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## 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 homecoming.

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 Recommendations were sent out to participating organizations, but were later rescinded by SGA President Robert Hayes.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



## Number of auto break-ins slows

By **Miranda Bryant**  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

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.

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**

from Paul Carpenter Village to the bushes."



The Chanticleer/Patricia Lockhart

The Gospel Choir and President Bill Meehan look on as candles are lit in memory of the seven astronauts who lost their lives aboard Space Shuttle Columbia. Many diverse religions were represented at the memorial last Thursday evening. Baptist Campus Ministries gave the invocation, Sherry Blanton read Jewish scripture, Sushmita Silwal gave a Hindu prayer of peace and Faith Outreach Ministries read Christian scripture. The service also included music by Laura Dodd and the JSU Gospel Choir. Amazing Grace was played on the bagpipes.

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 where 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."

# 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 young 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,

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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 horrific 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 oversea 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 "week-end warriors" have served on

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The Chanticleer/Taylor Aaron Webb

Spc. Avis Burns, far left, suits up in her chemical protective suit, designed to protect her from nuclear, biological and chemical warfare agents.

## By the numbers:

Number of JSU students called to active military duty since Sept. 11

**35**

## Gamecock Scoreboard:

Men's basketball:  
Feb. 10 - JSU 84, Savannah State 60  
Tonight - vs Samford, Home, 7:30 p.m.

Women's basketball:  
Feb. 8 - UCF 82, JSU 67  
Tonight - vs J'ville Univ, Home, 5:15 p.m.

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## 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."

### 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](http://www.jsugamecocksports.com) and click on the cheerleading link. **Contact:** Brittany Ishee, [bishee@jsucc.jsu.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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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.

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active duty already and are more prepared for this situation, a lot of them joined for the experience and the money granted to them for college. Being human, many of these soldiers fear the events to come.

"My weekend training gave me the skills to do my job efficiently," said Sgt. Rusty Ramsey, a junior from LSU. "As far as combat goes, I'm a

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

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

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.

graduation I don't want to go," he said, "and I don't want to leave my son." However, when duty calls there is no choice but to answer.

A former senior at JSU, Spc. Angelle "Gele" Daigle, is now stationed in Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

"Be there for people you know who have family deployed and take advantage of your relationships you have with those you could be separat-

• **Habitat for Humanity, Baptist Campus Ministries and the Wesley Foundation** will sponsor a Volleyball Marathon on Feb. 28 from noon until midnight to help sponsor a house for the Jimmy Carter Work Project to be held in Calhoun County on June 8-13. Find out how your organization or you, as an individual, can be involved. **Contact:** BCM, 435-7020.

• **The Organizational Council** will meet again Feb. 19 at 6 p.m., in the TMB auditorium. **Contact:** Student Activities, 782-5491.

• **Peer Educators:** Interested in becoming a Peer Educator? Attend an interest meeting March 5 and 6 at 3 p.m., in 303 TMB. **Contact:** Norma Penny, npenny@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Phi Eta Sigma:** Sixty \$1,000 awards and 31 \$2,000 scholarships are available nationally to undergraduate members of Phi Eta Sigma. Five scholarships of up to \$5,000 each available for graduates. JSU Phi Eta Sigma members are invited to apply. For applications, see Mr. Kinney in Stone Center 105. Deadline for applications is Feb. 25. **Contact:** Rufus Kinney, 782-5467.

• **Phi Mu:** Good luck Cara Dawn. We'll miss you! We're looking forward to our Valentine mixer with Pi Kappa Phi. Phi Mu Lady of the Week is Brianna Bladen, the Sunshine award goes to Lanai, Christan and Abbie, and the Athlete of the Week is Katy W. **Contact:** laceydo@aol.com

• **The Public Relations Organization** will host Carolyn Conner, director of public relations and communications for the Calhoun County school system, on Feb. 19, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in 184 Self Hall. Our next meeting in on Feb 11 at 5 p.m., in the Self Hall Conference Room. **Contact:** Dr. Ihator, 782-8205.

• **Writer's Club:** We are now accepting submissions for inclusion in the 2002-03 edition of the Student Literary Journal, "Something Else." \*\*See flyers for submission details.\*\* Please bring your entries by 116 Stone Center. **Contact:** Valerie Rimpsey, 782-8096 or hamilton@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Zeta Tau Alpha:** Congratulations to Emily Williams, Mardracus Russell, Stephanie Deese and Chris Cook for being voted Mr./Mrs. Jax State and Mr./Mrs. Friendly! Also, congratulations to Angela Estes and Emily Williams for being selected as Peer Counselors. Thanks to Alpha Xi for such an awesome Crush Party! Happy Valentine's Day! **Contact:** Angela Estes, 782-6176.

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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

- Feb. 3—Timothy Shane Dunaway, 19, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Fitzpatrick Hall.
- Feb. 3—Robin Calloway, 44, reported harassment to JSUPD occurring at Martin Hall parking lot.
- Feb. 4—Jessica Ann Vaughn, 18, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Sparkman Hall.
- Feb. 4—Roger Sautere reported harassing communications to JSUPD occurring at Martin Hall.
- Feb. 5—Tomemisene Marshall, 19, reported domestic violence and disorderly conduct to JSUPD occurring at Jack Hopper Dining Hall.
- Feb. 5—Nathaniel Blunt, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for domestic violence and disorderly conduct occurring at Jack Hopper Dining Hall.
- Feb. 6—Jacob Matthew St. John, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for minor in possession of alcohol occurring at Chinabee Avenue.
- Feb. 6—Kevin Jack Corbitt, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for minor in possession of alcohol occurring at Chinabee Avenue.

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.

"As far as combat goes, I'm a bit worried; Basic Training was just that 'basic.'" "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 October of 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 warning 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."



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# OPINION

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## In Our View

### Let students save money

An interesting item was brought up at the SGA Senate's weekly session on Monday night, one that has the potential to put money in your pocket.

Senator Jordan Brewer mentioned during the session that the Senate should consider a resolution encouraging the University to let students know what books are required for their classes when they register. This would allow students to shop for their books well ahead of time, anywhere they wanted.

In this age of high-tech commerce, most students are still buying their books either at the campus bookstore, or from the privately-owned Jacksonville Bookstore on the town square. They could be saving anywhere from a few dollars to hundreds in some cases, but they still beat a path to the bookstores every semester. They wait in long lines, deal with book shortages and pay staggering prices that the stores either won't or can't lower.

Why? Why would students pass up the opportunity to shop on their own, saving themselves money and a hassle?

The answer is that most students don't even know what books they'll need that semester until they step inside one of the two stores and see what's on the shelves when classes start.

But why is that? Why can't students find out what books they'll need for their classes well in advance of the semester's start, and find the book at the best possible price in today's global electronic market?

Well, to tell you the truth, we're not exactly sure why students can't find out what books they need without going to the bookstore.

We do know, though, that in an age when students can register, pay tuition and even attend classes by computer from their homes, there's no real reason they shouldn't be able to call up a list of books required for their classes. After all, the bookstores find out ahead of time what to order. Why can't students?

It might require that professors figure out earlier what books — if any — they'll require for the next semester. Yes, that's a change, but it's a small one that faculty should be able to adjust to, especially when it directly affects students' wallets.

It's easy, it makes sense and it benefits students financially. It seems like there's possibly no good argument against making a list of required texts available to students.

The SGA has the opportunity here to do some real good for the student body. We urge the Senate and SGA executives to pursue this matter. Pass a resolution asking University officials to start telling students what books they'll need for classes when they register, and press the issue until the system is in place.

When you've won, you'll have made a change that benefits us all, and done something we can all be proud of.

## Changing election system could improve Senate

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



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.



**“Who do you trust more to handle the situation with Iraq, President George Bush or Secretary of State Colin Powell?”**

*--Compiled by Patricia Lockhart  
Photo Editor*



**Amanda Clayton**  
Senior  
Photography

*“Absolutely Colin Powell. He’s got more sense than anyone else in Washington. Bush needs to hand over the office to him.”*



**LeAnn Kay**  
Senior  
Photography

*“I think Colin Powell, because he seems to have a better idea, from a military aspect, of the situation.”*



**Lakeshia Pearson**  
Senior  
Accounting

*“I really don’t know, but whoever handles it, I hope they allow God to lead them to whatever decision they make.”*



**Joshua Robinson**  
Senior  
Physical education

*“Colin Powell, because he seems like he can handle the job. He did a good job with Desert Storm and I feel like he can do a good job now.”*



**Liara Steward**  
Junior  
Criminal justice

*“I would say George Bush because I like the way he handled 9-11.”*

# Military has good advice for president on diversity

**By the Detroit Free Press**

*Knight Ridder-Tribune News Service (KRT)*

*The following editorial appeared in the Detroit Free Press on Friday, Feb. 7.*

It may be a situation in which the federal government is sending out rather mixed signals on affirmative action, or one of those left hand-right hand things that bedevil huge institutions.

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**

*Knight Ridder-Tribune News Service (KRT)*

*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 pur-

ported 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 spaceflight office 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, carry any eggs?

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

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# Last Minute Loving

## A procrastinator's guide to date ideas

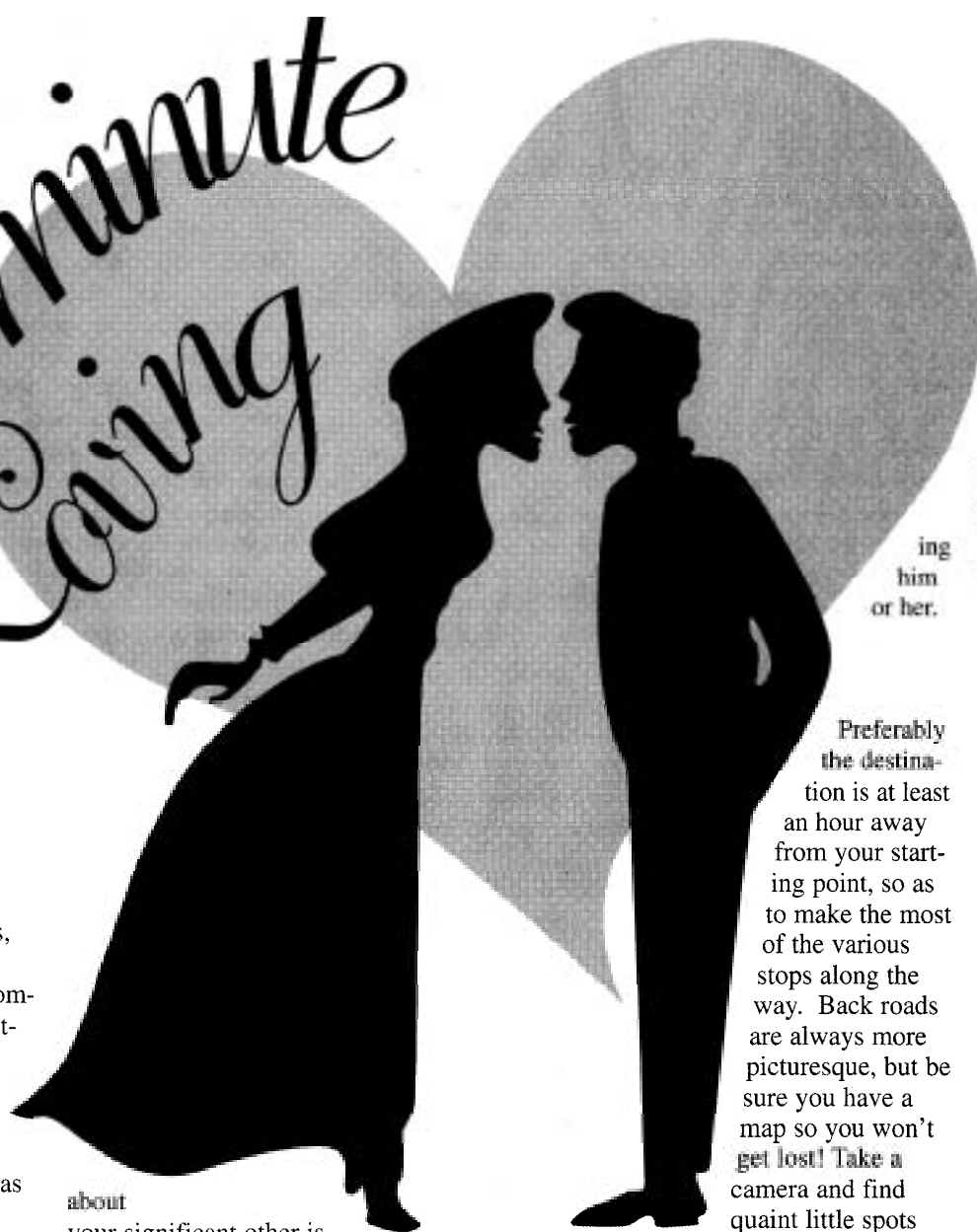
By Corrie Heard  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

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 crackling 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 u

ing him or her.

Preferably the destination is at least an hour away from your starting point, so as to make the most of the various stops along the way. Back roads are always more picturesque, but be sure you have a map so you won't get lost! Take a camera and find quaint little spots for pictures along

the route; later, you can make an album of your Valentine's Day road trip and enjoy looking at it for years.

You should leave in the afternoon and enjoy your time together on the open road. When you finally reach your destination, make sure it is a place where the two of you can rest and savor being out of the car, also providing a nice time to exchange gifts.

Your destination can be anywhere, as long as your creativity evokes a place that you know will be special for your significant other.

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 cook whatever you like, because tradition is not for everyone. You can find tons of

## Dating devolves to crap

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer  
Features Editor



Are you lonely this Valentine's Day?

Have no fear. Finding your soul mate can be as easy as one-two-three. Now that there are more "advanced" methods of finding that special someone, people don't go to church just to meet "a nice guy/girl."

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 con-



Marshmallows and your box of heart shaped chocolates can transform into some to-die-for s'mores in no time.

Making a special "camping care package," including Valentine's snacks, love notes, scented candles, wine and other small gifts, is a wonderful way to add a touch of class to the rugged nature of camping. For an added touch of class, chill the champagne in a cooler and toast to the occasion as you snuggle up with your sweetheart under the stars. For romantics, reading a poem or a list of 10 things you love

Day gift is another fun way to celebrate.

Using a video camera to record a confessional of all the things you love about your significant other is a perfect way to start a video scavenger hunt. Remember, creativity is the key, and the more imagination you can muster, the flirtier your play date will be.

#### Road Trip for Romantics:

Destination Anywhere. Do a little research via Web surfing to plot your final destination, but don't let your significant other know where you are tak-

place that you know will be special for your significant other.

#### Twist on the Traditional Date:

With Valentine's Day being one of the busiest days of the year for restaurants, be prepared to wait up to two hours at local middle-line restaurants such as O'Charley's, Applebee's and Outback Steakhouse. Such places normally don't take reservations, so you may want to get an early start and have a late afternoon dinner to beat the mad rush.

Alternatively, a pleasant Valentine's

and a sweet dessert. But cook whatever you like, because tradition is not for everyone. You can find tons of Valentine's Day recipes online that don'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?

singles in the bar and then decide who they want to continue their brief relationship with outside the bar.

Maybe talking to someone in-depth for a whole five minutes isn't your style. In that case, get your camcorder ready and make a tape to send to one of the newest reality dating shows seen on the major networks.

Last week, Fox's "Joe Millionaire" cashed in a viewer total of 18.61 million, making it the network's best series showing in that time slot since January 1995's "Melrose Place." ABC's "The Bachelorette" earned the number one ranking for Wednesday night's lineup in adults 18 to 49 years old.

If getting deep in conversation with someone doesn't appeal to you, going on a few unrealistic dates with shallow people for a couple of weeks should be better suited for you.

The "new and improved" methods of finding a mate has caused what my editor, Ben Cunningham, calls "dating devolution" instead of evolution.

It seems now that people are becoming more shallow and looking less to really getting to know someone and more to appearance or how many minutes of fame they can get.

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.

Then, 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?

## Course provides travel for credit

By Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer Features Editor

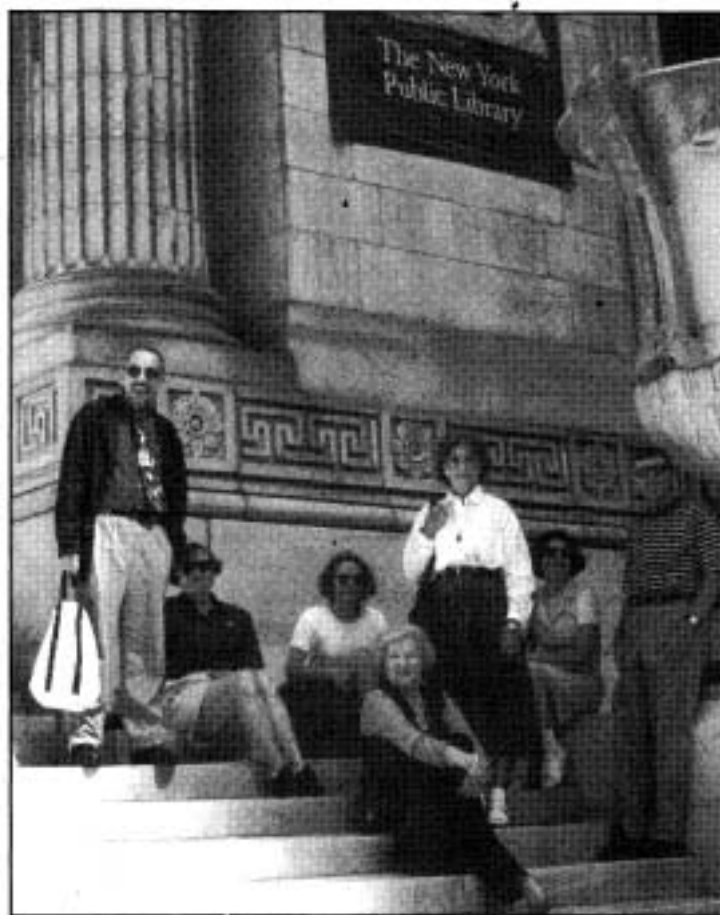
The English and art departments are working together to give students a chance to tour and study New York City while receiving a three-hour credit in each department.

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 considera-



Courtesy Steven Whitton

Steven Whitton and other members of the group stop for a break in front of the New York Public Library.

tion" 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 can be paid in installments. A deposit fee of \$100 is due when signing up. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 15.

For more information contact Dr. Steven Whitton at 782-5414, or Carter Osterbind at 782-5661.

## Lou Reed The Raven

★ 1/2

Review by Gary Lewis

The Chanticleer Contributing Editor



Courtesy Warner Bros

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

He's struck gold with this formula only once, doot-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. "These are the stories of Edgar Allan Poe," Reed sings on the second track, in case the listener can't figure that part out on his own.

The problem is, in paying tribute to Poe, Reed can't resist bastardizing Poe. It's as if Reed is saying, "Sure Poe is cool. But check out how much cooler he'd be if he wrote like William Burroughs!"

"The Raven" is a prime example. The listener is treat-

ed 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 dickless liar who ascribed to nothing more."

In "Tripitena'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.

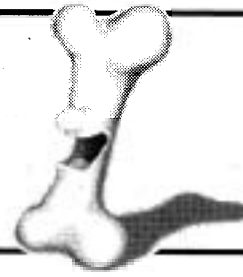
A few songs do manage to rise above the tedium.

"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.

Such moments are rare, however, and most of the music is no better than that you'd hear from your local high school garage band. For anyone not swayed by Reed's considerable hip factor, "The Raven" is 75 tortuous minutes of banality.



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# SPORTS

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JSU brings  
home-court  
edge to OVC

By  
J. Wilson Guthrie  
The Chanticleer  
Sports Editor



Five hundred-fifty eight miles door to door. I took a road trip to Troy this weekend, with a few obvious detours. I was expecting that the classic rivalry still lived. It's not, at least with the Troy fans.

My last road trip was to Samford. Expecting the rivalry that we had in football, I was geared up for that one too. Except for about seven obviously drunk guys, the fans there were relatively quiet.

What I am getting at here is that had these games been here, all heck would have broken out. ESPECIALLY if Troy came.

We have the highest basketball attendance in the A-Sun Conference. Next year we will be in the Ohio Valley and have the lowest basketball attendance. But I can guarantee one thing, they will be the most spirited fans of that conference.

At Samford, they had a pep-band. At Troy, they had a pep-band. Here we have the **HARDCORP**. And the very lovely Go-Go's. These guys alone make "the Pete" a hostile arena to come to. But no, that's not all. We have the stu-

## Gamecock 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 Poonie 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 23-10.

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 rollin'."

"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."



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie  
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 one of the most hectic periods outside of the regular season

er, 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

## Women's losing streak extends to four games

By Mike Vaughan II  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Gamecock women

Florida to Orlando, and visited the Central Florida Golden Knights. Both teams sported identical winning records, the



tile arena to come to. But no, that's not all. We have the student section too.

Our student section is the largest of the A-Sun venues that I have been too this year. Not only that but definitely the loudest, most obnoxious group of people to grace a basketball arena. And some of the most entertaining.

We have students that make it a habit to paint their bodies in red and white with clown wigs and wreak havoc for the other team. We have students that make it a point to get as close to the court as allowed and raise hell.

We have old men that are at every game yelling at the referees with the zealously of a teenager and sometimes their wives are louder than they are.

At Samford and Troy none of that. Except the old men. There were old men at Troy with "WHUP JAX STATE" mesh-back hats. And that's it.

The days of Whup Jax State parties and trucks and cars painted are gone. Some students were not even aware that they were playing the Gamecocks.

Now at Samford there were a good many people there but a good many of those were JSU fans. And the student section was limited to about 25 people.

No one can touch our arena. There is a reason that we very seldom lose at home. We have the fans and the fan base. I wish that we could all afford to go to every away game. Maybe some of our outcomes would have been different.

And even though right now our men and women's teams are in a slump the fans are still coming out. And Thursday is "Pack the Pete" night for the SGA. We have a double header. It's a great way to spend the afternoon. That's where I will be. Come out and raise some hell with the rest of Jacksonville.

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.

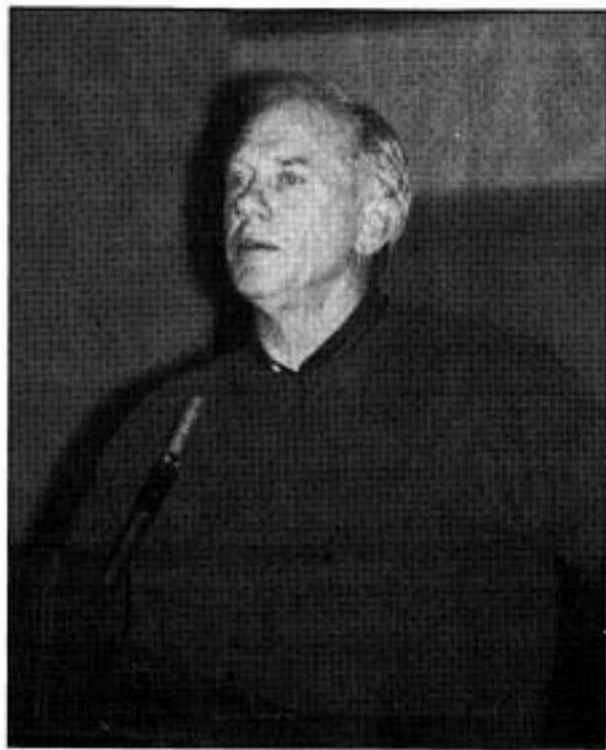
They accomplished this task as nine of the 19 signees will play in the trenches. Those nine break down into four defensive ends, four defensive linemen and one offensive lineman. There are also new additions to the skill positions, as JSU added two new quarterbacks, two new running backs and two wide 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 are putting classes together and keep feeding them."

One of the bigger local products is Cedar Bluff's Josh Moten. Moten, a wide receiver,

downs. Last year he was named the Alabama 1A Back of the Year after totaling 1,266 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns. He chose Jax State over UAB, Central Michigan



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie

JSU football head coach Jack Crowe tells media and friends of the football team about the Gamecock's new recruiting class. Crowe wants to bring back the home crowd support to Paul Snow Stadium.

and Middle Tennessee State.

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.

Crowe commented that he wanted to bring the fan base back to JSU with local players.

"Mercenaries mentally will fight battles for you," said Crowe. "But we'll sleep through Christmas Eve night, then we cross the Delaware River and blow them up."

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

Tennessee.

John Scott, of Decatur, is a defensive lineman who finished with 90 tackles and 12 sacks on the 2002 season. Scott also plays center for the basketball team at Austin High School, a possibility that Coach Mike LaPlante might look into, as Scott is 6'2" and tips the scales at 273.

Craig Agee hails from Taylorsville, Miss., and had arguably the most "special" game of any of the recruits. Against Gulf Port High School, he recorded 320 total yards, which included a 95-yard interception return, a 70-yard punt return, and a 75-yard touchdown reception, all of which went

for six points. Agee was first team All-Mississippi and named the Clarion (Miss.) Ledger Player of the Year as his Taylorsville High School won the 2002 Mississippi state title.

Overall, the Jacksonville State recruiting class of 2003 had 24 division I-A schools recruiting them. There were four who received some form of state MVP title, seven All-State selections and four All-State honorable mentions. There is a valedictorian, four members of the Who's Who in American High Schools, and six honor students.

This last fact reiterated Coach Crowe's commitment to bring in not only skilled athletes, but also those who had the necessary academic qualifications to make an immediate and tangible impact if called upon this season.

The Gamecock women entered the week hoping to improve coming off a two game losing streak, but the week ended with the losing streak continuing, as the Gamecocks lost to Florida Atlantic 93-86, and to Central Florida 82-67. The losing streak now stands at a season-long four games and has dropped the Gamecocks to fifth in the Atlantic Sun standings.

Last Thursday JSU traveled to Boca Raton, Fla., where other Gamecock teams have been known to have troubles. Those troubles extended as JSU lost a close game 93-86. That dropped the women to 11-8 and 5-3 in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Shanika Freeman scored a career-high 42 points on 10-of-17 shooting from the field. The real story, though, was her free throw shooting performance. She hit 22-of-22 free throws, setting a new NCAA record for free throw percentage in a game. The old record was shared by Liz Beggs from Kent State (vs. St. Bonaventure's on 11/19/00) and Kristeena Alexander (vs. Central Florida 12/29/96) as both ladies went 20-of-20 from the line.

The Gamecocks shot 53.1 percent from the floor in the first half compared to 41.9 percent for FAU, but the JSU women were still down 51-47 thanks to 4-of-8 3-point shooting by the Lady Owls. The second half was all downhill for Jacksonville State, as they shot 10-of-34 for only a 29.4 percentage. A season high 37 turnovers also killed any momentum the Gamecocks were trying to attain.

Freeman finished with a double double, scoring 42 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Cobie Carlisle scored 13 points, as they were the only two Gamecock players who scored over six points. Heather Shepard did not score, but dished out six assists and grabbed four steals. Kelly Nye had three points, five assists and three steals.

Saturday afternoon the Gamecocks traveled upstate in

Knights. Both teams sported identical winning records, the only difference being UCF's 6-2 record in the ASC and JSU's record of 5-3. That would change as JSU was hammered in the second half to allow the 82-67 UCF victory. The loss stretched the JSU losing streak to four.

Jacksonville State started the game in great fashion, sprinting out to a 6-0 lead just two minutes in. They would push the lead to as much as nine before the Golden Knights could hit a 12-1 run and took over the lead at the 12:05 mark of the first half. JSU then stretched the lead to 27-20, but again the Knights stormed back to tie the game at 27-27, as the Gamecock offense was halted without scoring for over three minutes. JSU did, however, manage to hold a lead at halftime, 34-31, even though they only shot 34.4 percent on the half.

Central Florida was the team on fire to start the second half, however, as they tied the game at 38 only 96 seconds into the second half. The Gamecocks hammered out a 7-0 run following the tie, but the lead was only one at the 12:00 mark. Nye drained one of her three 3-point baskets of the game to up the lead to four at 11:43, but JSU would surrender the lead for good as UCF tied the game at 52-52 at 10:14 and a 24-8 run blasted any dreams of a comeback by the women.

Game high honors went to Freeman, who scored 21 points, her 30th consecutive game over 10, and grabbed 10 rebounds. Fredrika Embry added 13 points, and Nye scored 11 to go along with a rebound. Shepard was again held scoreless, but passed out six assists and added three steals. JSU was out-rebounded as a team 51-39 and only shot 13-of-22 from the free throw line.

The Jacksonville State women return to action at "the Pete" tonight, as they play the front end of two doubleheaders this week. They play Jacksonville University tonight at 5:15 p.m., then host Stetson on Saturday at 2 p.m.

## Tennis men lose to Bama; both teams beat Samford

From Staff Reports

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 8-6 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.



## Atlantic Sun Conference Basketball Standings & Results

Men's Standings											Women's Standings										
North	Conference					Overall					North	Conference					Overall				
	W	L	Pct.	H	A	W	L	Pct.	H	A		W	L	Pct.	H	A					
Belmont	8	3	.727	2-3	6-0	13	10	.565	5-3	8-7	Jax State	5	4	.555	3-1	2-3	11	9	.555	7-2	4-7
Samford	6	5	.545	3-2	3-3	10	12	.455	6-3	4-9	Georgia St.	5	4	.555	2-1	3-3	10	10	.500	5-3	5-7
Georgia St.	5	5	.500	3-1	2-4	10	11	.476	6-2	4-9	Belmont	4	5	.444	2-3	2-2	13	7	.650	6-3	7-4
Jax State	5	6	.455	5-1	0-5	14	9	.609	7-1	7-8	Campbell	3	6	.333	3-2	0-4	7	13	.350	6-8	1-7
Campbell	1	10	.091	1-5	0-5	4	17	.190	4-8	0-11	Gardner-Webb	2	7	.222	2-2	0-5	3	17	.150	3-4	0-12
Gardner-Webb	1	10	.091	1-4	0-6	3	20	.130	3-5	0-15	Samford	1	8	.111	1-5	0-3	5	15	.250	2-6	3-9
South											South										
Troy St.	10	1	.909	5-1	5-0	19	4	.826	8-1	11-3	Florida Atlantic	8	1	.888	4-0	4-1	10	10	.500	6-2	4-8
Mercer	9	2	.818	4-1	5-1	15	5	.750	6-1	9-4	Troy State	7	2	.777	3-1	4-1	12	8	.600	5-1	7-7
UCF	9	2	.818	5-1	4-1	17	7	.708	9-2	8-5	UCF	7	2	.777	3-2	4-0	11	9	.555	6-6	5-3
Jacksonville	5	5	.500	3-3	2-2	10	12	.454	5-3	4-9	Mercer	6	3	.667	3-0	3-3	8	12	.400	4-2	4-10
Florida Atlantic	3	8	.273	2-4	1-4	7	16	.304	4-3	3-13	Jacksonville	3	6	.333	3-3	0-4	5	15	.250	4-7	1-8
Stetson	3	8	.273	2-4	1-4	5	15	.250	3-6	2-9	Stetson	3	6	.333	3-3	0-3	4	16	.200	4-7	0-9
Upcoming Games											Upcoming Games										
Feb. 13											Feb. 13										
Samford at Jax State 7:00 p.m.											Jacksonville at Jax State. 5:15 p.m.										
Belmont at Georgia St.											Belmont at Troy St.										
UCF at Jacksonville											Samford at Mercer										
Florida Atlantic at Stetson											Stetson at Georgia St.										
Feb. 14											Florida Atlantic at Campbell										
Campbell at Gardner-Webb											UCF at Gardner-Webb										

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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 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 him-

**"I push myself and have high expectations... my time will come to get a chance to play."**

—Brad Peters

self 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.

"I push myself and have high expectations," said Peters. "This year I'm getting into the program and my time will come to get a chance to play."

Peters is a walk on and is not seeing too many minutes to date but he knows he will make an impact on the court in the future. He wants to eventually be a leader on the team.

His teammates believe he can reach his potential. "Brad is one of the hardest workers during practice," said Gerald Storey, a freshman forward. "He has a bright future. If he keeps working hard, he will achieve his goals."

Peters' biggest goal is team orientated. He wants to expe-

rience a winning season and make it to the NCAA tournament. His coaches believe he can help them eventually get there. "Brad can shoot the ball, understands how to play and has a great work ethic," said head coach Mike LaPlante.

Peters is positive about his experience at JSU. He gets along great with his team and looks up to his coaches. Although sometimes athletes judge their impact on a team by the minutes they play and the points that they score, this is not always the case. All the players who are in the spotlight and receiving the glory would not be there without every single person on the team.

Peters has the potential to be 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 Drabyn 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 McMillan 10 and Register 10.

Adam Mark had 22 points and 10 rebounds for Belmont. Drabyn 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, 6-5 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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