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## Colleges seek funds, bond issue from Legislature

By the Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Universities are looking for big things from the new Alabama Legislature, including a 4 percent funding increase and the largest bond issue in state history. That bond issue could lead to improvements at JSU facilities, according to University administrators.

University leaders who appeared before the Legislature's Joint Budget Committee on Thursday shied away from the words "tax increase." Instead, they talked about Alabama citizens making a bigger investment in higher

education, like Georgia and Mississippi.

Robert Potts, president of the University of North Alabama and chairman of the Alabama Council of College and University Presidents, said, "We'd like to see the Legislature step up and present to the people a package of investments in education."

Malcolm Portera, chancellor of the University of Alabama System, said Alabama spends \$4,990 in state dollars on the average full-time student, which ranks 13th among 15 Southern states.

If Alabama spent as much as Mississippi (\$5,379), then Alabama's higher education system would get \$40

million more. If Alabama spent at Georgia's level (\$7,489), then an extra \$160 million would go to higher education in Alabama, Portera said.

"Until we have the courage to get a revenue stream — whether it's taxes, lottery or something else — we are never going to match Mississippi or Georgia," said state Sen. Rodger Smitherman, a Democrat who has the University of Alabama at Birmingham in his Senate district.

The Legislature's Joint Budget Committee has spent this week listening to budget requests from all segments of education. For legislators elected in November, it's a reality

check on whether they can keep the campaign promises they made last year.

The Legislature convenes March 4 to start writing the state budgets for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

State fiscal experts are predicting little extra money in fiscal 2004 to expand this year's \$4.1 billion education budget, but universities presented a budget proposal Thursday that calls for a 4 percent increase. They want to add \$34 million, from \$845 million to \$879 million.

Potts said what they would really like is a \$350 million increase for operations, plus a \$1 billion bond issue for

capital improvement projects. That would be nearly double the largest education bond issue ever approved by the Legislature — \$550 million in 1998.

William Fielding, JSU's vice president for administrative and business affairs said JSU's portion of that \$1 billion would be around \$40 million to \$50 million, intended to fund deferred maintenance. That's maintenance the University has delayed to save money, he said.

To achieve a \$1 billion bond issue, Potts said the Legislature must "do significant tax reform that results in addi

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## Police chase ends in police academy

By Miranda Bryant  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

After a police chase through campus, a JSU student is in the Jacksonville City Jail, according to Sgt. Bill Norris of Jacksonville Police.

William Caldwell, 25, was arrested last Tuesday inside Brewer Hall after police chased him from the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center.

The Calhoun County Sheriff's Department had a warrant for Caldwell's arrest for unauthorized use of a vehi-

cle, said Norris. The chase began when Norris recognized Caldwell walking toward the Stone Center.

"We've had numerous dealings with him," said Norris, "so I knew what he looked like."

Caldwell entered the Stone Center after Norris called out to him from the corner of Eleventh Street and Church Avenue. A faculty member pointed to the theater where Caldwell was believed to be, said Norris.

"I didn't continue chasing him in the theater because I didn't know the building,"

Norris said.

After Norris called city and University police for assistance, the area between the Stone Center and the ROTC building was surrounded. A JSUPD officer saw Caldwell run into Brewer Hall, the Northeast Alabama Police Academy.

JSUPD dispatchers received a call from an unnamed person inside Brewer Hall. Dispatchers relayed to officers

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## Only 30 candidates, 35 openings

A Park Place II resident checks out the damage caused when a student rammed a truck into an apartment early Friday morning. Jacksonville Police have a warrant for the arrest of the driver of the vehicle.

# Car crashes into student's apartment

By Miranda Bryant  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Two assault cases this month led to a vehicle crashing into Park Place II Apartments on Friday, according to University Deputy Police Chief Terry Schneider.

Michael Hendking and Antonio Burns are both JSU students, and Schneider said the two victims' assaults have been linked to the incident at Park Place II.

Hendking, 19, reported simple assault to the Jacksonville City Police Department on Feb. 7, at

Park Place II, according to police reports.

Suspects physically attacked Hendking while removing him from his vehicle in the apartment parking lot on Forney Avenue, said Schneider, causing the victim to temporarily lose consciousness. No weapons were used.

JSU police were called to assist city police at Hendking's apartment 19, said Schneider.

"Witnesses said the assault resulted from a situation earlier that night at Dee Ford's in Anniston," Schneider said. "They said suspects may have

followed him home from the bar."

The suspects in Hendking's assault were identified as three JSU students, said Schneider. The University administration removed two of them from campus after their hearings. The third suspect's hearing was scheduled for yesterday, after press time.

Criminal charges are pending until Hendking signs the warrants, said Cpl. Joey Martin of the JPD.

Burns, 21, reported assault to JSUPD Thursday night on the

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# Saddam challenges Bush to debate

By Niko Price  
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein indicated that he does not intend to follow U.N. orders to destroy his Al-Samoud 2 missiles, and challenged U.S. President George W. Bush to an internationally televised debate via satellite linkup.

In a three-hour interview Monday with CBS television, the Iraqi leader said he envisioned a live debate with Bush along the lines of those in a U.S.

presidential campaign, according to the network.

"I am ready," said the Iraqi president, "to conduct a direct dialogue - a debate - with your president. I will say what I want and he will say what he wants."

CBS said it planned to broadcast excerpts of the interview with Dan Rather, the CBS anchor, on Tuesday and the entire interview on Wednesday.



Saddam Hussein



George W. Bush

Regarding chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix's order that Iraq destroy its Al-Samoud 2

missiles, CBS quoted Saddam as saying: "Iraq is allowed to prepare proper missiles and we are committed to that."

Asked whether the Al-Samoud 2 missiles are "prop

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# Only 30 candidates, 35 openings

By Aubrey Vines  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A law was passed this year making students running for senators attend a mandatory meeting. Originally, there were 40 students running for 35 senator spots. After the meeting, there were only 30 students.

The meeting was mandatory because it was regarding rules senators needed to know about campaigning and voting. If they did not go to the meeting, they cannot run.

"The senators obviously felt it was important for them to be at this meeting and then some of them didn't show up," said Stephanie Janis, first vice president of the SGA. "They could have had their campaign manager come in their place but they didn't do that either."

Emily Williams, the new first vice president, will be appointing five more senators to fill the open spots. She already has a list of people who want to be senators that either did not turn in their forms or did not attend

the meeting.

"They shouldn't be senators if they can't come to a mandatory meeting," Janis said.

Some other changes that contributed to fewer senators, or fewer students running, was a higher GPA and a rule saying senators must serve on two active committees in the Senate. The GPA was raised from a 2.25 to a 2.3.

"There are things that make it harder, which is good. If they want to do this, they should have to work harder," said Janis.

# SGA campaigns in full swing

By Jamie M. Eubanks  
The Chanticleer News Editor

The signs are up, car chalk is flying and votes are being solicited for the SGA's executive board elections, which will be held March 4-5.

There may not be as many signs as past races. Only two positions are actually up for election — SGA president and vice president of organizational affairs.

SGA presidential candidate Chris Cook has the traditional "bed sheet" signs hanging along Highway 21 and Forney Avenue.

Cook has spent only \$75 on his campaign and said he is trying to use very little money.

"I don't really have a lot (of money)," Cook said. "My parents gave me some, but I'm trying to use as little as possible and still get my name out there."

Zach Kilgore, Cook's opponent, said he hasn't spent any money on his campaign so far.

"Most of the stuff I have has been donated," Kilgore said. "That still counts. I plan to spend, out of my pocket, around



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"Bed sheet" signs litter Highway 21 on JSU's campus. SGA elections are March 4-5 and candidates are using fliers, car chalk and signs like these.

\$100."

The donated materials total \$50, according to Kilgore. These materials include spray paint, bed sheets and computer paper.

Both candidates have slogans or "anti-slogans."

"I do it to just be the opposite of a slogan," Kilgore said. "It just says 'Zach' on it. People will see 'Zach' and wonder what it's about and then ... I hang one that says president on

it."

Cook has five or six slogans he is playing around with. They include "Take a look at Cook" and "Let's put a real Cook in the kitchen."

Jennifer Mince and Alesha Ingram are both vying for the position of vice president of organizational affairs. Both are using fliers, car chalk, bed

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## By the numbers:

Number of vacant seats on the senate after election day

5

## Gamecock Scoreboard:

Men's basketball:

Feb. 21 - JSU 78, Georgia State 76  
Tonight - at Gardner-Webb 7 p.m., 91.9 FM

Women's basketball:

Feb. 22 - Georgia State 91, JSU 70  
Tonight - at Gardner-Webb 5 p.m., 91.9 FM

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## Beatty comes home as alumni director SGA brings home Speakers' Cup

By Rosalind Moore  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Kaci Beatty, a graduate of Jacksonville State University and a former alumni field director, has been named the new Director of Alumni Affairs.

"The director is in charge of all chapter relations. JSU has various Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee chapters, and I want to get all of those chapters active," she said.

Beatty also talked about a program that many of the chapters are involved in which focuses on recruiting perspective students. She hopes to expand this service among the 40,000 alumni she is responsible for.

Her major goal as Alumni Director involves the chapters. She plans to visit chapter presidents and organizations a couple of times in the year for planning sessions. "Many of these alumni chapter presidents are complete volunteers," Beatty said. "It takes a lot of work to get alumni members to come back to chapter meetings because everyone is busy with family and other various stages of their lives like kids and soccer."

Beatty hopes to take the pressure away from these



New Alumni Director Kaci Beatty

volunteers by serving as a liaison and helping them establish active chapters.

Outside of working, Beatty stays active with her 3 1/2-year-old daughter, helps with the United Way and is a financial adviser for a sorority. Beatty currently resides in the west Georgia area, and is looking forward to becoming more involved in the community as a resident of Jacksonville.

"The thing I think about most in my experience as an undergraduate at JSU, is my involvement in a sorority and an officer of the Panhellenic council," she said. involvement in that over a course of time helped me to meet new people, and get involved in different things, and the opportunities that it me was probably my best spent time at JSU."

Beatty's most valuable advice to perspective students and JSU alumni is to become part of the JSU com-

munity by actively participating in its growth and change.

"Find your niche and get involved! We have found that those alumni who were involved in something will come back and be active in their area," she said.

"I don't think I really realized how much I loved JSU until I graduated. I had gotten a job in Atlanta, and on the weekends and my off days, I found myself coming back! My friends were still here and it was just like coming home. Every time I came back to JSU, it was like coming back to my second home!"

Joe Serviss, vice president for institutional advancement, who oversees Alumni Affairs, noted Beatty had worked in the alumni area before, and would do a great job as alumni director.

"There is no doubt that Ms. Beatty will do a great job. We chose Ms. Beatty because, among the applicants, her resume and interview were quite solid," he said.

Beatty is back at home and ready to tackle the important job of Alumni Director. Her office is located in the Alumni House and she can be reached by e-mail at kbeatty@jsucc.jsu.edu, or at 782-5405.

By Aubrey Vines  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The main item discussed at Monday night's Senate meeting was JSU's Speaker's Cup that was garnered at the Collegiate Legislature last weekend.

The SGA brought home a much-coveted award from their Collegiate Leg conference this weekend. JSU has not won the Speaker's Cup since 1997, so this was a big honor for them.

The SGA competed against various schools including Montevallo, the University of Alabama, and the University of

North Alabama. The award is for the most outstanding delegation and goes to the school that debates the best as a whole and can speak the best in Parliamentary Procedure.

JSU had several bills passed at the Collegiate Legislature. Senator Elizabeth Davis proposed a bill for a lottery to fund education and Senator Emily Williams sponsored a bill to cut Friday classes at colleges and universities.

SGA President Robert Hayes served as lieutenant governor, who also presides over the Senate.

Montevallo has won the past two years.

"They usually bring close to 50 people and with us being about half their size as far as delegation, it's a big deal for us to win," said Senator Amy Yancy.

JSU's SGA can win the award again next year, just like Montevallo has for two years. "The SGA president from Montevallo told us that if she could have lost it to anybody, she was glad she lost it to us," said Yancy. "Hopefully we'll get to keep it."

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that Caldwell was on the third floor in the men's restroom.

"No one was on the third floor," said Norris.

When police could not find Caldwell on the third floor, they started down stairs. That is when Sgt. Shawn Giddy of JSUPD looked inside the second floor men's restroom

where Caldwell was hiding.

"He was defensive, still trying to get loose," said Giddy.

Officers arrived to assist Giddy so Caldwell could be turned over to Calhoun County Sheriff's Deputy Wayne Turner, Norris said.

When Caldwell was released from the county jail, he was

then turned back over to Jacksonville City Police because he failed to pay charges from resisting arrest in January 2002.

"We have him putting in his time for not paying those charges," said Norris.

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front steps of Crow Hall, according to police records.

Burns was struck on the face near his left eye, Schneider said, causing bruises and discoloration. He declined medical attention directly after the assault but sought attention later.

Schneider said Burns it.

dropped his keys during the assault, and later his Nissan truck was rammed into Hendking's Park Place II apartment by a suspect whom police did not name. Damages were made to the outside of Hendking's living room window and the brick surrounding

There is a warrant issued for the suspect's arrest, Schneider said.

"We (JSUPD) and city police are taking every measure we can to assure the safety of the individuals assaulted," he said.

## CAMPUS CRIME

- Feb. 15—Leshunn Renee Mcleod, 20, was arrested by JSUPD for criminal trespassing at Fitzpatrick Hall room 114.
- Feb. 19—Leslie Daniel Hurst reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at the Delta Chi house in room 3. Stolen goods were valued at \$1,900, and \$100 worth of damage was reported.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



• **Alpha Xi Delta:** Thanks Panhellenic for a great Potluck dinner Thursday! Good luck on mid-terms. We're looking forward to our mixer this Thursday with KA! Sister of the week : Mary Barnett. New member of the week is Christina. Have a good week! **Contact:** Greta Goecker, 782-1024.

• **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:** Congrats to our new sisters: Brandy, Leanne, Lauren and Kelli. Welcome to DZ! We're excited to have our newest members: Kristi, Jessica, Jessie and Becca. Twisted sister goes to Alissa. Ken goes to Leanne and sister of the week is Molly. **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.

• **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 on March 5 at 6 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. **Contact:** 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](mailto:npenny@jsucc.jsu.edu)

• **The Public Relations Organization** needs PR majors to apply for next year's officer positions. **Contact:** Dr. Augustine Ihator, 782-8205.

• **SGA:** Congratulations to the JSU students from the SGA and Freshman Forum who competed at Collegiate Legislature last weekend and brought home the Speaker's Cup. Casino Night next Thursday in Leone Cole at 7 p.m. Want to help with events? Call 782-4491. Senate meetings Mondays at 6 p.m. in TMB. **Contact:** Andrew Symonds, 782-5495.

• **The Society of Professional Journalists** meets March 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the Self Hall Conference Room. We will nominate officer candidates! A resume/interview workshop is on March 19, from 3-5 p.m. in Self Hall room 214 and the conference room. Rick Bragg cancelled for March 12 due to impending war. **Contact:** Mike Stedham, 782-5713.

• **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](mailto:hamilton@jsucc.jsu.edu)

• **Zeta Tau Alpha:** Thanks to everyone who came and supported Big Man on Campus. Thanks also to Delta Zeta for helping us. Congratulations to all the winners! Also, congratulations to Cambrey Jordan, Emily Williams and Amy Yancy for being selected to serve as officers at the 2004 Collegiate Legislature! Have an awesome weekend everyone! **Contact:** Angela Estes, [Pinkgirl18200118@aol.com](mailto:Pinkgirl18200118@aol.com)

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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.

3. Stolen goods were valued at \$1,900, and \$100 worth of damage was reported.

• Feb. 20—Rikisha Foster, 23, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at the Theron Montgomery Building. A wallet and camera were stolen.

• Feb. 20—Antonio Burns, 21, reported simple assault to JSUPD occurring at the main entrance of Crow Hall.

• Feb. 20—Jessica Rae Benitez, 21, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring on Hwy. 204.

• Feb. 20—Katherine Brook Mitchell, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring on Hwy. 204.

• Feb. 20—Christopher Lee Holliday, 20, was arrested by JSUPD for criminal trespassing occurring at Fitzpatrick Hall room 114.

• Feb. 21—Andrew Lee Hunter, 18, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring on Mountain Street NW.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

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# Online copyrights bite student

By **Jamie M. Eubanks**  
The Chanticleer News Editor

A movie production company recently contacted JSU's computer services. A student downloaded a movie and violated their copyright restrictions, according to Randall Harper, director of computer services.

The download occurred in one of the residence halls. After the call came to computer services, they found where the violation had occurred through the network and turned the case over to student affairs.

"Many of the company's that have the copyrighted materials, particularly movie company's, contract with people that monitor that sort of thing. And they can identify exactly when that occurred, where that occurred. When there's a suspected violation we can look and see exactly where that occurred."

When students are in violation of the JSU rules and poli-

cies computer services can determine where that violation occurs. In this particular case, the information was turned over to student affairs. The policies and procedures said that student

affairs may require that their network access be terminated. Disciplinary action may be taken. Even, legal action could be taken.

The student only received a letter from the student affair's judicial coordinator. The letter notified the student they had violated the copyright.

"And what we realized was that we had not made the policy public information," said Dr. Alice Cusimano, associate vice president of student affairs. "This is really a new area for us and the ability for all of us to do

this. We did not implement a severe sanction. If it occurs again, there would be serious penalty. This was a warning letter.

"Perhaps, they are innocent in what they thought they were doing and not realizing that both the University has a policy, but it's also in our student code of conduct."

When students apply to connect to the residence hall network, they sign a contract that spells out all the acceptable uses of the network.

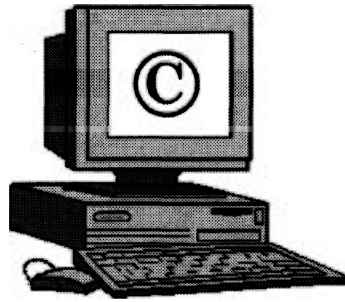
It states, in part, "Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threaten-

ing or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret."

The student handbook also sets guidelines for computer misuse — "any misuse of University personal computers is expressly prohibited."

JSU's network has a firewall, but its main purpose is to protect the University from hackers, according to Harper. It would, however, detect a student trying to send a "spam attack" — sending hundreds of e-mails at once.

"Jacksonville State University has spent a great deal of money providing Internet access in the residence halls," Harper said. "We did that to promote research and educational excellence for our students. We recognize the Internet will be used for some non-educational things, but students need to recognize they need to stay within the policies and the laws when they use the network."



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er," Saddam was quoted as replying: "We do not have missiles that go beyond the proscribed range.

The order was issued after international experts determined the missile flew farther than the 150-kilometer (93-mile) limit set down by the United Nations in 1991. Iraq maintains some of the missiles overshot the limit because they were tested without warheads and guidance systems.

"This is not a serious issue," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said of the reported debate offer. "There is no debating his need to disarm."

Fleischer said Saddam's comments about the Al Samouds represented "open defiance" of the United Nations. "He refuses

Nations to allow it to keep the missiles after technical modifications worked out in talks with U.N. technicians.

In New York, Blix said he was sending his chief deputy Demetrius Perricos to Baghdad to discuss the demand with Iraqi officials but that his order still stands.

"Well, we have set the date for the commencement of the destruction of these missiles and we expect that to be respected," Blix said. "There will be a discussion about the pace of the destruction and Mr. Perricos as my deputy, will be there for that purpose."

On Sunday, the reclusive Iraqi president met separately with Russian envoy Yevgeny Primakov, a former Soviet for-

ing he'll do anything that he reasonably can that is honorable and protective of the sovereignty of his people to prevent war."

But Clark, who said Saddam appeared "remarkably relaxed," also said the Iraqi president is convinced nothing he can do will prevent a U.S.-British attack because President Bush has already made up his mind.

"What he thinks is, no matter what Iraq's performance is, the president will attack," Clark said.

Earlier Monday, Fleischer said the destruction of Al Samoud 2 missiles would not satisfy Bush. He said stockpiles of sarin and VX nerve agent were still missing.

"This is not about public relations. This is about protect-

between us and (the weapons inspectors) and we hope that it will be settled," he said.

Those comments implied that Iraq was holding out hope that the missiles could be modified to allow them to remain in Baghdad's arsenal, possibly for use against invading U.S.-led forces.

The 150-kilometer (93-mile) limit — imposed after U.S.-led forces drove the Iraqi army from Kuwait — means Iraq is permitted to have missiles that could reach neighboring Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Syria and Jordan — but not Israel.

Earlier this month, Saddam gave his first Western television interview in more than a decade, speaking with a retired British lawmaker and peace activist.

# Riley wants report from each higher education institution

By the Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Gov. Bob Riley told higher education officials to have each institution report to him on what they're doing in technology development that creates jobs.

Riley and Chancellor Malcolm Portera of the University of Alabama System spoke to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education Friday.

ACHE, which oversees higher education, is developing a strategic plan for the schools as Riley considers options for handling a projected \$500 million budget shortfall for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Options include cutting spending and raising taxes and fees, but Riley has said he wants a comprehensive fix for Alabama's fiscal problems that would create a fairer tax structure. Business leaders are trying to gather support for a tax reform effort that would generate additional revenue.

Commission members, ACHE director Michael Malone and other higher education lead-

ers say schools need more money but that they realize they need to convince taxpayers they are spending their money wisely.

Riley told commissioners he wants each school to define its mission and come back to him with a plan that focuses on universities' ability to develop new technology, bring in federal research money and create jobs.

"Come back with a plan that will allow for an investment in higher education that turns into an economic benefit," Riley told the commissioners.

Portera said the state should be spending more on higher education.

"The present-day state commitment to higher education is insufficient," Portera said. "At a point when the state tax system is addressed, the state has to invest more in higher education."

But to win support for and effectively invest any new revenue, he said, Alabama colleges and universities need to prove they are responsible with the money they have.

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sheets and spray paint.

"I thought about doing pep-permits or something in the TMB," Mince said, "but I thought that had the potential to go really bad, really quick. I was just afraid someone would pour the whole bucket in there and throw them away. And when you put up signs, people tear them down."

All the candidates are experiencing this. Kilgore and Cook have discussed the issue, because people are accusing the candidates of tearing down their opponent's signs, according to

catching attention.

"I do, like, Matt Foley and the motivational speaker," Mince said. If you make people crack a smile, they remember you. Most people don't want to read a 40 foot long poster about what you did in high school.

Ingram's slogan is "Serving you now and I'm looking forward to serving you later." She is currently serving as president of the Organizational Council, which is one of the job description of the vice president of organizational affairs.

The most effective campaign-

represented "open defiance" of the United Nations. "He refuses even to acknowledge that the weapons are prohibited," Fleischer said.

Iraq has until the end of the week to begin destroying the missiles, components and other related systems.

If it refuses, U.N. officials said Blix is likely to report the failure to the Security Council, which would then have to decide on any action. A refusal could give impetus to a draft U.N. resolution submitted Monday by the United States, Britain and Spain that would pave the way for war.

Iraq had suggested it was trying to persuade the United

with Russian envoy Yevgeny Primakov, a former Soviet foreign minister and Russian prime minister, and Ramsey Clark, a former U.S. attorney-general prominent in the global anti-war movement.

Saddam told Primakov he would cooperate completely with U.N. inspectors tasked with verifying that Iraq has rid itself of weapons of mass destruction, Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"Saddam Hussein said that there will be no hindrances to the work of inspectors," the ministry said.

Clark came away with a similar impression, telling The Associated Press: "He's think-

"This is not about public relations. This is about protecting the lives of the American people," Fleischer said. "If Saddam Hussein destroys the missiles that he said he never had ... you've got to wonder what other weapons does he have?"

Iraq declared the existence of the Al Samoud 2s as a short range missile in its 12,000-page report to the United Nations in December.

A top adviser to Saddam, Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi, said Monday that Iraq was still drafting its response to the order that Iraq begin destroying the missiles by Saturday.

"There is an open dialogue

speaking with a retired British lawmaker and peace activist, Tony Benn.

Saddam gave several interviews during the Gulf War in early 1991.

In one famous encounter, he spoke in a bungalow in Baghdad with Peter Arnett, CNN's correspondent in Iraq. Arnett quoted Saddam as saying he could not predict how long the war would last but promised "lots of blood will be shed on every side" and said he was confident Iraq would prevail. Iraq was routed in that war, which started after it invaded neighboring Kuwait.

candidate of tearing down their opponent's signs, according to Kilgore.

Mince isn't using any slogans, but she said her Saturday Night Live fliers are really

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tional revenue."

The university presidents did not make any specific recommendations regarding taxes. Instead, they are waiting to see the recommendations from Gov. Bob Riley's commissions on education spending and constitutional revision. The commissions are supposed to report during the Legislature's spring session.

"The governor has got to take the lead," Potts said.

organizational affairs. The most effective campaigning Ingram has done is by word of mouth, she said.

"Personal contact is always the best way," she said.

Legislators said all kinds of ideas are being discussed — from enacting a temporary sales tax to removing some income tax deductions — but nothing will get serious consideration until Riley lays out his position.

"My colleagues are looking for the governor to take the leadership," Smitherman said.

• *Chanticleer staff reports contributed to this Associated Press story.*

## Four killed, one injured in Huntsville shooting

By Jay Reeves  
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A "very unstable" man looking for work opened fire at a temporary employment agency during an argument over a CD player Tuesday, killing four fellow job-seekers and wounding a fifth, police said.

Hours later, the gunman surrendered after a standoff at his apartment, where police had tracked him down using the address he had put on his job applications, authorities said. Authorities had turned off the building's electricity while the temperature was near freezing.

The suspect's name was not immediately released.

Police said the man shot at officers early in the standoff.

The killings took place about 6:30 a.m. in the lobby of Labor Ready Inc., where as many as 15 people were gathered, waiting for work.

"A fight broke out among two groups of men over a CD player," said police spokesman Wendell Johnson.

The man who did the shooting regularly went to the office looking for work and was well known both to employees and

other laborers, he said.

"People who know him say he is a very unstable individual," said Johnson. He did not elaborate.

Michael Tucker Jr. said his father was in the office and told him the argument "was all over something about CDs and \$20. There was some guys picking at (the gunman) and pushing him, laughing at him. They pushed him into a corner."

Patricia Johnson, 38, told The Huntsville Times that the gunman turned his weapon on her and pulled the trigger, but the handgun did not fire. She ran into a closet where three or four people already were hiding.

Three people were dead at the scene and a fourth died during surgery. Police said the wounded man was hit in the leg.

The gunman drove off after the shooting.

Labor Ready, based in Tacoma, Wash., describes itself as the nation's largest provider of temporary manual labor for light industry and small businesses.

The Labor Ready office is next to a building that houses law enforcement agencies, including state troopers and investigators for the sheriff's department.

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# OPINION

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## In Our View

### Let students save money

Students will get the opportunity on Tuesday and Wednesday to go to the polls and select next year's leaders of the Student Government Association. Well, some of those leaders, anyway.

We can only hope that more people show up to vote than showed up to run.

There will be just 30 candidates on the ballot for the 35 Senate seats, so next year's Senate is already decided, without input from the student body. The 30 who showed up to run will constitute next year's Senate.

If ever there was a sign that there's a system in need of change, it's this. Hopefully, those elected will support reforming the Senate election system, so that this doesn't happen again.

Mardracus Russell is the only candidate for vice president of student activities. As such, he'll automatically assume the duties of that office, which includes planning and staging next year's SGA-sponsored entertainment and activities. The same is true of Emily Williams, the only candidate for vice president of the student Senate. She'll oversee the affairs of the 30 people who showed up to run for that body.

Jennifer Mince and Alesha Ingram are seeking election as vice president for organizational affairs. It's a revised version of the SGA's comptroller office. The Senate has added to that office's financial duties the responsibility of presiding over the Organizational Council.

With that in mind, we recommend Ingram for the job. She already serves as the OC's president under its current rules, and would retain that office if she wins this vice presidency. As such, she already knows the challenges of and potential for that body. Mince would be a fine choice, were Ingram not running. She has served well in the Senate, and we hope she'll fill one of its five vacancies in the fall.

Students' only other choice is for the office of President. Chris Cook and Zach Kilgore are the candidates for this top office. Neither of them put forward any specific proposals in speeches last week, but each has said he'd support asking the University for a system to tell students earlier what books are required for their classes. This would let students shop around earlier to get the best price.

We asked each candidate if he'd support reforming the Senate's election system so that Senators are elected by college, rather than electing all 35 at large. Cook said he didn't see "any harm or gain out of it right now," and said he'd need to get more information on the idea before making up his mind.

Kilgore on the other hand said, "I like the way we're going with it right now, because it seems to be working." When there are more available offices than there are candidates for them, the system is not working. Something needs to change, and the Senate election system is a good first target.

Based on that question, we support Chris Cook for the presidency. Both men are qualified, with the experience to do the job, but Cook has the edge on Kilgore in at least keeping an open

## U.S. shouldn't legalize a destructive desire that's bad for health, morals

By Mark Weisbrot  
KRT Forum

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — In his January State of the Union address, President Bush said, "Another cause of hopelessness is addiction to drugs. Addiction crowds out friendship, ambition, moral conviction, and reduces all the richness of life to a single destructive desire." He asked for \$600 million more to treat another 300,000 addicts.

Only a week earlier The Journal of the American Medical Association reported a study confirming the gateway hypothesis that youthful use of marijuana leads to later use of cocaine, heroin and other drugs — and to addiction. The president is hoping to save 300,000 of those current and future addicts before they are lost for good.

Perhaps "destructive desire" and gateway risk were on the minds of voters last November

as they dealt a significant setback to state initiatives legalizing pot. In Ohio, Arizona, Nevada and South Dakota voters overwhelmingly rejected the opportunity to oppose the drug war instead of the drugs.

This is quite a shift from the years between 1996 and 2000 in which the proponents of drug legalization marched from victory to victory until, by the end of 2000, eight states had approved the smoking of marijuana as medicine and the weakening of anti-drug laws. Well-funded legalizers crafted a message of compassion for the sick and wrongly incarcerated, and the voters bought it.

Based on that background, many expected more drug approval from the states targeted in 2002. Time magazine extolled "The New Politics of Pot," and mused "Can it go legit? How the people who brought you medical marijuana have set their sights on lifting the ban for everyone."

This time it didn't work. The pro-drug initiatives went down by 61 percent in Nevada; by 67 percent in Ohio; by 57 percent in Arizona; and by 63 percent in South Dakota. In Michigan and Florida, pro-drug initiatives were beaten back before making it to the ballot.

What turned the tide? Possibly it was that very recognition of deceit in the medical claims for smoked marijuana and the fiction that rapists and murders are going free while police fill jails with "nonviolent marijuana users." Perhaps voters simply realized that they had been lied to, and that legalization would only spread more drug misery.

The voters were right. A joint of today's super-strength marijuana is not medicine — and it is not innocent fun. Marijuana enfeebles the immune system; it produces five times the lung damage of tobacco; it assaults the brain and nervous system in the same way as heroin or

cocaine, priming the brain for serious addiction.

Pot erodes memory and learning. It impairs the ability to judge and react. Marijuana accounted for 110,512 emergency room episodes in 2001. The prospect of a drugged citizenry, moreover, does not bode well for a free society.

Legalization comes with the code words medicalization, decriminalization and "harm reduction;" along with the claim is that the war on drugs is "lost" and must be abandoned.

The war on drugs is not lost. A tough and integrated drug strategy based on interdiction, treatment, prevention and law enforcement cut drug use by half — and by up to 81 percent among teens — during the 1980s. Those strategies are being applied today and teen drug use, following a 1990s increase, is again headed down.

Legalizing drugs means more drugs and more drug addicts for whom, said the President, "the fight against drugs is a fight for their own lives." To be sure, "destructive desire" is not something to enshrine into law.

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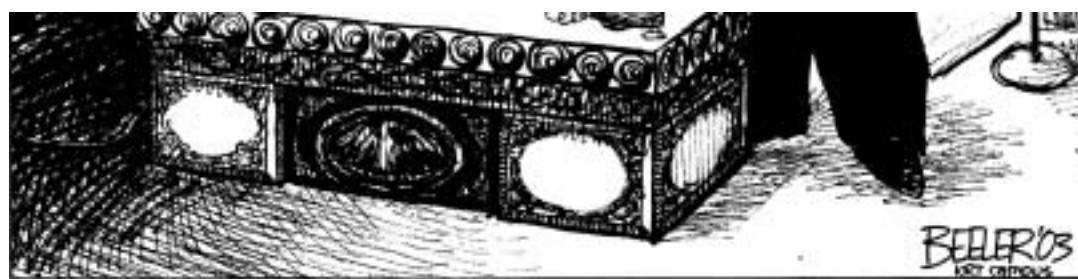
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gency. Both men are qualified, with the experience to do the job, but Cook has the edge on Kilgore in at least keeping an open mind about reform. Since there will be vacancies in the Senate we hope Kilgore will return to that body if Cook wins.

You don't have to vote by our recommendations, but we hope you at least vote. Even if you're only making a difference in two out of 39 offices, the people you choose may have a big impact on how many candidates you have to choose from next year.



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## IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**“Do you plan to vote in the SGA Elections next month? Why or why not?”**

*--Compiled by  
Stephanie Pendergrass  
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**Brooke Bell**  
Senior  
Criminal justice

*“Yes, because I vote in every election and elections are the way we change things on campus.”*



**Cole Burgess**  
Freshman  
Business

*“Yes, because I believe in the SGA, to help the students care about our school.”*



**Phillip David Cox**  
Junior  
Criminal justice

*“Yes, because I care about my school.”*



**Clifshaun McElroy**  
Junior  
Nursing

*“Yes, because I know someone who is running and because I care what goes on in my school.”*



**Eric Strawhand**  
Freshman  
Business

*“Yes, I will vote because I know it can make a difference.”*

# U.S. wastes \$10 billion annually prosecuting productive citizens

**By Keith Stroup**  
*KRT Forum*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Marijuana prohibition is a failed public policy that is wasting valuable law enforcement resources, and needlessly destroying the lives and careers of hundreds of thousands of good, productive citizens each year in this country. The costs of prohibition are far worse than any harm that may be caused by marijuana itself.

We spend an estimated \$10 billion annually in a futile effort to identify, arrest and prosecute marijuana smokers and those from whom they purchase the drug.

This is an almost unbelievably stupid use of resources that should instead be fighting serious and violent crime, including terrorism. Is anyone really

more frightened by marijuana smoking than by violent crime? Who decides these priorities?

The result is that more than 700,000 Americans are arrested on marijuana charges each year, and 88 percent of those arrests are for simple possession of marijuana, not cultivation or sale.

We have declared war against a whole segment of our population, without cause. The vast majority of marijuana smokers are good citizens who work hard, raise families, pay taxes, and contribute in a positive manner to their communities. They are not criminals, and we must stop treating them like criminals.

Treating the responsible use of marijuana by adults as a criminal matter is a misapplication of the criminal sanction and invites government into areas of our private lives that are inappropriate.

Most of us agree that the government has no business coming into our home to learn what books we are reading, the subject of our personal telephone conversations, or how we conduct ourselves in the privacy of our bedroom.

Similarly, the government has no business getting involved in the decision of whether we smoke marijuana or drink alcohol when we relax in the evening. In a free society, those are decisions we permit the individual to make, free from government interference.

In 1977, then President Jimmy Carter, in a speech to Congress calling on lawmakers to decriminalize minor marijuana offenses, said, “Penalties against drug use should not be more damaging to an individual than the use of the drug itself. Nowhere is this more clear than in the laws against the pos-

session of marijuana in private for personal use.”

Carter’s words remain true. It is time we stopped arresting responsible citizens who happen to be marijuana smokers.

Additionally NORML supports the establishment of a legally regulated market for marijuana, with age and quality controls, where consumers could buy marijuana for personal use from a safe legal source.

As we learned with our failed experiment with alcohol prohibition in this country, only a legally regulated system will eliminate the crime, corruption and violence associated with a “black market.”

Let’s end this misguided war against our own citizens and stop arresting responsible adult marijuana smokers.

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# FEATURES

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## Rating professors has never been easier Somebody call the fashion militia

*RateMyProfessors.com gives students power to anonymously rate their professors*

By Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer Features Editor

Experienced students now have a way to warn registering newcomers which professors are best, and which ones to stay away from.

RateMyProfessors.com started in 1999 as a small Web site with about 50 visitors a week, said John Swapceinski, the site's founder and president. The site now sees over 200,000 a month.

He started the Web site after taking a course taught by a "dastardly professor" he had as a student at San Jose State University in California. "Later, I thought to myself, 'If only there had been a Web site where I could have found out about her ahead of time, I could have saved myself all this misery,'" he said.

With the inspiration from his miserable Computer Operating Systems professor, he started to work on the site.

The site currently has 2,710

schools listed. A total of 569,912 students have rated the over 130,000 professors listed, as of Monday. Jacksonville State University is one of 62 schools in Alabama listed.

The number of ratings, schools listed and professors rated changes every day.

The JSU listing, as of Monday, has 88 professors.

Psychology professor Mike Clayton is one of them.

Out of the three categories professors are rated on — easiness, helpfulness and clarity — Clayton received a 5 out of 5 rating. He also got one vote for sexiness, earning a chili pepper icon next to his name. "I did?" he asked. "Oh cool."

The rating system allows students to include what course they took with the professor, give a rating on a scale of one to five in the three categories and include short comments about the professor. "I think it's good to have some rating of the professors where students can

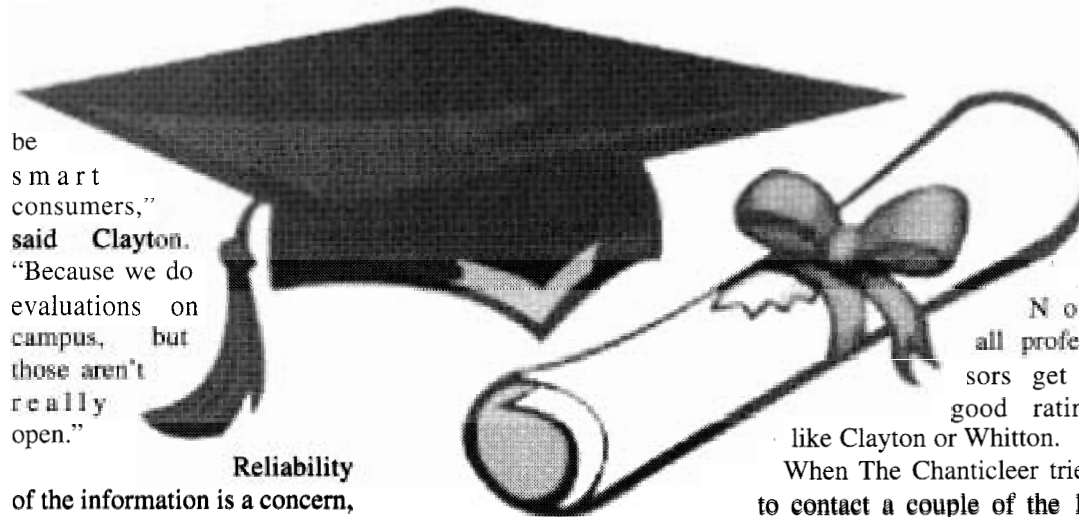
be smart consumers," said Clayton. "Because we do evaluations on campus, but those aren't really open."

Reliability of the information is a concern, however. Since students can enter any name they want for a professor and are not required to enter any information about themselves, dependability is an issue.

"I wonder how the Web site even knows that we're professors here, because you can put anybody's name," Clayton said.

Dr. Steven Whitton, a JSU English professor, who is also listed, agreed.

"It's not any kind of controlled survey or anything," he



Not all professors get a good rating

like Clayton or Whitton.

When The Chanticleer tried to contact a couple of the 13 JSU professors who received poor ratings, no one responded.

RateMyProfessors.com receives about one threat of legal action per week from professors who are dissatisfied with their ratings, Swapceinski said. "Generally, I ignore them," he said.

"I think it's kind of fun," Whitton said. "I wished we had something like this when I was in school."

said. "But, I think it's good for information."

Whitton currently has an overall 4.1 rating. "Dr. Whitton is a very thorough professor," one student commented on the site. "He enjoys commentary from the class."

Getting feedback from students is a helpful tool in improving the way he teaches class, Whitton said. "I guess [the rating I received] shows that what I'm trying to do in class is working," he said.

## IRS encouraging e-filing

Review by Sam Diaz

Knight Ridder Newspapers

The Internal Revenue Service wants you to think twice before dropping your income tax return into a mailbox this year.

For the next few months, the IRS will be trying to persuade taxpayers across the country to file their federal tax returns by

speeds up the time it takes to send out a refund check. Some of you, the campaign will say, may be eligible for free electronic filing.

All that was enough to convince Shane Carter, a San Jose, Calif., husband and father of three, to give it a try. Carter, 37, was out on disability for a part of last year, which resulted in a significant drop in his adjusted

should arrive within 10 days. "I would do it again," he said. "I was happy with it."

Last year, about 47 million returns were filed electronically. But that only accounts for about 36 percent of the 132 million total returns filed, a far cry from the congressional goal of 80 percent by 2007.

That's why the IRS, partnered with 17 private online tax preparers

## JSU goes international

*International Week begins Monday with a week's worth of events for all students*

By Summer Rogers

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

March 2-8 marks International Week, hosted by the International Student Organization.

International Week is a cul-

student body and students are especially encouraged to come and be a team member.

On Monday ISO on the Quad will be held. This is a social gathering that is held "in order to make students more aware of International Week."

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer  
Features Editor



Could we please discuss the fashion trends as of late? It's not very often you'll see me talk about fashion, because I, of all people in this world, am not a fashion queen.

However, I do find some of the fashion trends over the past year quite puzzling.

First, the tank tops with one strap really bother me. You know, the ones that make skinny girls look like Tarzan's girlfriend and the overweight ones like they're about to fall out of the side of it. I have yet to see anyone that looks attractive in these lopsided tops.

Although not a very new trend, the capri pants make no sense either. These are the pants you wear if you can't decide on shorts or pants. Or perhaps your ankles are cute, but your legs are fat. In my case, it would be nice legs but no tan. Whatever the reason, I say choose — pants or shorts.

The wrap-around shirt is a recent hot thing. I see at least one poor girl in the bar every

taxpayers across the country to file their federal tax returns by computer, instead of through the U.S. mail.

To sweeten the prospects, the feds, along with a list of private tax preparation companies, are publicizing free e-filing services for some taxpayers.

You'll see commercials, billboards and newspaper ads telling you how electronic filing increases the accuracy of your return, reduces the time it takes to process your tax forms and

of last year, which resulted in a significant drop in his adjusted gross income, making him eligible for the free services.

In early February, he logged on, prepared his return and filed over the Internet, all in less than one hour.

"It was easy," he said. "It was pretty user-friendly. I'm no computer guru, so for me to be able to do it says a lot."

Within 24 hours, the IRS notified him that the return was accepted and that a refund check

That's why the IRS, partnered with 17 private online tax preparation companies, has launched the Free File campaign to entice specific groups of taxpayers.

The campaign targets young adults, senior citizens and taxpayers whose AGI, adjusted gross income, not to be confused with gross income — falls under a certain level, usually in the \$25,000 to \$30,000 range but as high as \$50,000.

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Organization.

International Week is a cultural event that highlights different countries around the world and the ISO plans a different event every day of the week.

Sunday, March 2, the ISO will be holding a soccer and volleyball tournament at 2 p.m. at Stephenson Field. Everyone is welcome to come and participate, however, the event is held mainly for the

more aware of International Week," said Debbie Russell, who is helping to sponsor the week's events.

ISO on the Quad will be held from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and hamburgers and hotdogs will be served. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

On Tuesday the ISO Silent Auction will be held. This event will be from 10 a.m. to

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one poor girl in the bar every Wednesday wearing one of these. This shirt is the one that appears to be hanging on the boobs by a prayer.

The style of the shirt emulates the way you put a sweater on and then wrap the unbuttoned flaps around your body when you go out to check the mail. Except this shirt doesn't cover your front side. The shirt allows you to show off your chest without showing the boobs, but the part of the shirt that gets on my nerves is when the girl turns sideways, you get a flash of one boob.

And get one of these girls that are wearing this shirt excited. They'll jump up and down, do the arm waving thing girls do when they see a cute boy they are going to hug and BAM — nothing but boob. It's a pitiful way to get attention actually.

Another fashion trend I don't understand is the super long coats, especially the ones with the fake fur that actually looks like the hair on a ratty stuffed dog I've had since I was five. I understand that fur is a big fashion don't, but why make the coat look like you picked it up out of the dumpster?

I really would like to know who made it cool for girls to wear ties. I haven't seen much of this in Jacksonville, but if you look in some top fashion magazines and clothing catalogs, you can easily spot some cute chick wearing a newsboy hat and a tie with a feminine button-up shirt and some pin-striped pants. The shirt and pants would be just fine on their own, but no. I guess next kilts will be in style for guys.

I'm all for wearing what makes you feel beautiful, but don't look for me in any of these fashion uglies

## 'Jesus Christ Superstar' rocks the stage



**Review by Danni Lusk**  
*The Chanticleer Features Editor*

When I began college, I decided I was going to become "cultured." I was going to get familiar with the local music scene, be acquainted with the library and make it a regular event to attend local plays.

One of the plays I had heard was absolutely fabulous was "Jesus Christ Superstar," so when I saw the musical listed on this year's drama department schedule, I was ecstatic.

The rock opera premiered on the JSU stage this past weekend. It will run again tonight through Sunday afternoon.

The musical, director Freddie Clements told me, was not intended to be anything like the movie. So, I did not expect that.

I did expect a music and dance explosion on stage with higher-end talent from the students and great costumes and

scenery to match.

The music is superb. Clements had told me in a recent interview that Mark Fifer, music department faculty member, had chosen some of the top musicians in his department to participate in the orchestra. And I could tell.

The costumes are well-made and modern, containing just enough color and showy material to grab my attention, yet did not distract me from the action. I especially liked the whores' costumes. They were revealing enough to appear slightly trashy for the days of Jesus and still were covered enough so that a 10-year old could see the play without asking questions afterwards.

Lighting played a big role when using the gigantic sprawl of scenery, which was easily used for every scene in the musical. With the use of creative lighting, one tier of the scenery went from being a

dancing spot for a whore to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus wept just before he was arrested.

To add to the degree of musical talent, the vocalists, for the most part, are wonderful. The JSU A Capella Choir assists in back-up vocals. Some of the most dramatic parts of the play are heightened by the smooth, low-toned voices of the choir in the background.

Mary Magdalene, played by Judy Holt, was my favorite vocalist. Her voice was the most interesting part of the whole play. From low note to high, she had every part down and sang with a calm assurance that everything is going to be all right. In her solo, "I Don't Know How to Love Him," I found myself almost hypnotized by her convincing voice.

Pilate, played by Jason

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Both photos courtesy the JSU Drama Dept.

left: Jesus (Casey Campbell) stands with Mary Magdalene (Judy Holt).  
above: Jesus' last supper with the 12 disciples.

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6:30 p.m. at the International House. The auction is a fundraiser for the ISO.

International students will donate things such as trinkets, vests, clothes and other culturally diverse items from other countries and anyone can bid on them. Once the bidding is over, the person with the highest bid will be contacted.

Next is the International House Event, which is scheduled for Wednesday at 9 p.m. Students who live at the International House hold this event and usually sing or act.

On Thursday the ISO will support the SGA's Casino Night. No other events are planned for that evening.

Friday at 7 p.m. is the Be Latino! Songs From Latin America event at the Leone Cole Auditorium. This will be a

Latin song and dance production and many small children from surrounding elementary schools will be participating in it. There is no admission fee for students and faculty.

Finally, the last and most popular event is the International Taster's Fair and Talent Show. This event consists of approximately 25 International students cooking dishes from their homecountries and giving out samples. This will be held in the Leone Cole Auditorium at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Admission is free, however, ISO will be asking for a donation of \$2 in order to participate in their raffle. The ISO will give away an item from another country. Also at this event a fashion show will be held, showing how other cultures dress, and there will also be singing and performing.

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Bozeman, was another vocal highlight. His first appearance on stage was a pleasant surprise. As the light rose from total darkness, Pilate is standing on an upper tier of the set, looking down on the audience. His position on stage, is much like his voice, obvious and overpowering. His tenor, and sometimes bass, sound commands attention from the audience and shows true emotion in every song.

With all this talent, from costuming to music, I expected the show to be near flawless.

But, it wasn't.

Technical difficulties with the microphones plagued the beginning, and near middle, of the show, completely distracting me and others around me, from what was happening in

the story.

Also, some of the music, that I would hope was tailored to the cast members' voices, did not match some of their ranges. A few times I found myself almost covering my ears in agony as some actors attempted to hit notes they were never meant to hit.

If these notes were an attempt to show excruciating pain or a dramatic point in the story, they did neither. They only distracted me from what was happening in the story because for a few moments afterwards, I was glancing at the person next to me who also had a painful look on his face.

Aside from the talent and the mistakes, in the end I was left with the impression that the musical is indeed "powerful," just as Clements told me.

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In most cases, those who can file the 1040EZ form would qualify for the free service.

The Free File Web site, found by a link at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), explains the rules by listing each of the 17 companies and a quick breakdown of their specific guidelines.

H&R Block Online, for example, offers free e-filing to individuals and families that either qualify for the Earned Income Credit or have an AGI of \$28,000 or less. TaxAct.com will prepare and e-file your taxes free of charge if you qualify for the 1040EZ form or have an AGI of \$50,000 or more. At

other sites, you need only be under age 20, over age 50 or active duty military to qualify. Some sites even make the free service available to those living in a specific state.

The overall goal, said IRS spokesman Terry Lute, is to show taxpayers that e-filing is a better way to file and to change the annual filing habits.

H&R Block, which started offering e-filing in 1986, the same year the IRS started accepting electronic returns, e-filed about 85 percent of its customers' returns last year. In most cases, e-filing was included in the tax preparation fee.

"Now, that's pretty much the way returns are handled," said

Eddie Feinstein, vice president of Electronic Administration for H&R Block. "Some taxpayers are resistant to change, though. They want to file on paper." Those are the folks the IRS wants to sway toward e-filing.

Already, the IRS is coming up with new incentives to introduce taxpayers to e-filing. Next year, for example, the filing deadline for those who file electronically is expected to be pushed to April 30, a penalty-free extension beyond the traditional April 15 deadline.

"Unlike many companies, we have to target every person in America," Lute said. "We're trying to organize around the role of the taxpayer, whether it's

an individual or a business. We're working diligently with innovations like this."

The IRS's motivation partially comes from the federal Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, which was passed by Congress to reduce the burden of paperwork on individuals, businesses and government agencies. The other part stems from the IRS trying to become a more efficient agency.

"There are a lot of services that taxpayers need," Lute said. "We want to provide more support in our walk-in offices, for example. But we need to move our resources away from people sitting there keying in numbers off paper returns."

# Rob Schneider makes one 'hot chick'

By **Danni Lusk**  
*The Chanticleer Features Editor*

Rob Schneider has made a cross-dressing comeback from his box office stink bomb, "The Animal."

His latest comedy "The Hot Chick" is one of the best former-SNL family member's films.

In the movie, a bitchy high-school blondie named Jessica (Rachel McAdams) wakes up to discover that she has switched bodies with a 30-year-old man (Rob Schneider).

The male version of Jessica searches for the reason why this happened and along the way discovers a lot about men (and their body parts) and herself.

The movie is a funny look at the differences between men and women and the questions each have about the opposite gender.

When Jessica first discovers she is a man, she turns to her best friend April (Anna Faris). While in Jessica's bedroom, the

virginal April listens intently to Jessica's plight and then abruptly interrupts her asking, "Can I see it?" as she darts her eyes to Jessica's crotch. This curiosity continues throughout the film when eventually all of Jessica's friends ask to see her new package.

After several hours of adjusting to being a man, Jessica attempts to shave all her body hair. We then see Jessica in the next shot with dots of toilet paper all over her face.

The 30-year-old man, who has Jessica's body, does what almost every man with a woman's body would do: he strips at a local club and walks the street corners to pick up some extra cash exploiting it.

Adam Sandler appears in the film as a small part, adding to the Saturday Night Live feel of the comedy. There are also cameos by Tia and Tamara Mowry (Sister, Sister) and singer/songwriter Michelle Branch.

There are not many well-



*Courtesy Touchstone*  
Anna Faris (l) and Melora Hardin star alongside Rob Schneider in his latest comedy "The Hot Chick."

known actors or actresses in the movie other than Schneider himself, Sandler and Anna Faris, who played Cindy in Scary Movie and Scary Movie 2.

Although there are not many recognizable actors, the quality of acting was not too bad. It def-

initely had a teen-movie feel to it, but what else can you expect from a movie about a 17-year-old girl and her daily life in high school?

Despite the teen-movie feel, anyone over the age of 13 (because the film is rated PG-13) can enjoy this movie.

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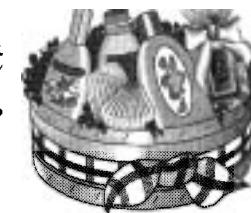
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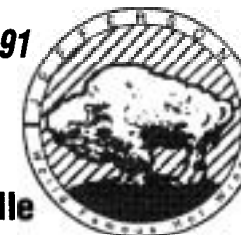
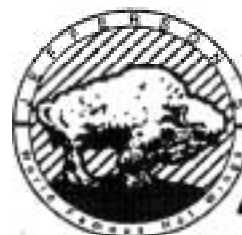
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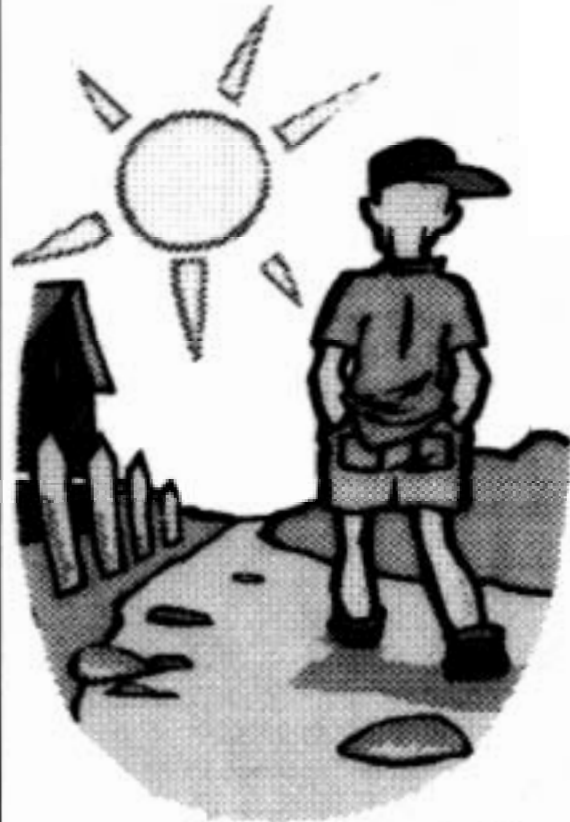
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# SPORTS

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**NASCAR:  
South's sport  
bought & sold**

By  
**J. Wilson Guthrie**  
The Chanticleer  
Sports Editor



Junior's woes continued and Jarret took the flag this weekend. Kurt Busch led but just couldn't hold him off.

If you understand that then you are a fan. Or at least that used to be true. It, at one time, was a handful of die-hard race fans that went down to Talladega or Daytona and had a great time, but sometimes didn't remember that they had even been to a race.

Now NASCAR racing is becoming a family affair. The commercialism has finally hit the one thing that I figured, it never would. Big business has come to the South.

Now before people get angry, I have to clear some things up. First, sponsors have always been a part of racing. I mean, Richard Petty is still known by many as the STP car. Many racers make their sponsors as famous or infamous as they are. But the AOL-Time-Warner car is just a little too much. And the Army of One car?

Other things are changing too. Fox, with their cute little cutaway car, isn't helping matters either. I can remember watching a race, just a few years ago, were there was little

## Men clinch A-Sun tourney spot

By **J. Wilson Guthrie**  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Gamecocks clinched a birth in the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament Saturday with a 78-76 overtime nail-biter win over Georgia State at GSU Sports arena.

JSU again posted four players in double digit points. Senior Jay Heard led the Gamecocks with 22 points and four boards. Omar Barlett followed Heard with 13, and Poonie Richardson was close behind him with 12. Scott Watson came off the bench for 11 points and 28 minutes of court time, and James Denson snagged a career high 10 boards.

Center Nate Williams topped the Panthers with 19 points and 7 boards. Trello Galloway clocked in with a double-double dropping 18 points and 10 rebounds. Two other Panthers came in with doubles, Lamont McIntosh with 15 and Cedric Patton with 11.

Both teams played near identical shooting games with JSU going 46.9 percent shooting to GSU's 48.3 percent. But the tale was JSU shooting 10-of-28 3-pointers to the Panther's 4-of-10. Both teams were true from

the line with the Gamecocks shooting 66.7 percent to GSU's 63.6 percent.

GSU jumped to a quick 3-point lead on a shot by Patton, as the Panthers held the hungry Gamecocks at bay for nearly 10 minutes of the first half. With 8:35 remaining in the half, Watson set up Heard for a lead-taking 3 that gave the Gamecocks their first lead.

JSU would fight out to as much as a 7-point lead during the half, but the Panthers kept the game close with critical rebounds and capitalizing on JSU's key missed shots.

A jumper at the buzzer by Richardson would give the Gamecocks a basket-lead into the locker room.

The Gamecocks barreled out of the gates to open the second half with a 6-0 run. Led by Barlett, Heard and offensive rebounding, the Gamecocks held the lead until turnovers led to the 67-67 tie with 1:27 remaining in the game.

The lead came off of two foul shots by McIntosh, who turned into a one-man team grabbing a rebound off Denson and hitting a jumper to take the lead to three.

The Gamecocks, who were feeling the guaranteed A-Sun

bid slipping away, came back in rare fashion with Heard feeding Richardson for a game-tying 3. But the Panther's had not accepted overtime yet as Herman Favors went for a lay-up with no time remaining, but Barlett sealed the game extension with a block.

In OT JSU grabbed a quick lead only to be brought back to a tie. Barlett picked up the 3-point play as his layup rolled in and he picked up the foul. McIntosh had a chance to give GSU what would have been their only lead in the extension.

JSU took a 4-point lead with 1:28 remaining and the Panthers followed with a quick layup to bring them to within striking distance with a 3.

But the Gamecocks would hold on as McIntosh's final attempt didn't fall.

The win gave head coach Mike LaPlante his first conference road win of the year, and his second overtime win on the year.

The Gamecocks are now tied with in-state rival Samford for the No. 2 spot in the A-Sun North and return to action with a double-header at Boiling Springs, N.C., to face Gardner-Webb along with the Gamecock women tonight.



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie

Junior guard Emerson Brown waits for his partner in crime, Scott Watson to come off a pick that has been set by JSU big man Omar Barlett. The Gamecocks snagged a for-sure spot in the elusive A-Sun Conference Tournament.

## Softball stays perfect for year

From Staff Reports

Gamecocks in game one with six strikeouts and Oleman (1-0) was the winner of game two



**Jax State golfers  
take first at  
USF tournament**

From Staff Reports

wanting a race, just a few years ago, were there was little commentary and the occasional scanner report from a new chief.

And I am a new comer to the races. It was about five years ago that I really began to watch, and loosely follow what I thought then was a boring sport.

I knew that I liked Dale because he was the mean guy, the guy that you either liked or you hated. And then his son, Dale Jr. with his flashy look and hard driving style came along and you knew that like his father he would take racing into a new dimension.

So around that time things began to change. Corporations realized that there was a lot of money in this "redneck" sport. And more and more Jeff Gordan look-a-likes have started driving Technicolor cars. What ever happened to blue, black, red, orange, you know simple colors? Now we have rainbows and God knows what else.

A fellow racing fan, who happens to be stationed near the Las Vegas racetrack, has told me of the newest sacrilege. The folks at the Vegas track are not allowing coolers in the gate. I know of nothing short of banning alcohol at the track that could be of a greater sin.

So what is going to happen? Well here is my prediction. Racing will end up being just like professional football or basketball where the players/drivers care more about their image and how much money they are receiving for this race, than they do the fans or the sport in general.

More and more people will do it just for the fame that it brings them than the personal satisfaction of driving 500 miles in one afternoon on a road that is known for killing your friends and surviving to drive another one.

I hate to say it, but just with the few changes that have taken place since he died, Dale would roll over in his grave.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.— Jacksonville State's Breanne Oleman went 4-for-8, with a home run and eight RBI's in the two game double-header win over Tennessee State, Monday. JSU won the first game of the day 9-0 in five innings and the second, 9-1 in six innings of play.

JSU's Tera Ross (3-0) was the winning pitcher for the

was the winner of game two with seven strikeouts.

Janae Bonin went 3-for-7 on the day with a home run and three RBI's, while Melinda McDonald was 4-for-6 with a double. Asley Cling was 2-for-3 with one RBI and Renee Hasan went 2-for-6 with two RBI's.

"Our defense played very well today in very cold conditions," said JSU head coach Jana McGinnis. "It was a good day for us."



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie  
Tera Ross delivers a strike to Lipscomb University during the Gamecocks' first game of the year. JSU returns home to play Alabama March 4.

## Corn throws Gamecocks' first 2003 win against MTSU

By Amado Ortiz  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State's Jessie Corn recorded JSU's first win of the year as he sat down 21 batters in a row, in throwing seven innings of two-hit ball. The offense gave him plenty of help as they belted a season-high 15 hits to win the opening game 11-5 over Middle Tennessee State.

Corn started the game a little shaky in the first inning after giving up a single to right by Chuck Akers, followed by a hit batsman to Chase Eakes. Nate Jagers took the hit batsman personal, as he touched them all with a three run homer to give the Blue Raiders a 3-0 early lead.

Corn later settled down and got into the zone as he struck out 10 batters in seven innings. The Blue Raiders would not have another base runner until the bottom of the ninth, as seven of Corn's 10 strikeouts were caught looking on a something-serious breaking ball pitch.

JSU got on the board with three runs in the fourth highlighted by Jason Horn's first homer of the year off Middle Tennessee starter John Williams. The Gamecocks took the lead for good in the fifth after B.J. Burns had a straight steal of home plate and Evan Conley sent one deep with his



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie  
C.R. Palmer delivers a second inning pitch to the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech. The Gamecocks return home Feb. 26, against Alabama A and M.

first homer of the year.

Jax State would tack on two more in the eighth on Bobby Hick's two-run double to right. Danny Civello, Richard Turner and Shundell Russaw each finished with two hits to lead the Gamecocks in the victory.

In the second game, Middle Tennessee's Steve Kline sat down the offense as he tossed

two runs on three hits in a complete game. JSU's Clark Jinks was stuck with the loss after walking four batters in the first and giving up a grand slam. That would be all the scoring the Blue Raiders would need as the lone scoring for JSU came in the fourth as Hicks drilled a wo-

see **Baseball**, page 9

## JSU track has good run at Eastern Illinois

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State's track team had a successful showing at the Friday Night Special hosted by Eastern Illinois.

There were several highlights on the night, with first time competitor Owen Crosland qualifying for the finals in the 60 meter dash and setting a new school record at 8.97 seconds and Lisa Hannula and Marie Rosengren finishing first and second in the high jump.

Princess Thomas won the 600 meters for Jax State, as she led most of the race and passed two athletes from Bradley in the end to take the event. Janet Sei also finished ninth in the 200 meters overall with a time of 147.74.

Freshman Crystal Price had a career performance dropping 28 seconds off of her personal best in the 3,000 meters and almost a full minute from her fall races.

"I can't say enough about Crystal (Price)," said JSU head coach Aimee Dawson. "She ran a great race and continues to impress us with her improvement."

The Gamecocks competed in the pole vault for the first time, where Kristen Piper (2.6 meters), Anna Armstrong (2.3 meters) and Rachel Doak (2.15 meters) all had good showings.

"We looked pretty good in the pole vault," said Dawson. "With a little more practice, we will be very competitive towards the end of the season."

From Staff Reports

TAMPA, Fla. — Four Gamecocks finished in the Top 20 to lead the Jacksonville State golfers to the team championship of the Dick Wittcoff Invitational with a 54-hole total of 902, at the University of South Florida Golf Course on Sunday.

UCF finished with a 905 to finish second, while host USF was third at 907 in the 15-team field.

JSU senior and 2002 Atlantic Sun medalist Jose Campra scored a team-best 73 on Sunday to finish fifth with a 54-hole total of 222, just four shots out of first place.

A-Sun Freshman-of-the-Year Matias Anselmo scored a 228 to tie for 16th, while newcomer Patrico Cozzoli carded a 229 to tie for 18th place. Senior Nick Mackay tied for 20th with a total score of 230 and senior Angel Monguzzi turned in a total of 234 to tie for 33rd.

South Alabama's Gareth Maybin won medalist honors when he birdied the second hole of a sudden death playoff with Fredrik Ohlsson of Francis Marion. Both players finished 54 holes with a five-over par 218.

## Men's tennis falls to Radford

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State's men's tennis team fell to 2-5 on the season as they dropped a match to Radford Sunday afternoon.

Vedran Sirola (7-0) remains undefeated on the season, winning at the number five singles 6-1, 6-3. Ruben Herrera took the other point for the Gamecocks at the number one singles, 6-2, 6-3.

Arturo Nieto and Herrera won at number one doubles, but JSU lost the doubles point 8-6 at number two doubles and 9-8 at number three.

"We had chances to win today," said JSU coach Steve Bailey. "We have lost several close matches this year. We've got to find a way to win a big match."

JSU's men's and women's teams will return to action Wednesday at Mercer starting at 1 p.m.

# JSU rifle team wins conference

From Staff Reports

JSU's rifle team is already on their way to the NCAA finals, but this weekend they picked up their first conference title since becoming a charter member of the Great American Rifle Conference in 1997.

The Gamecocks beat out five other teams to take the title, including the number

two, three and four teams in the nation. Jacksonville is ranked sixth.

The team scored a 4,632 of a possible 4,800 in the small bore rifle event and 1,543 in the air rifle event. The match was extremely close with only a 1-point margin above West Virginia, who is No. 2 in the nation.

"In my opinion (the GARC) is the No. 1 conference in the nation," said rifle coach Gerald DeBoy.

"(This win) sets the tone for the NCAA tournament," said Kevin Simon, a junior on JSU's rifle team. "This is the last match before finals, and four out of six teams in the conference are going to the finals."

JSU will be one of eight teams invited to the NCAA tournament at West Point, N.Y. The tournament is scheduled for March 14 and 15.

From **Baseball**, page 8

two-run opposite field home run to left. The runs were not enough as the Gamecocks fell 7-2.

The Blue Raiders would plate a run in the first, second, third and fourth innings to tie the score highlighted by Marcus Taylor's solo home run.

JSU would win the series on

Clint Carroll's pinch hit RBI single in the sixth inning.

Middle Tennessee would get a final chance in the seventh but reliever Josh Forrest would have no part of it as he recorded the save to secure the win for Bobby Wynns. Wynns tossed three solid innings of relief and Brian Haskins and Conley each finished with two hits to lead the

way for JSU, now 3-4 on the year.

Jax State will host the first series of the year as pre-season Atlantic Coast No. 1 Stetson comes to town. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday and the two teams will square off in a doubleheader on Saturday starting at 1 p.m.



## Atlantic Sun Conference Basketball Standings & Results

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Samford	9	8	.600	5-2	4-4	13	13	.500	8-3	5-10	Jax State	7	5	.583	5-1	2-4	13	10	.565	9-2	4-8
Jax State	8	6	.571	7-1	1-5	18	9	.667	9-1	8-8	Belmont	7	6	.538	4-3	3-3	16	8	.667	7-3	8-5
Georgia State	6	8	.429	4-4	2-4	11	14	.440	7-5	4-9	Campbell	5	7	.385	4-2	1-6	9	15	.375	7-6	2-9
Gardner-Webb	2	12	.143	2-4	0-8	5	22	.185	4-5	1-17	Samford	2	11	.154	2-6	0-5	6	18	.250	3-7	3-11
Campbell	1	13	.071	1-5	0-8	5	20	.200	5-6	0-14	Gardner-Webb	2	11	.154	2-3	0-8	3	21	.125	3-5	0-16
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# Changes don't keep Smith from adjusting, succeeding for Gamecocks

By Jane Little  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Every single Division 1 athlete works hard. They would not be an elite athlete if this ability was not a part of who they are. It is unusual to find an exceptional story — a story about someone who epitomizes what a hard worker is; a player with a testimony that proves things have not been easy; a player named Stacey Smith.

Smith is a senior on the Jacksonville State University softball team. She grew up in Oxford, and has played softball since third grade, but not the type of softball she is playing now. Her community and high school played slow-pitch, and so did she.

It is an extremely difficult transition for a softball player to go from slow pitch to fast pitch, but Smith was determined to keep playing softball. "I didn't play at all my freshman and sophomore year but Coach McGinnis and Coach Wiesner worked everyday with me in the off-season," said Smith. "I guess you could say my hard work has paid off."

Smith never hit from the left side, and now she does. She has never been a slap hitter, and now she is. She never played outfield, and now she is our starting right fielder. She never played fast pitch, and now she does. Smith has taken leaps and bounds in her career at JSU.

She is now a starter, a leader and a crucial player to the softball program. This type of accomplishment does not take an average amount of dedication; it takes everything. A player that came to JSU as a walk on



Senior outfielder Stacey Smith tags the bag during a game last season. Smith is among the players expected to lead the Gamecocks to the top of the A-Sun in 2003.

only four years ago has accomplished so much. She was more than a pleasant surprise for head coach Jana McGinnis. "What impresses me the most about Stacey is that she never complained about playing time, even when she wasn't on scholarship. You need players like her on your team. They are worth a scholarship."

Smith has earned everything she has achieved but she always wants more. She is not the type of person to be stagnant or satisfied. "I really work hard everyday, I don't expect to play if I'm not playing well," said Smith. "My position is never guaranteed."

So Smith continues to work hard in her free time, which is minimal. She hates to sit still and always has to be on the move. Smith can be seen jogging around Jacksonville in her free time because it is a release for her. All those really hard working athletes are usually sleeping in their spare time. I really can't blame them, that is what I did as a college athlete. So once again Smith is an exceptional story.

Looking at her last year Smith realizes that it will soon come to an end. All the hard work, all the hours spent, all the games won and lost. For her last season Smith is typical. She wants

what every senior wants, "I want to win the Conference Championship."

So we have discussed the story of a person who has reached and touched her goal. Many people would not try and do what Smith has done. Many people sit in the stands. It just so happens that the people who take advantage of their opportunities in life, are the ones who are most successful. Smith is living proof of this statement.

As an athlete you learn that you don't deserve anything, you earn everything. Let's hope Smith and her team will earn JSU a 2003 Conference Championship.

## Women fall to Ga. State

By Michael Vaughan II  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A long preparation week for the Jacksonville State women led up to their first place battle Saturday with Atlantic Sun North co-leader Georgia State. The women looked a little rusty early and dropped the contest 91-70.

It was the ladies' third straight road conference loss, and dropped them to 13-10 overall and 4-8 on the road this year. More importantly, it dropped them to second place in the North standings for the first time this year.

Lead scoring honors went to Shanika Freeman, as she scored 17 and grabbed 13 rebounds in another double-double game. Freddrika Embry added 16 points but was held off the boards, which was a problem for the JSU team. Senior Tiara Eady added 10 points as well.

Georgia State was led by their usual scoring tandem of Evita Rogers and Monica Thomas, who scored 23 and 22 points respectively. This 45 point total surpassed their 17 point combined output at Jacksonville earlier in the season. JSU was out-rebounded by a 41-31 margin, and they were outshot by a spread of 55.7 percent to 39.7 percent.

Georgia State jumped out to a quick 11-3 lead in the first four minutes of the game, assisted by a technical foul assessed to the Gamecocks' Freeman, but GSU missed both free throws. Jacksonville State managed to narrow the gap to five points with 12:30 remaining, but Georgia State pulled ahead on a 20-8 run, increasing the lead to 36-19 with six minutes left in the period.

The half would end with Georgia State holding their largest lead at 49-31, as JSU

missed their last seven field goal attempts, and had not hit one since the 3:56 mark of the half, scoring only one point in that stretch.

The second half saw scoring in bunches for both teams, as 32 points were scored in the first seven minutes of the half. Jacksonville State only managed to shave two points off the gap, trailing 65-47 at the 13:15 point of the second half. The teams then combined to go 2-of-10 over the next three minutes, as GSU pushed the lead to 21.

The teams traded baskets until GSU went on another run, this one being a 15-12 spurt taking the lead to 84-60 with only four minutes left. The game would end with GSU's second team doing mop up work, and the Panthers gaining the 21 point win.

The Jacksonville State ladies have four games remaining on the schedule, each being critical to their post-season hopes. With JSU and Georgia State being travel partners in the Atlantic-Sun, JSU must have one more win than Georgia State over the last four to regain the No. 1 seed.

JSU plays at Gardner-Webb on Thursday, with a trip to Campbell following on Saturday.

JSU defeated G-Webb 88-60 and Campbell 82-68 earlier this season, but those games were in the friendlier confines of Pete Matthews Coliseum. Coach Dana Austin calls both arenas "hostile, and scary places to play for road teams."

Although the JSU women have clinched a spot in the Atlantic-Sun tournament, to be held in Troy, the weekend of March 13-15, JSU needs a few wins to get that No. 1 seed and have an easier path through the tourney. As it stands now, No. 2 North Jacksonville State would take on No. 3 South Florida Atlantic. SFA beat JSU 96-83 in the previous game.

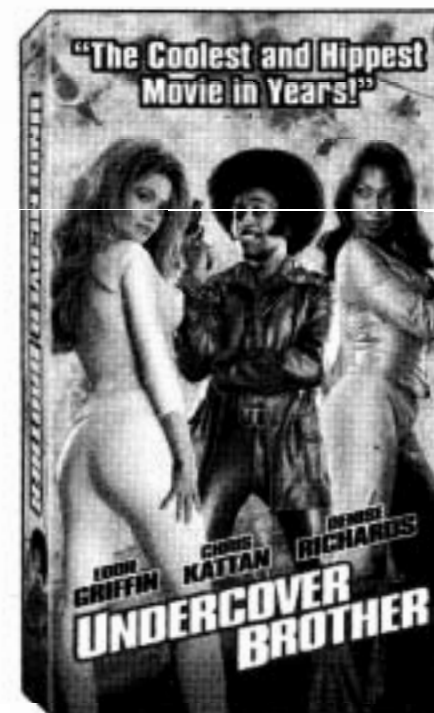
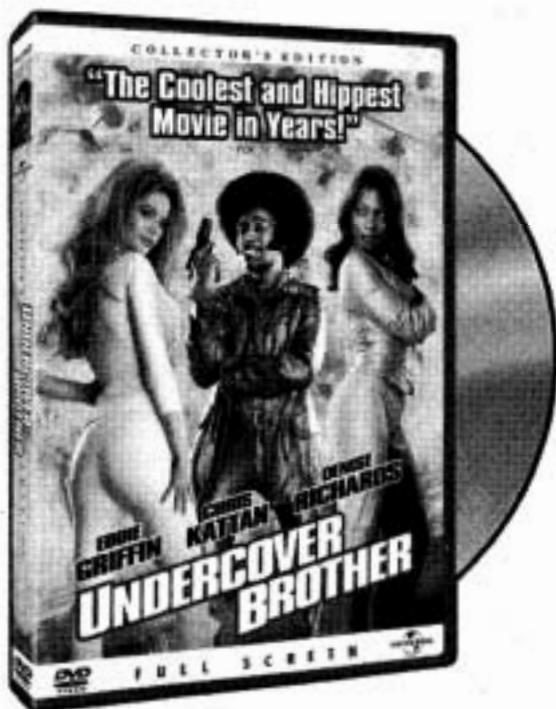
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