Senate allocates $480 to campus groups

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

Once again, the Senate came prepared with bills in hand to make some changes to the Constitution and Code and allocate money.

The Senate allocated $480 total to three organizations. These organizations include Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the History Club and the Model Arab League.

After money is allocated, the organization must present its receipts to show how it used the money.

Senator Marshontrri Reid authored a bill that would prevent organizations to receive more money for an entire school year if they fail to turn in those receipts.

“This could be like a punishment for them not turning in their receipts,” Reid said.

Senator Zach Kilgore voiced his approval of the bill and it passed with no more discussion.

Reid authored another bill requiring all receipts to be turned in by the end of the semester in which the money is received. It previously required receipts to be brought in within five days after the organization spends the money.

“They just come in the beginning (of the semester) and they don’t need the money until two months later,” Reid said.

The bill passed with little discussion.

Last week, Senator Jordan Brewer authored a bill allowing candidates to campaign in the polling building with the exception of the polling floor.

Senator Heather Miller tried to table the bill, but it was amended and passed.

Monday night she offered another bill to change the code again.

“After the big stink last week over this bill, I thought about it and last year we had 60 people run for senator,” Miller said. “If I got 10 of my friends to campaign with me and every person did that, we would have 600 people in the TMB campaigning. And that’s just ridiculous.”

Her version of the bill would only allow the candidate to actively campaign. The candidate’s friends would not be allowed to campaign for them.

“I disagree with ‘only the candidate’ because this is to prevent an argument from happening,” Senator Alesha Ingram said. “I think it will actually cause more complaints. Someone could say you’re trying to campaign for someone by saying, ‘Go vote for her.’ I think this could create more problems than the original.”

“You can’t control what your friends are going to say,” said Senator Amy Yancey.

Miller then moved to table the bill until next week’s meeting.

“We need to fix it,” Miller said. “I agree with what you’re saying. I don’t mean Sue shouldn’t be able to tell her friends to go vote for her friend. I mean actively campaigning, like handing out fliers, holding up signs.”

Sigma Nu gets new home

By Jamie M. Eubanks
and LaTonya Pyant
Chanticleer News Editor & Staff Writer

Just in time for Rush, Sigma Nu has found a new home, but this is just temporary, according to Sigma Nu President Trey Parrish.

The fraternity leased the white house across from the intersection of Mountain and Goodlett streets. The new location is great primarily for its layout.

“The set up has a residence area in a straight line,” said Parrish, when explaining why the fraternity chose this house.

The house has a study that is equipped with a computer. It also features a TV room with an entertainment system. The center...

The new house is only three blocks from the old house, which burned on Dec. 7, 2001, during finals. The fire started on a side deck couch, then spread to the insulated roof. The fire was possibly connected to a flag burning incident on the porch the day before.

“It’s been hard getting everybody together, to let everybody know when to show up for a basketball game or when to be at a certain philanthropy,” according to Parrish. “It’s been hard in recruitment; persuading people that we’ve still got everything else to offer (like) the other fraternities do.”

The lease is not for a certain length of time, because the organization has bigger plans in mind.

Freshmen donate cells for donor recipients

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

Freshman Forum is getting in the spirit of February and teaming up with TripleHeart and Project: VALENTINE to help people who are awaiting organ transplants.

TripleHeart is a Web site created after JSU alumnus Kel Kelley received a heart transplant four years ago.

“One purpose for TripleHeart is to enable people who are waiting for an organ donation or someone who is a recipient to have a location to go to talk to other people, to get questions answered, to meet emotional needs,” said Joanne Kelley, president of TripleHeart and Mr.

“Everybody has the old cell phones,” said Katie Scott, publicity chair for the Freshman Forum. “There sitting there and going to waste — so make some use of them.

“Any phone that will come on the phone will come on the phone — even phones not activated by a cellular service provider will be accepted,” Scott said. “They will be set up to accept emergency calls.”

“We’re veterans of the transplant journey,” said Mrs. Kelley. “We discovered in waiting two years for a heart for my husband that (before a transplant) patients are often very, very ill. And they often don’t have enough money to purchase a cell phone.”

To get phones to these people, Freshman Forum is accepting donations throughout February.

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JSU sets Black History events

By Jennifer Tanner
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"The Souls of Black Folk" is the theme for Black History Month at JSU.

The Office of Multicultural Services is sponsoring many of the events being held here on campus. Among these events, there will be a comedy night, headlined by LaVell Crawford, and while admission is free to JSU students, admission is $10 for everyone else.

There will be a Soul Food Dinner Theatre, featuring "Slaves with Two Faces." The play will be performed by the Alabama State University Drama Department. Also, there will be a chance to relive Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous March on Washington. The march will begin at 3 p.m. on Feb. 27. It will start at the International House, wind around Trustee Circle and end in front of Bibb Graves Hall, where a graduate student will recite King's renowned 'I Have A Dream' speech.

Over the past few years, JSU has entertained numerous speakers. Four years ago, Martin Luther King III came to Jacksonville to speak. Other speakers have included Dr. Charles Hines and Judge Mathis. Comedy acts in the past have included Rickey Smiley and T.P. Hearn.

The Soul Food Dinner Theatre is still the most popular attraction. Shows in the past have included "Hooked on Love" and "1001 Black Inventions." Along with the fantastic productions, the menu is all-you-can-eat and includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, okra and many other traditional soul food items.

Black History Month hasn't always been celebrated. In fact, the idea of celebrating the contributions of African Americans have made to society didn't occur until 1926. In

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Credit debt solutions

By Miranda Bryant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"Credit is not free," said Isaac Chappell, after a recent financial education workshop at JSU's Career and Counseling Services center.

Chappell, an agent from the Calhoun County Extension office, conducted the workshop on campus last month to give students ideas on how to avoid credit card debt. "If you don't protect your credit when you are young," he said, "it will be very difficult to get the things you want in the future.

• Last in a series on students and debt.

"Credit card companies are not thinking about the students' best interests," said Chappell, who travels the county to educate college and high school students about the importance of financial planning.

"You should have some short-term goals," he said.

Chappell said his 70-20-10 rule should help someone ease into a "spending plan." Seventy percent of an income needs to go towards living expenses, such as utility bills, household products and food. Twenty percent should be used for "rainy days" when birthdays and flat tires arise. The last 10 percent,

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Faculty try to ease strain on GTA’s

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

Candace Kohute is teaching seven labs, is a newly wed and is dealing with the usual comments from students, but she’s not a professor. Candace Kohute is a graduate student.

The Faculty Senate recently passed a resolution, which has been passed on to the Academic Council for further review, to make the administration aware of the load graduate students were taking on.

“I’ve been teaching seven labs since I’ve been here,” Kohute said. “They won’t fund us enough money to get another [graduate teaching assistant] so we only have two in the geography and geology department. We have to teach or we’ll have to drop the classes. We usually have really big classes. I have 30 to 32 people.

“It’s easier to have 15 to 20 because it’s more hands-on stuff, it’s easier for me to help everyone.”

Enrollment increases have caused most of the problems for graduate students.

“As enrollment has increased we’ve been slowly adding labs and some of our graduate students now are responsible for seven different labs,” said Dr. Kelly Gregg, associate professor of geography and geology. That may involve three different courses. It’s not just teaching the same course seven times.

It takes between 30 and 45 minutes to prepare for each different course the GTA is teaching, according to Kohute. On top of preparing for classes, GTA’s are also preparing for their own classes.

“We have to take classes, too, Kohute said. “We have to be able to fit it into our schedules. It’s hard trying to teach seven labs and then take two or three of your own.”

Teaching all these labs may have an adverse effect on the GTA’s and their students, Gregg said. It should take two years to complete a graduate degree. Most of them don’t come close to graduating in two years, largely because they are so busy all day long, according to Gregg.

“Last semester I had to drop a class because I was getting married,” Kohute said. “Kind of got overwhelming. It just put me back just a little bit.”

Not only does this huge load effect the GTA’s, it also effects the undergraduate students.

“Also there is a danger of quality going down in the labs,” Gregg said. “I’m not sure we’re seeing that, because we have very good graduate students. As you increase their workloads they’re going to slip. It will diminish the quality of education the undergraduates get, if they have an overworked graduate student.”

Without graduate students, many of the class offerings in the sciences would have to be dropped, according to Gregg. The faculty is already booked solid, and if the faculty had to go back to the lab, students would notice a huge decrease in courses taught.

“I’m sure there has been no intent to exploit these students,” Gregg said. “All Faculty Senate wanted to do was point this out.”

Faculty try to ease strain on GTA’s

Candace Kohute explains a geology lab to her students. She is teaching seven labs this semester on top of all of her graduate courses.

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**CAMPUS CRIME**

- **Jan. 30** — Jennifer Ellen Smith, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Wyly Avenue.
- **Jan. 30** — Daniel Clark Whitfield, 27, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Ladiga Street.
- **Jan. 31** — Beau Justin Griffith, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for minor in possession/consumption of alcohol occurring at Chinabee Avenue.

**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: Katie Scott, katiescott@hotmail.com

**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 thirty-one $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 Phi Mu basketball! Our golf tournament for CMN is March 14 and the cost to play for students is $35. Contact any sister for more info. Phi Mu Ladies of the Week are Bob, Karen and Jordan! Have a great week everyone! Contact: laceydo@msn.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.

**The Society of Professional Journalists** presents Anthony Cook, Metro Editor for the Anniston Star, on Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m., at The Chanticleer. Feb. 12, Felicia Mason, executive director of the Alabama Press Association, will speak at 207 Self Hall at 12-2 p.m. Free food. We need Web site designers. Contact: Mike Stedham, 782-5713.

**SGA:** Feb. 12 come to the TMB at 7:30 p.m., to see comedian Jon Reep, free of charge. Are you interested in being involved with some of the events on campus? Call Mark at 782-4491 to be on his SAC. Senator applications now available. Contact: Andrew Symonds, bradleyjohnl8@hotmail.com

**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

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he said, should go to a savings account or investment plan.

"If you find yourself using your credit card to eat your regular meals or buy gasoline," Chappell said, "then you probably aren't doing a good enough job planning.

"Just like your academic transcript follows you, so does your credit report," said Chappell. A credit report will stay on a record for seven years or longer.

"If Bill Gates is not your daddy, at some point you are going to need to use credit."

Isaac Chappell
Calhoun Extension Agent

person entering the work force with an exceptional credit score, said Colin Cotton, president of Farmers and Merchants Bank in Jacksonville. "A banker would need good credit to work at a bank," he said. "A credit check is basically a character check."

Many opportunities are out there for students to get approved for credit cards, said Chappell.

Students need to be aware of the various kinds of credit, said Chappell, and know the effects of negative credit. "Know what you sign before you accept any credit," he said, "because there are hidden charges and comparable interest rates.

Chappell also advises that students learn the debt-to-income ration. "For a certain amount of income, you can only afford to have a certain amount of credit.

"If you are having cash flow problems, get in touch with you're creditor," said Chappell. "Don't make it to where they have to contact you." Obtaining an easier payment plan is usually an option, he said, and sometimes it is best to consolidate debt onto a credit card with a lower interest rate.

Your house, job and car depends on credit," said Chappell. "If Bill Gates is not your daddy, at some point you are going to need to use credit," he said.

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And federal authorities were trying to verify reported debris in California, Arizona and Nevada — evidence that could shed light on the breakup's earliest moments.

Besides finding the Star of David patch — presumably that of Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon — Louisiana residents have also found one of the spacecraft's engines.

Debris sites near 17 Texas schools have been cleared, Henderson said, and classes resumed Tuesday at 31 schools, closed because of possible contamination.

All items will end up at Barksdale Air Force Base near Shreveport. Interim collection sites have been established at the former Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth and at National Guard Camp Beauregard near Alexandria, La.

Local residents are joining almost 2,000 Texas National Guard troops and federal, state and local investigators in combing pastures, woods and lakes, authorities said.

The Texas National Guard has deployed 486 soldiers around Nacogdoches and Lufkin while the Texas Department of Public Safety has dispatched more than 350 officers.

Civilian support teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico are helping with the Texas search. Equipment includes 18 helicopters from the Texas Air National Guard, two DPS aircraft and a field kitchen provided by Texas Baptist Men.

Divers from the Texas Department of Public Safety used sonar at Toledo Bend Reservoir on the Texas-Louisiana border, where a fisherman reported the splashdown of a car-sized object on Saturday.

A cellular phone provider is dispatching crews to install temporary towers to respond to a demand for better communications in remote areas.

Early Wednesday, more than 36 volunteers with global-positioning equipment planned to comb the thick woods in San Augustine County. The tool links with satellites to pinpoint locations and will aid in mapping debris.

More than 40 people responded to a call for help from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches and San Augustine County officials, said Van Bush, 911 coordinator for the county.

A mobile command post from Dallas/Fort Worth Airport has been in Lufkin since Saturday. Workers, equipped with 11 computer terminals, have logged more than 800 debris sites, said airport Fire Chief Alan Black.

In Sabine County, 60 soldiers in camouflage gear made their way down both sides of State Highway 148. They walked through a thicket of bushes and trees, hopped a chicken wire fence into a junkyard of cars and passed a row of abandoned buildings.

The soldiers parked several trucks in front of Murlene Seago's home. Seago said she wondered how they would find what they were searching for.

"I have a bunch of junk cars behind my house," she said. "The whole shuttle could be back there and they'd never find it."
BLACK HISTORY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, February 6, 2003

Comedy Night
Featuring
LaVell Crawford
LaVell has been an entertainer for over 6 years. He has performed in front of sold out crowds all over the country. One of the last of the "Real Showmen". He is the "Comedy Energizer Bunny" he keeps on going and going and going and going.

Cocoa Brown
Take a RICHARD Pryor meets JERRY Lewis wit, a Marilyn Monroe if she was BLACK sex appeal AND the coolness of Whoopi Goldberg and you get comedienne Cocoa Brown. Cocoa tells jokes with animated facial expressions and body gestures which takes you on a hilarious voyage through the eyes and mind of Cocoa Brown.

FREE TO STUDENTS
Leone Cole Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
General Admission is $10

Thursday, February 13, 2003

Soul Food Dinner Theater
Featuring
Alabama State Drama Department
Presenting a Harlem Renaissance
"Slaves with Two Faces"

Menu
Fried Chicken
Whiting Fish
Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Mac and Cheese
Black Eyed Peas
Peach Cobbler
Candied Yams
Fried Okra
Apple Cobbler
Corn Bread
Ice Cream
Banana Pudding
Rice & Rolls

Special Presentation by JSU Gospel Choir

Leone Cole Auditorium - 6:30 p.m.
LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS
February 11, 2003

$10 General/Student Admission
Sponsored by Multicultural Services and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
In Our View

Stars fell ...

As the nation struggles to overcome the tragic loss of the space shuttle Columbia and its crew, it is a sobering thought that many of the freshmen who enter JSU this fall were not yet born when the Challenger made its brief and fateful ascent in 1986.

In fact, if you’re reading this there’s a pretty good chance you don’t remember the shock that gripped the country that January day when seven brave souls — including a schoolteacher — gave their lives in the daring pursuit of knowledge.

That may sound like just another sign of the fleeting passage of time, but there’s a deeper idea to be had in it: NASA has been launching and landing space shuttles for a generation now. The technological miracle has become almost commonplace.

That’s yet another sobering thought, at least to those few on campus who can remember the day in 1981 when Columbia became the first shuttle to orbit and back, ushering in the era of dependable, reusable space vehicles.

Now Columbia is gone, carrying with her another brave seven into realms far higher than any orbit yet reached by man.

So who are these men and women who keep climbing aboard these vessels, risking their lives to pull off near-impossible feats, when at times it must seem as if nearly no one is watching?

They are the same sort of pioneers who made the marvels of crossing the Atlantic, navigating the Missouri River, and flying through the air into everyday miracles. Explorers, inventors and researchers ... believers. They are the ones who tread alone where someday all humanity will follow. They touch the future before it becomes our present and our past.

It is dangerous to do this — to forge out ahead where few or none have gone before — and it is sometimes not properly appreciated until it is too late. This week we have lost seven of these believers, these dreamers, to the dangers of the frontier. Perhaps the real everyday miracle, the one we should really be so thankful for, is that there are so many waiting in line to take their place, to be the first to go where we all will be tomorrow.

Senate needs to focus, but it also needs some help

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chantineer News Editor

The SGA Senate has been viewed by many students as a "do nothing" organization, whether they deserve that label or not. Last Monday night, many senators faced a rude awakening from one of their fellow senators.

Jordan Brewer preached a sermon to the senate about perceived problems with the Senate.

Brewer knows what it means to be a senator and he believes in the organization. He strives to do what is in the best interest of the student body.

Brewer has also caught a lot of flack for taking a stand. But he's one of the few who is taking a stand. He was brave enough to stand up in front of the entire senate and tell them how "worthless" they are if they aren't going to something for themselves.

Most meetings of the Senate I have been to have lasted no longer than 30 to 45 minutes. That time was taken up with announcements and planning events sponsored by the SGA.

There's not as much going on as there should be, but the blame may not rest on the current senators. This is the way it's been done for years.

The job of the SGA is to serve and represent the students of JSU and promote their needs and wants to make the campus better for the students.

Many senators see the Senate as a great resume builder, not a place to build up the University — to help it grow and attract more students.

Brewer is chair of the Constitution and Code Committee. He has authored bills to correct the problems that plague the SGA through the document.

Stephanie Janis, first vice president of the SGA, urges senators at every meeting to read their constitution and code. There are many errors and discrepancies that plague the SGA every election cycle.

Janis also had senators read the rules governing the Senate at Monday night's meeting.

Because the Senate is so caught up in planning and publicizing events, they really can't focus on these matters.

At one time there was a Student Activities Council whose main objective was to plan events on campus.

Bringing SAC back in a stronger form would cut part of the Senate's responsibilities and allow them to focus on the issues that are important to all students.

The SGA could also fund SAC to a greater extent to allow them more leeway in providing quality entertainment for students. Allowing SAC to focus solely on entertainment and events could lead to more quality events on campus; better bands, larger events and greater times at JSU.

It is also our responsibility, as the student body, to hold our Senate accountable to their office. We can do this by showing up at the meetings, voicing our opinions and making sure they are carrying out their duties.

We also have the power to vote in the general election, which is March 4-5.

This is the perfect time to make sure we elect the right senators to do the right things for our University.
The only answer: we are not invincible

By Myriam Marquez
Orlando Sentinel (KRT)

The nation woke up to one large streak of white split into shimmering lights through the crisp Texas sky. Then came the inevitable. Scorched earth lay testament to the courage of Rick Husband, William McCool, Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark and Israel’s first astronaut, Ilan Ramon.

It was supposed to be a perfect landing in Florida. Instead it became another day to mark a national catastrophe, another day in our lives that we’ll remember by where we were at the time we heard the horrible news. Like the Challenger in 1986. Like The Reckoning of Sept. 11. And now Columbia.

All merged together Saturday to remind us that we are fallible, that we are mortal, and that life post-9-11 makes us ever more vulnerable to the fear of the “what if.”

What if terrorism had played a role in this accident just minutes before the Columbia was to land at the Kennedy Space Center?

It was a knee-jerk question, but one not so far-fetched. We had an Israeli astronaut on board Columbia. We have a war against terror in which we’re on the verge of imposing regime change on Iraq’s Saddam Hussein. And Saddam makes no bones that he hates Israel’s existence.

The second U.S. official NASA called after Columbia’s lights dimmed was Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge. That’s how things work now. Ridge is the coordinator for domestic “incidents.”

We know that a patch of insulation flew off upon Columbia’s takeoff and that might have damaged the shuttle’s left wing. “We can’t discount that there might be a connection,” said Ron Dittemore, the program manager at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

We know, too, that this mission with a rainbow of Americans aboard was not as much a necessity — no payloads were being delivered to the space station, for instance — as it was a symbol of America’s support for Israel’s right to exist. In a patch of desert and up in the heavens, Ramon became a bright spot for many in these dark days of the war on terror.

An aging fleet of shuttles, tight federal budgets, the future of space exploration — all were put into question again — by Columbia’s demise.

Seventeen years ago, when the Challenger blew up before our very eyes upon takeoff, a shocked nation asked how could that be? We thought ourselves invincible, as if the shuttle came with a lifetime guarantee.

Now a nation shaken by New York’s burning towers and the prospect of war in Iraq might wonder why we continue to sacrifice men and women in space — mothers and fathers and daughters and sons.

We keep searching the heavens for the answer.

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Military's exclusion of gays will hurt U.S. efforts

By Jennifer Vanasco
Progressive Media Project (KRT)

It might be gearing up for war, but the Marine Corps has decided that no matter how well they serve, gays aren’t good when it comes to fighting.

So when the Corps issued a “Stop-Loss” order this month, it excluded gays and lesbians. That is, most Marines are prevented from leaving the service for the next year, but not if they’re attracted to people of the same sex.

Gays and lesbians, it seems, are free to go.

It’s curious that the Marines refuse to overcome these vestiges of national prejudice even during a time of impending war. After all, the military has been the great equalizer, folding in blacks during the Civil War, and Japanese-Americans (even when their families were in internment camps) and women during World War II.

The ability to fly a bomber or shoot a missile should be more important than who you love.

The Marine Corps’ policy is not only discriminatory, it also opens a loophole. Don’t want to go overseas to war? Scared to face the threat of bio-terrorism? Just come out.

Charlie Moskos, who helped craft the Pentagon’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, recently identified this opening for soldiers and suggested that if the draft were re-instated, the hole should be sewn closed.

“You can’t use a gay ban with a draft because that would make it too easy for people to get out,” Moskos said.

Even without a draft, it makes no sense that the military is content to release gay and lesbian soldiers — and anyone who is willing to pretend to be gay and lesbian — just because some anonymous straight men and women are worried about them.

After Sept. 11, at least seven Arabic linguists and two Korean-language specialists were kicked out of the military because they were found to be gay. They wanted to continue to serve. They may have figured that the military — hurting for Arabic speakers — would keep them around anyway. They were wrong.

A record 1,250 gays and lesbians were discharged from the military in 2001, according to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. This is the highest number since “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” was instated in 1993.

How is this preserving military effectiveness?

As Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said, “For those who needed further evidence of how ill-advised the anti-gay military policy is, they now have it. Firing talented people who possess a scarce and sorely needed skill because some people don’t like their choice of social companions puts prejudice ahead of national security.”

The Marine Corps should change its policy. Preserving our national security is more important than preserving prejudice.

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FEATURES

“On the Brink” of Southern literary success at JSU

Nine Southern writers about to break through converge on campus to discuss their latest works

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

The ninth annual On the Brink conference brings nine Southern writers to campus on Feb. 15.

The English department is hosting the event as part of the University’s annual Kaleidoscope Festival of the Arts.

The conference’s purpose is to bring emerging writers from different genres to campus to read from their works and answer questions from the audience. A committee of six faculty members from different departments chose writers to feature at the conference. “The conference started with [the committee’s] desire to bring writers to campus,” said Gena Christopher, OTB committee and English department faculty member. “We also discovered pretty quickly that we have a community of readers that enjoy meeting writers and hearing about their books.”

The conference is so well-known within the area that the committee is having requests from writers and their publishers to be invited to the event, according to Christopher.

This year’s featured writers range from school teachers to journalists and live in places from Kentucky to Pennsylvania.

Alleen Henderson is a graduate of the University of Alabama. She has published three award-winning children’s books. Her featured book, “Tenderfoot Teacher,” is a middle-school level book that would be of interest to education majors, according to Christopher. Henderson lives in Brookwood, Ala.

Brian Hicks is a senior writer with The Post and Courier in Charleston, S.C. He has received several journalism awards, including the South Carolina Press Association Journalist of the Year award. His featured book, “Raising the Hunley,” covers the history and recovery of the lost confederate submarine, the H.L. Hunley.

Cassandra King was born in Alabama and taught college-level English and writing. She now lives in South Carolina with her husband, Pat Conroy. Her debut novel and featured book of the conference, “The Sunday Wife,” speaks about the balance between marriage and individual identity from a Southern point of view.

Norman McMillan is a graduate of the University of Alabama and a retired professor from Montevallo. He earned his Ph.D in English in Michigan. In his retirement, he wrote his memoir “Distant Son,” his featured work in the conference. The memoir is about McMillan’s tough life growing up in a large sharecropping family with an alcoholic father and a JSU-alumna mother.

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Garbage is in the eye of the beholder

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

The same station that refused to air the “coming out” episode of Ellen DeGeneres’ show “Ellen” is now refusing to air “Jimmy Kimmel Live.”

ABC 33/40 of Birmingham reportedly said in a statement made by the president and manager of the station at the time to the Minnesota Daily in 1997 that, “We do not think it is appropriate for family viewing.”

The station attempted to get permission from ABC to air the show in a later time slot instead of 8 p.m., but the network wouldn’t approve it.

Now, 33/40 is showing week-old reruns of the Oprah Winfrey Show during the 11:35 p.m. time slot instead of Jimmy Kimmel’s raunchy and inebriated talk show.

The station says their reasons for not airing the show had to do with worries about its content.

As a student in the communication department and in my limited media experience, I am noticing the media...
Executive Council team members Crystal Hoden (l) and Robert Hayes make cards for St. Jude patients at Friday night’s Up ‘Til Dawn event.

Up ‘Til Dawn raises $7,900

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

JSU’s Up ‘Til Dawn celebrated its third year on campus with its annual event Friday night.

The organization dedicated to raising money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., has raised about $7,900 this year, according to co-director Jamie Eubanks. Their goal is to raise $2,100 more before the end of the semester.

The all-night event lasted from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and featured a tug o’ war competition, karaoke at 2 a.m. and lots of food.

By 6 a.m., 135 people had signed in to participate in the night’s events. The participants were given bracelets that assigned them to a color team. Each team had a St. Jude patient’s name and age on its bracelet. “In essence, the team was staying up all night for that particular child,” said Eubanks.

The money raised came from teams made up of students and faculty members from different campus organizations and departments.

The Freshman Forum team raised over $500. Members of the team said they collected money from friends and family members with the help of other Freshman Forum members. One student, Nicholas D’Andrea, convinced her hometown’s Alabama Power Company branch to donate $100.

Other teams like the SGA Executive Council team did more creative fundraisers. They sold gamecock paper cut-outs for donations and then pinned the cut-outs on a bulletin board in the TMB.

Other top-fundraising teams included the JSU softball team with over $500 and the Office of Academic and Student Affairs who raised $780. Alabama Power was the only corporate sponsor this year with their donation of $500 total.

Donation cans located in local businesses around the community yielded about $600.

UTD was fortunate enough to get donations from local businesses such as Papa John’s and Domino’s, as well as many area grocery stores, who provided food and drinks for the event.

my limited media experience, I am predicting the station has the following concerns:

Sponsors pulling their advertising out of that time slot because of differences in opinion concerning the show’s content.

Local church and children’s advocacy groups will complain because of the slight possibility that a poor, innocent child may see the show.

Now, as a 20-year-old student who loves children and understands the need for the station to draw in revenue from advertisers, I reply to the station’s possible concerns with the following:

I’m pretty sure the “1-800-HOT-GIRLS” advertisers won’t mind the raunchy content of the Kimmel show. It’s not like local churches or extremely reputable businesses are running ads at that hour of the night.

By 11:35 p.m. children should be in bed. Notice I said “should.” I know in this day and age there are many unsupervised children and irresponsible parents, but it is not 3340’s job to babysit the kids or filter what they see. Both of those things are a parent’s job.

As a working adult student, I see no problem with me watching what I want to. I pay the 40-something dollars a month for cable — don’t tell me what is appropriate or inappropriate for me to watch.

Ted Koppel said on Super Bowl Sunday, “There will be no special post-Super Bowl edition of ‘Nightline’ tonight so that ABC can bring you the following piece of garbage.”

Koppel may think it’s “garbage” and so may ABC 33/40, but it’s my adult right to watch what I want to on my television.
Michael Morris graduated from Auburn University and then worked in government affairs in North Carolina. While there, he wrote his first novel and featured OTB work “A Place Called Wiregrass.” The book is centered around a fleeing woman named Erma Lee who ends up being forced to come to terms with her buried secrets.

Lynn Pruett graduated from Mount Holyoke in South Hadley, Mass., and then earned a master’s degree in fine arts at the University of Alabama. Her novel “Ruby River” tells of the life of a newly widowed mother in a small Southern town and chronicles her struggles. Pruett currently teaches fiction at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Steven Sherrill is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and earned his master’s degree in fine arts in poetry from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop. His featured book “The Minotaur Takes a Cigarette Break” is a story about a chef minotaur struggling to live in the South. Sherrill was the recipient of the Lila Wallace/Reader’s Digest Fellowship to the McDowell Colony award.

Hans Watford, a practicing cardiologist in Birmingham, Ala., received his medical training at UAB and the University of Texas. His first medical thriller and OTB featured book, “Mortal Strain,” received the Santa Barbara Writer’s Conference award for Outstanding Fiction Writing in 2002.

Isabel Zuber, a poet, lives in Salem, N.C. Her first novel “Salt” is her OTB featured work. The novel tells the story of a free-spirited young woman and her passionate union with a hard-driven hill farmer.

Registration for the conference is $15 for students and $40 for non-students. The deadline to register is Monday. Contact Gena Christopher at 782-5856 for more information or to register.

The conference will host these nine emerging writers on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library.

“The conference] started out as a pretty selfish desire as a department to have writers come to campus,” said Christopher, “and we found people who wanted that just as badly as we did.”
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By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

- JSU's two big men led the Gamecocks to their 13th victory of the season over the Savannah State Tigers 87-71 Monday, upping their record to 13-7.
- Carl Brown's 17 from the bench, added to Omar Barlett's 18 points and 11 rebounds, made up the bulk of the Gamecocks 87 total points. Also coming in with double digits on the night were Trent Eager with 10 and Jay Heard with 13.
- Jamal Daniels led the Tigers with 12 points and eight rebounds. Helping his cause was Chris Daniel who sunk 10 points but only had a dismal three rebounds.
- No points and turnovers by both teams marked the first minute and seven seconds of the game. Although the Gamecocks recovered, Savannah State did not.
- JSU scored 22 points off turnovers and had 26 second chance points to the Tigers 10 and 12 respectively. And with Savannah's 22 turnovers and JSU's 19 offensive rebounds, these numbers spelled certain disaster for the visiting Tigers.
- Aiding the Gamecocks were the blatant fouls by the SSU team. Also adding to the physical game were two technical fouls assessed on Brian Fisher and Carlos Smalls, both of the Tiger team.
- SSU kept the game within reach for the first half of play allowing the Gamecocks to only an 8-point lead. The Tigers also tied the game once and even held a 4-point lead for a short time. And with JSU shooting only 36.4 percent on the half, things may have looked dismal, save the score.
- But JSU blazed out of the gates during the second half building a 17-point lead with 15:41 left in the game. Spurring on JSU's lead was a 9-0 run led by Barlett and Brown.
- Bringing the lead at one time to 22, the second half of play was lopsided and marred with fouls again. With a 22-point lead at two minutes remaining, SSU caught the showboating bug. Attempted dunks and blind passes could remind someone of playground ball.
- But despite the game falling into a who-could-out-do-who disaster for Savannah State, the Gamecocks persevered. Choosing to add their exclamations marks throughout the game, Scott Watson dished Barlett and Brown both dunks and James Denson threw Barlett another. "I am playing behind the stud," said the sophomore Brown, about Barlett. "I am going with the flow, but I am still behind a senior."
- "Carl (Brown) can score big points at any night," said Barlett about Brown's performance off the bench.
- The Gamecocks have two tough road games up next, at Mercer and archrival Troy. And the road is not nice to the Gamecocks who have a 3-5 away record.
- "[You] can't expect to go into someone else's house and go up by 30," said Brown.
- "As long as we play hard defense, the offense will come automatically," said Barlett. "We look at it as another game."

Women drop two straight; still No. 1 in North

By Michael Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

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IM’s bring friends together

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

With both basketball seasons beginning to wind down and baseball and softball seasons just around the corner, the JSU intramural sports program is heating up. Independent and fraternal organizations alike can compete in sports ranging from bowling to water polo. All anyone has to do is fill out some simple forms and take them to the recreational sports office.

Most sports either operate under an elimination style tournament or a playoff system. In basketball, which is going on now, there are two divisions in the men’s and women’s classes. The divisions are made up of the fraternal organizations and the independent teams.

“We take two independent teams and four fraternities to the playoffs,” said Ross Nelson, a referee for recreational sports.

All someone needs to do to put a team together is to have some friends or take a trip to Stephenson Gym. “Most teams are built of people that are already friends,” said David Barrett, coach of the GDI’s, an independent basketball team. “We started playing pickup in Stephenson.”

“The independent teams usually fair better than the fraternities,” said Nelson. “They can just pick and choose who they play with.”

Upcoming intramural events include soccer, golf and the always favorite softball.

“We (the GDI’s) are moving into softball,” said Barrett.

Softball fan day planned to open this year’s season

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State softball team will kick off the 2003 season with a student-friendly fan day this Sunday.

The fan day will begin at 2 p.m. and the team will host a home run derby and a throwing contest. There will also be prizes and drawings during the day, and fans will be treated to free popcorn and cokes.

The softball team has added picnic tables along the outfield and foul line fences to allow fans to tailgate. The Gamecocks are inviting you to come and be a part of what promises to be a memorable season.

“This is a great opportunity for the students and fans to show their spirit,” said head coach Jana McGinnis. “Come support and meet every player from the softball team.”

The Gamecocks hope the enthusiasm will carry over to the first game of the year when JSU hosts Lipscomb on Wednesday, Feb. 12. First pitch is set for 3:30 p.m.
UCF downs Samford; Mercer takes G-W

Central Florida 58
Samford 52

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Ray Abellard scored 13 points, leading Central Florida past Samford 58-52 in an Atlantic Sun Conference men's basketball game Saturday night.

The win was the fifth in UCF's last six games, and also was the Golden Knights' third straight over Samford. UCF was 3-17 all-time against Samford prior to this three-game streak, which began last season.

Abellard was the only UCF player in double figures. Dexter Lyons and Ed Dotson each scored nine for the Golden Knights (15-7, 7-2).

Mercer 76
Gardner-Webb 64

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Troy State 100
Campbell 75

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Canadian Kat loves to play Gamecock B-ball

By Jane Little
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Independence is evident and confidence is a virtue. The slender, smooth, sneaky prowler has instincts of success. The predator watches and waits to pounce at the opportunity to score a meal. A loyal and dedicated feline that often strays in search of a life of its own, has intelligence that is immeasurable, and at times goes unnoticed. They have the ability to run fast, climb high and jump far. An admired animal that is born to accomplish many tasks. Some people want a dog; I would rather have a “Kat.”

Katja “Kat” Fuess is a 6-foot-2 freshman center, from British Columbia, Canada. She has been a part of Canada’s National Team Regional Training Program and played with Junior and National team level competition. She also played for one of the most renowned high school teams in Canada. In Fuess’s last three years at Heritage Park High School they had a remarkable record of (101-3).

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“Week to week, she has been a part of many of the keys to the program’s future. If she continues to progress, she will accomplish many things at Jacksonville State University. She has the personality to handle the pressure. She will be successful.

Fuess might be from the north, but she is never cold on the court. If you watch her closely you will find she is always in the right position. She cuts at the perfect moment and her technical skills are superb. She also brings flexibility to the team. Fuess contributes from all over the court.

“Fuess is a defensive stopper, she can handle the ball and her movement without the ball is amazing,” said head coach Dana Austin. “She is a versatile player who can play four of five positions on the floor which really helps the coaching staff coach.”

Fuess can light it up on offense and successfully guard some of the best players in the Atlantic Sun conference. She loves to face up and take challenges head on. She is a player that you can watch at ease, because every movement she makes is fluent. Not only do coaches enjoy watching her, but fans also take pleasure in her nearly flawless technique.

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Fuess is always reading the play and thinking one pass ahead. The thinking ahead is also what the coaches have in mind for Fuess. “She has tremendous skill and her potential is huge,” said Austin. “She is just now tapping into her abilities and she has a great future.”

It is hard to go to battle everyday with players like Shanika “Nip” Freeman, Freddricka Embry and Tiara Eady, but Fuess knows that it will pay off in the future. She is ready to live up to her expectations. “I am comfortable with my coaches and I trust them,” said Fuess. “I am willing to take on any challenges they give to me.”

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So for all you dog lovers out there, have you changed your mind yet? Have you realized the talent, potential and future you could be missing out on, if you don’t have a “Kat?” I know the Gamecocks are extremely lucky to have one.
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