.

See how far these “advanced” methods of dating get you in the world of meaningful relationships?
Do you have one tattoo from a drunken night in Panama City?

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JSU men fall to red-hot Trojans

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The JSU men continued their road and second-half woes Saturday as the Gamecocks fell to rival Troy State 71-51.

Trojans Ben Fletcher and power forward Rob Lewin, led Troy in their methodical second-half destruction of the Gamecocks.

Fletcher was 4-of-8 for the night and 6-of-6 from the line ending up with 17 points and two boards. Lewin was 5-of-6 for the night and 3-of-4 from the line, ending up with 13 points. Lewin also pulled down nine boards.

The only Gamecock coming in with double digits was Poone Richardson, with 11. No one from JSU had more than five boards.

The first half began with Jacksonville controlling the ball, the tempo and the game. JSU's strategy of completely shutting down Troy's fast-break offense worked perfectly.

JSU did shoot poorly though, going only 10-of-25. They were helped though by seven of those 10 being 3-pointers. The Gamecocks also out-rebounded the Trojans 32-29.

Troy was not much better shooting a dismal 32.1 percent overall and hitting only one of their 12 attempted 3-point shots.

The Gamecocks held the Trojans to 23 points at the break and held a 10-point lead with 7:42 to go in the half.

But the self-destruct button had already been pushed and JSU came out of the gates cold as ice. It took the Gamecocks eight minutes and 42 seconds to score a single point in the second half. Those points came on a lay-up by Omar Barlett, but the damage was done. The Trojans had just gone on an 11-0 run to open the half and they had no intentions of looking back.

"I don't care who you are, if you go nine minutes without scoring a shot, you're in trouble," said JSU head coach Mike LaPlante.

JSU scored 21 points during the horrible half and racked up an astounding 17 fouls. And with the Trojans picking up the tempo of the game and going 22-of-27 from the line the nails were in the coffin.

"(Coach) told us we had to come out with a little more intensity," said Lewin after the game. "Once we got started, things started rolling.'"

"Our guys were playing for their lives out there," said Troy State head coach Don Maestri. "Jax State had a good plan."

"The tempo was exactly what we wanted," said LaPlante. "Troy is only concerned with the tempo of the game."

This loss drops the Gamecocks to 5-and-6 in the Atlantic Sun Conference and hurts their chances of even making the conference tournament, but LaPlante is optimistic.

"I don't think that we are back-wheeling," said LaPlante after being asked about his 4-0 start. "When you start to lose it gets frustrating, you just have to play through it."

Senior forward Omar Barlett sails up for a basket in the Gamecocks' victory over Savannah State last Thursday.

Jax State recruiting efforts land 25 for football team

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State football coaching staff finished the most hectic periods outside of the regular season, finished his high school career with the AHSAA record for receiving yardage, gaining 4,272 yards on 218 receptions and 43 touchdowns. Last year he was named the Alabama 1A Back Year for 2002 and was on USA Today's honorable mention All-American team. He was recruited by East Carolina, Tulane and Middle Tennessee.

John Scott, of Decatur, is a Florida to Orlando, and visited the Central Florida Golden Knights. Both teams sported identical winning records, the
John Scott, of Decatur, is one of the most hectic periods outside of the regular season as recruiting season ended Wednesday. That day, better known as Signing Day, is the first day that a potential student-athlete can sign a scholarship offer with an NCAA college or university.

The Gamecocks, who move to the Ohio Valley conference for the 2003 football season, went into the recruiting season looking for depth on both the offensive and defensive lines, where lack of depth showed in the late season, when injuries ravaged the starters.

They accomplished this task as nine of the 19 signees will play in the trenches. Those nine broke down into four defensive ends, four defensive linemen and one offensive lineman. There are also new additions to the skill positions, as JSU added two new quarterbacks, two new running backs and two wide receivers to the mix.

Local football fans will immediately recognize three of the signees. Tyrell Glass, a defensive end, comes to JSU from Etowah High, where he was team defensive MVP and honorable mention all-state last year after recording 99 tackles and 15 sacks. JSU gained his services even though Glass was recruited by Southern Mississippi.

“(You) win with linemen,” said head football coach Jack Crowe. “We’re putting up a good product here.”

The third local player is Lance Rolax out of Anniston’s The Donoho School. Rolax gained 2,250 yards rushing in his 10 games in his senior year. He also scored 30 touchdowns in the season on his way to being named first team All-State and 1A Back of the Year runner-up.

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Those were not the only marquee signees gained by Crowe and his staff. Matt Hardin, a quarterback from Panama City, was named Florida’s 5A Player of the Year. Last year he was named the Alabama 1A Back of the Year totaling 1,266 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns. He chose Jax State over UAB, Central Michigan, and Middle Tennessee State.

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Tennis men lose to Bama; both teams beat Samford

Tuscaloosa—Jacksonville State’s men’s tennis team traveled to Tuscaloosa, Sunday and lost to a tough #16 Alabama Crimson Tide, 6-1.

Newcomer Vedron Sirola was undefeated on the day for the Gamecocks. Sirola won at #5 singles (3-6, 6-4, 10-8) and at #2 doubles with partner Rodney Rapson, 9-8. JSU (1-2) only lost 6-1 in #1 doubles competition and 8-5 in #3 doubles. The men and women defeated Samford at home on Tuesday. Both teams won 5-2.

Gamecock rifle team scores high at Murray St.

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The JSU Rifle team participated in the college sectional qualifier Saturday at Pat Spurgin Rifle Range at Murray State University.

The Gamecocks’ red team, JSU’s primary team, scored a 4,621 in the smallbore event and 1,550 in the air rifle event. JSU’s white team, the secondary team, scored 4,472 in smallbore and 1,494 in air rifle.

Unofficially JSU placed fourth in the event but because of it being a sectional qualifier rankings did not matter.

“What was important was the total scores, not places,” said coach Gerald DeBois.

“It’s not like a basketball championship, just winning doesn’t get you in.”

DeBois is speaking of the NCAA National Rifle Championship, held at West Point, N.Y. The top eight sectional qualifiers from all the sections around the nation are put into the championship.

“A place finish is not significant,” said DeBois.

The national championships are held March 14 and 15.

DeBois does expect to be one of those teams chosen because of the red team’s high scores.

The Gamecock rifle team is back in action this weekend at home against the University of Kentucky, starting Saturday at 8 a.m.

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Peters a big piece of JSU’s puzzle

By Jane Little
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A team is like a puzzle. A puzzle has all different shapes, sizes and colors. Puzzles would not be exciting if every piece was the same. Every piece has a different edge, but they all must fit together. One piece is not more important than another. There will not be a final picture, without all of the pieces. If you lose one or two pieces along the way, it can be frustrating and makes it impossible to accomplish your objective.

It is very satisfying to push that last piece into the puzzle and realize you have reached your goal. You might think that it was the most important piece because it was the sole piece that completed the puzzle, but you cannot forget that all of the other pieces that connected to make this magnificent picture.

Being part of a team can be a humbling experience. It is important to understand your role and do everything in your power to stick to your role. You might be the person who is expected to score 25 points a game, or the person who is cheering from the sidelines, Brad Peters understands his role on the Jacksonville State University men’s basketball team and that is what will take him wherever he wants to go.

Peters is a 6’4 freshman guard from Snellville, Ga. He played basketball and football for South Gwinnett High School. He was the quarterback and captain of the football team until he was plagued with knee injuries.

Peters’ family is very supportive of him and travels to see many of his games. He has a younger brother Kyle. What Peters hates about being away from home is missing his brother’s basketball games and the chance to spend more time with him.

He is a good looking, easy going, down-to-earth, regular guy. Sounds like a great catch for a woman, but unbelievably Peters is single. He sees himself as a hardworking nice guy but nothing out of the ordinary. He does not think of himself as anything special but that is what is so intriguing about him. What he does for his team on a daily basis is truly inspiring.

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—a statistics player and play the minutes he aspires to play, but he knows his role now and is prepared to work hard and wait it out. That is what is so great about the story of a team and the people that make up a team. “I love being on a team,” said Peters.

Peters is a piece of the puzzle that is crucial to the team. His piece could change to a different shape, size or color. I have a feeling that the Gamecock’s puzzle is going to need Peters piece in the years to come.

UCF Downs Gardner Webb

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Ray Abellard scored 17 points as Central Florida beat Gardner-Webb 82-59 on Saturday.

Roberto Morentin had 14 points and eight rebounds while Dexter Lyons added 13 points as UCF (17-7, 9-2 Atlantic Sun) won its third straight and its sixth in the last seven games.

The loss was the eighth in the last nine games for Gardner-Webb (3-20, 1-10), which is in its first year of Atlantic Sun Conference play.

Brian Bender scored 18 points off the bench to lead Gardner-Webb while Otis Daniels added 15 points and seven rebounds.

UCF took control early with a 35-9 run and led by as many as 27 in the first half. The Golden Knights took a 42-21 halftime lead as the Bulldogs were held to 27 percent shooting.

UCF shot 44 percent for the game and hit 11 3-pointers while taking a 47-30 on the glass.

Stetson 85, Belmont 80

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Josef McNeal and E.J. Gordon each scored 15 points to lead six Hatters in double figures as Stetson defeated Belmont 85-80 Saturday afternoon.

Stetson (5-15, 3-8 Atlantic Sun Conference) had its largest lead with 5:02 left after Anthony Register’s free throw made it 76-63.

Belmont (13-10, 8-3) answered with a 15-3 run capped by Jese Snyder’s steal and layup with 57 seconds left, cutting Stetson’s lead to one, 79-78.

Ravii Givens hit a jumper with 23 seconds remaining to give the Hatters an 81-78 lead.

Steve Draby missed a 3-pointer for Belmont on the next possession and Stetson hit all four of its free throws in the final five seconds to seal the win.

Stetson’s Kevin Craig scored 14 points, Givens 11, Alexis McMillian 10 and Register 10.

Adam Mark had 22 points and 10 rebounds for Belmont. Draby finished with 20 points, Wil Howard-Downs added 12 and Brian Collins had 10.

Samford 70, Jacksonville 43

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Phillip Ramelli had 19 points and nine rebounds as Samford built an early lead and coasted past Jacksonville 70-43 on Saturday.

Ramelli was 8-of-9 from the floor, hitting both of his 3-point shots. Tyson Dorsey was 5-of-8 from 3-point range for 15 points for the Bulldogs (10-12, 5-7 Atlantic Sun Conference). Cornell Felton had seven assists.

Calvin Warner scored 16 points to lead Jacksonville (10-12, 5-5). Kevin Sheppard added 13.

Samford buried the Dolphins early under a flurry of 3-pointers. The Bulldogs hit 7-of-17 3s and held Jacksonville to 32 percent shooting in building a 40-19 halftime lead. Samford ended the game 12-of-33 from long range and won its second straight game.
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