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Bush spells out risk he believes Saddam poses

By Martin Merzer and Jodi Enda
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WASHINGTON — President Bush, seeking to rally Americans standing on shaky economic ground and the brink of war, called on the nation Tuesday night to confront the “outlaw regime” of Iraq or risk “a day of horror like none we have ever known.”



George Bridges/KRT
Pres. George Bush as he delivers his State of the Union address on Tuesday.

He said Saddam Hussein might possess enough chemical and biological material to kill millions of people, and was all too capable of using it.

“The dictator of Iraq is not disarming,” Bush said during his State of the Union address. “To the contrary, he is deceiving.”

Although he didn’t mention Iraq until deep into his 60-minute speech, the president devoted nearly the entire second half to a stark assessment of the risk he believes Saddam poses.

He said Iraq could not account for 6,600 gallons of anthrax, more than 10,000 gallons of botulinum toxin and as much as 500 tons of chemical agents, enough to commit unthinkable mass murder.

“Before Sept. 11, 2001, many in the world believed that Saddam Hussein could be contained,” Bush said. “But chemical agents and lethal viruses and shadowy terrorist networks are not easily contained.”

“Imagine those 19 hijackers with other weapons and other plans, this time armed by Saddam Hussein. It would take just one vial, one canister, one

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SGA weighs election changes

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

“If you’re not going to go and actually do something yourself, then you’re pretty much worthless to this University’s Student Government Association,” said Senator Jordan Brewer at Monday night’s Senate meeting. “Our job is to actually make a difference and make this University better for the students.”

At the meeting Brewer reprimanded his fellow senators for not doing their jobs. Out of 35 senators, only seven senators have written bills this term.

“There are very few senators who are actually in it for our purpose,” Brewer said, “which is to go to whatever extent we have to to make sure the student body is taken care of and that their best interest is served.”

To confront the problem of apathy in the Senate, Brewer is working on a bill that would require senators to take a test on the constitution and code of



The Chanticleer/Jamie M. Eubanks

Crystal Aaron, Sharton Gross and Clint Snider are sworn in at Monday’s Senate meeting. Six senators and two justices took the places of those who couldn’t serve out the remainder of their term.

laws.

“When someone applies to be a senator they are going to be given a copy of the JSU Constitution and Code of Laws. Then they will come back at another meeting and take a test to show they actually read it and they actually understand

it.”

If the bill passes when it goes before the senate, it will not go in effect until next year’s elections. So it would affect the senators of 2004.

The oath the senators take when they are sworn into office says, “I do solemnly swear to

uphold the JSU SGA Constitution and Code of Laws and to serve the students of Jacksonville State University to the best of my ability in my capacity as senator/justice of the SGA.”

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Trustees vote to close Forney Hall

By Ben Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

JSU’s board of trustees voted Monday to close down Forney



the history of the building, it would be a great museum-piece property

“It’s just not adjacent to our campus,” Meehan said. “It’s an

Serious credit problems crash

ing building, because of safety concerns and maintenance costs.

"There are just a lot of problems," JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan said after the vote. The University will close the building at the end of the pring 2003 semester.

"Although it's not true now, we know that if we continue without a major inflow of cash, we know that safety issues and those things will become apparent," Meehan said. "The building, if it's going to be refurbished, needs a total overhaul, and at this point I cannot recommend to the trustees to invest in it."

Forney Hall, adjacent to Jacksonville's Kitty Stone Elementary School was built as a dormitory in the early 1920's. At that time the campus of what was then the Jacksonville State Normal School was centered around the area that later became Kitty Stone. As the college moved north, other buildings in the area were demolished, leaving Forney as the last vestige of the original campus. In recent years, Forney has served as apartment-style hous-



The Chanticleer/Patricia Lockhart

Forney Hall adjacent to Kitty Stone Elementary will be closed for good at the end of the Spring semester after a vote by the JSU Board of Trustees at their quarterly meeting Monday.

ing, with units available for married students and those with children.

As the building has aged, maintenance problems have become serious and costly. "We're just getting so many complaints from folks. It's just old, and I wonder about the safety of the people," Meehan said. Housing officials could not be reached by press time to discuss the specific maintenance concerns.

"Unfortunately we outgrew it, and it's in the wrong place," Meehan said. The University plans to put the property up for sale, the president said. Potential buyers could include the City of Jacksonville or the city's school board, he speculated.

Other buyers might include those interested in historic preservation. "It's a historical building," Meehan said. "For someone that has an interest in

just more of a liability to the University."

In other business, the trustees:

- Approved the president's financial report for the 2001-02 fiscal year. The report showed JSU ending the fiscal year with \$73.5 million in revenues and \$71.9 million in expenses, to end the year with a surplus of \$1.6 million.

- Approved an \$802,500 project to re-roof several buildings on campus, including Bibb Graves Hall, Daquette Hall, Dixon Hall and others.

- Voted to allow Meehan to dispose of several acres of property owned by JSU in southwest Texas. The property was donated to the University in the past, Meehan said. Revenues from oil deposits on the property were used to fund scholarships, and Meehan described those oil deposits as "pretty well depleted." He said after the vote that the University was negotiating with a buyer to purchase the property for about \$30,000.

- Approved new handbooks for faculty and staff members.

The Trustees will meet again on April 21, on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library.

By Miranda Bryant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Bill Smith, a JSU student, was 19 when he started buying clothing and vehicle accessories on credit. Bill Smith is **not his real name, but he said** his situation is now too embarrassing and he looks back to regret his past decisions.

"I basically wanted to work up some credit," he said.

Smith has been employed **since he received his first bill** in the mail. It was from American Eagle. They started his limit at \$500, and it took him only a **short while** to maximize the account. He said \$500 "went like that."

Next, it was the Sears credit card because he had to put new tires on his car. "It just went from there," Smith said. "Once I was able to get more credit cards, I took the Sears card and American Eagle card and consolidated them into one major credit card." Smith's limit on that new Bank of America Visa card was \$2,500. "This left me almost \$2,000 to play with," said Smith, "so I played with it and maxed that one out."

"We would go to the bar, put it all on my tab," said Smith. "This fun went on for five months." Smith said it was worth it at the time to charge all that 'fun' on his credit card, but he said he is struggling to make his payments because he has only a part-time job, not unlike most

college students.

"Then I went on vacation and used two of my major credit cards because I was close to maxing one out and didn't want to go over," Smith said.

Smith finally had to contact a debt management agency, and he now sends them \$199 monthly to disperse throughout the various credit card companies that used to call him.

"They (credit card vendors) don't care," said Smith, "because they will get their money one way or another."

After accumulating over \$10,000 in debt, Smith looks back in disgust.

"Aside from all that, I am still having to pay my cell phone bill, my car payment, my insurance," he said. "And now I have to live with my parents."

Smith realized the error of his ways, and said he now spends only \$50 cash each week on food and gas. All his credit cards have been cut up.

"You look good while you're doing it (buying on credit). You look like Mr. Popular," he said, "but those people you spend money in front of are going to still be going out while you are sitting at home saving money to pay your bills."

While Smith knows now where he went wrong, he said college students probably have no recognition of their troubles until it is too late.

• First in a two part series on student debt. See next week's issue for part two on solutions to credit problems.

Graduate enrollment growing fast

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

Graduate enrollment has now reached 1,632, which makes up 19.2 percent of JSU's enrollment.

"The graduate enrollment has been increasing since I came here 20 years ago," said Dr. William Carr, dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education.

"Enrollment has accelerated in terms of percent increase of one year over the other in the last five to six years."

Carr attributes this growth to marketing and recruiting strategies.

"The graduate degree not only gives one a competitive edge in terms of the job market," Carr said, "but it gives the individual additional career paths they may pursue."

The graduate office has also made it easier for students by minimizing the number of offices they have to go to. Students can apply for graduate studies, be advised and perform other student-oriented tasks with little inconvenience.

"We've been heavily involved in recruiting the last 10 years," Carr said.

JSU's graduate college has participated in the Alabama

Circuit, which is a recruiting fair that travels to seven locations in five days. Schools from across the country come to these fairs to recruit students.

A majority of graduate students are in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

"We're really lucky to have so many Georgia students," said

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By the numbers:

Number of words in Pres. Bush's
State of the Union address:

5,478

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Men's basketball:

Jan. 29 - JSU 78, Savannah State 73

Tonight - at Jacksonville, 91.9 FM, 6 p.m.

Women's basketball:

Jan. 29 - JSU 68, Savannah State 64

Tonight - at Mercer, 6 p.m.

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Eight students took that oath Monday night — Bree Davis, Clint Snider, Sharton Gross, Andy Pody, Rhett McCreight, Casie Sanders, Alison Crow and Crystal Aaron.

They will fill the spots of senators and justices who either missed too many meetings or their schedules conflicted with the meetings this semester.

The Senate got down to business with an amendment to change an election rule.

Brewer sponsored a bill to disallow candidates from campaigning on the floor where elections are being held. Before, candidates were not even allowed in the building.

During elections last year, someone running for office ran

into some friends in the TMB and was caught talking with them. The candidate was later accused of campaigning illegally.

"Campaigning is what gets most people in trouble," Brewer said. "It's the same problem we had with homecoming. It's always the campaigning. I was trying to make it more specific because that has been one of our major problems with the elections. Our rules are not specific enough."

Senator Amy Yancey asked if the bill would also include stairwells. If not, a candidate could campaign just outside the door to the polling floor.

Senator Cook tried to fix the problem by amending the bill. The bill was further amended by Elizabeth Davis to read, "No candidate may be on the floor designated as the polling area, except to cast his/her vote. However, campaigning may be allowed on any other floor of that building, with exception of the polling floor and stairwell leading up or down to the third floor."

Senator Heather Miller totally opposed the bill. She said she didn't like being harassed when she came to vote because she is educated before she gets there.

"I think if you allow people to be in the building the students who are voting are going to know their name and that's not the only reason to vote for somebody," Miller said.

Miller also tried to table the bill, but was unsuccessful.

The amendment was passed in its amended form.

Another bill was introduced by Senator Mardracus Russell. It increased the maximum amount of campaign expenditures for both SGA officers and

Byford finds a new home at GSU

By Miranda Bryant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Cara Dawn Byford, JSU's assistant director of student activities, discovered recently that a new job is waiting on her in Georgia.

Byford has been directing Greek life on the campus of JSU for five years, but said she will move to Statesboro, Ga., next month as Georgia Southern University's director of Greek life, a title JSU does not have.

"When you want to be promoted, make more money or have more responsibilities, a lot of times you have to change institutions to advance your career," Byford said.

The position at GSU will involve many of the same duties the assistant director of student activities has at JSU, according to Byford, but the director of Greek life position requires more responsibility since GSU has eight more Greek organizations than JSU's 16. "My section will be its own section within student affairs," she said.

Byford's last day at JSU is Feb. 10, and the office of student activities is searching quickly for Byford's replacement, according to Terry Casey, director of student activities.

"I do not have anybody in mind," Casey said. "I am interested in someone who has finished or is working through a masters program."

When Casey became the director of student activities in



Cara Dawn Byford

Byford. "I really don't know how they did it."

In the early 1990s, there was someone working as assistant director of student activities, according to Casey, but the person was here only one year. "At that particular time, the campus was going through a financial crisis," Casey said. "We had graduate assistants in the office up until 1998 when Cara Dawn came."

"I know that he (Casey) is looking to get somebody good in here that will work hard for JSU and work hard for our groups," Byford said.

Many positive changes have been made under Byford's guidance, according to Casey. "We have three distinct governing bodies for fraternities and sororities that we did not have before she came here," said Casey. Along with recruitment, fraternity and sorority grade point averages and involvement have all increased. "Cara Dawn is leaving us with a very good, firm foundation that we can build upon," he said.

Enrollment at GSU for 2002 was over 15,000, according to records. "It's an excellent next

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Alpha Omicron Pi:** Happy Birthday, Courtney! A huge thanks to Alison Pierce and her committee for an excellent job at our Founder's Day celebration! Congratulations to all sisters who were honored at it. Also, congratulations to Jim Bennett, Nick Owens and Kenny Reighard for being selected Pi-O-A Men! **Contact:** Browneyedgurl927@aol.com

• **Alpha Xi Delta:** Good Luck to our intramural basketball team today! We're looking forward to a great Alumni Tea Sunday! Hope Heather and Melissa had a great birthday last week! Sister of the week is Brandy Sandlin, and new member of the week is Amanda Britton. Have a great week everyone! **Contact:** Greta Goecker, 782-1024.

• **JSU Cheerleader Tryouts:** JSU cheerleading tryouts will be April 11-13. Tryout applications must be turned in by Feb. 28 to be eligible for tryouts. You can pick up an information sheet and application at the JSU Athletic Department, or go online to www.jsugamecocksports.com and click on the cheerleading link. **Contact:** Brittany Ishee, bishee@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Delta Zeta:** Happy 21st birthday to Kimber Merrill!!! Twisted sister goes to Ashley Hendrick and Marion Pearson. Brandy Riley you're a super turtle! Everyone have a wonderful week. Check out our new web site: www.jaxstdeltazeta.org. **Contact:** dzinformaion@yahoo.com

• **ECE:** The English Competency Examination will be given Feb. 18, 6-7:30 p.m. and Feb. 19, 3-4:30 p.m. Registration for the ECE is Jan. 22-Feb. 12, 215 Stone Center. Optional workshops for the ECE will be Feb. 10, 6-7 p.m. and Feb. 11, 3-4 p.m. in the Merrill Hall auditorium (Room 250). **Contact:** Susan Sellers, 112 Stone Center, 782-5512, ssellers@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Financial Aid:** 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 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 Mu:** Thank you Kappa Sigma for a great Campfire Mixer on Tuesday! We'll be painting the hall again Saturday, so please come help. Don't forget Sunday's meeting is in the Roundhouse. Phi Mu Lady of the Week is Andrea Reaves. Have a great week everyone! **Contact:** lacey-doo@aol.com

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

• **Up 'Til Dawn:** Want to be a part of an all night party? Come celebrate with Up 'Til Dawn. UTD's finale event will be Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. in Stephenson Gym. Live music, food and games! Up 'Til Dawn is a campus fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. **Contact:** Jamie Eubanks or Tim King, 782-8054.

• **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

• **Young Democrats:** There will be an interest/organizational meeting to form an area chapter of the Young Dems and a JSU Caucus at 8 p.m. on Feb. 3 at the Paesano's at the Tower restaurant in Oxford (next to Outback). Anyone interested in being a part of a progressive organization is welcome to attend. **Contact:** Nicki Avila, NickiAvila@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.

CAMPUS CRIME

Jan. 22—Matthew J. Seikel, 20, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Fitzpatrick Hall. Three textbooks were stolen.

Jan. 23—Maurice Sanchez Mullins, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring on Trustee Circle.

Jan. 23—Mia Kashawn Mosely, 19, reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at Campus Inn Apartments. One hundred dollars in tire damage was done.

Jan. 23—Lance Martin Smith, 22, reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at Delta Chi fraternity house. A Sony PlayStation II console with its controller and a game, all worth \$350, and a \$390 Diamondback Response bicycle were stolen.

Jan. 24—Frankie Arnett reported disorderly conduct to JSUPD occurring at the cashier area of Jack Hopper Dining Hall.

Jan. 24—Michael John Brunner, 22, of Ohatchee, was cited by JSUPD for open container violation occurring at College Street and Pelham Road.

Jan. 24—Jamie Lee Boston, 22, of Ohatchee, was cited by JSUPD for open container violation occurring at College Street and Pelham Road.

Jan. 24—Tyler Slade Hardy, 22, of Oxford, was cited by JSUPD for open container violation occurring at College Street and Pelham Road.

Jan. 24—Wesley Sherwood Morgan, 21, of Ohatchee, was cited by JSUPD for open container violation occurring at College Street and Pelham Road.

Jan. 27—Taccara Johnson, 20, reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at Penn House Apartments. Two textbooks were stolen.

Jan. 27—Suzanne Rebecca Morrow, 19, reported harassing communications to JSUPD occurring at Sparkman Hall.

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.

amount of campaign expenditures for both SGA officers and senators by \$250. Officers are allowed to spend \$750, while senators are allowed \$500. The bill passed with no discussion.

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Dr. Sheila Webb, dean of the education and professional studies college. "That's representative of our faculty. We have some students driving from Atlanta. That means they have to drive passed West Georgia."

The College also offers the highest degree on campus. And

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crate slipped into this country to bring a day of horror like none we have ever known."

The president, however, didn't present any evidence that linked Saddam to al-Qaida or other terrorist groups, and he didn't mention that other unfriendly nations, including Iran, also possess such weapons.

Bush also devoted much of his speech to promoting massive tax cuts, a prescription drug benefit program for older Americans and other relief for those afflicted by the ailing economy.

Bush attempted to shore up support for a showdown with Iraq and for battles with Democrats over domestic issues.

"This country has many challenges," he said. "We will not deny, we will not ignore, we will not pass along our problems to other Congresses, other presidents and other generations. We will confront them with focus and clarity and courage."

Bush emphasized that he is working with allies in Asia "to find a peaceful solution" to the threat of North Korean nuclear weapons.

But he said: "America and the world will not be blackmailed."

Bush didn't set a deadline for Iraqi compliance with U.N. disarmament demands, but he once again made clear that his patience with Saddam was at an end.

masters program.

When Casey became the director of student activities in 1996, there was no assistant position. "He advised all the Greek organizations, SGA and all student activities," said

within the last two years the College has added some new degrees for students to choose from. These include an education specialist degree and a master of science degree in reading.

"We also have a diverse set of students," Webb said. "That is an excellent classroom environment because it's most like the real world."

To the Iraqi people, Bush declared: "Your enemy is not surrounding your country — your enemy is ruling your country. And the day he and his regime are removed from power will be the day of your liberation."

He said Secretary of State Colin Powell would travel to the United Nations on Feb. 5 and share previously classified material showing that Iraq is hiding biological and chemical weapons and smuggling in material that can be used to produce long-range missiles and nuclear weapons.

Administration officials said they also have information suggesting that Iraqi military officers regularly intercept communications between U.N. arms inspectors and know in advance where they are going.

Before the speech, polls showed that large numbers of Americans expected the president to share his plan for navigating the country through a period of high unemployment, rising federal budget deficits and a faltering stock market.

Bush devoted most of the first half of his speech to those concerns, promoting his 10-year, \$674 billion tax cut. The administration says the plan is designed to stimulate the economy, relieve the so-called "marriage penalty" and help nearly all taxpayers.

Critics have focused on a

was over 15,000, according to records. "It's an excellent next step since the college (GSU) is growing," Byford said, "but leaving JSU will be a hard thing to do."

In the states of Alabama and Georgia, there is a significant pay raise for teachers who receive a masters degree.

"Teachers are always looking for new ideas," Webb said. "And by completing these programs they are better equipped in the classroom."

component of the plan that would end the double taxation of some corporate dividends. They said that element would disproportionately benefit the wealthy.

Democratic leaders chose Gov. Gary Locke of Washington state to present the party's rebuttal. Many states are confronting record budget shortfalls this year.

"We're being forced to cut vital services from police to fire to health care," Locke said. "We need a White House that understands the challenges our communities and people are facing across America."

He also said his party supported the president so far on the Iraq issue but objected to Bush's contention that he didn't need U.N. approval to use military force.

In his speech, Bush also spoke fervently of building a more "compassionate" society.

He called on Congress to change Medicare rules and help older Americans pay for prescription drugs.

"For many people, medical care costs too much, and many have no coverage at all," he said. "These problems will not be solved with a nationalized health-care system that dictates coverage and rations care."

Critics charged that it would coerce the elderly into private health plans that would restrict their ability to choose doctors.

OPINION

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In Our View

Senate gets down to business

The SGA Senate was in action Monday night. To some readers that might mean just a lot more inaction. The SGA and its Senate have in the past been much maligned by students and by past editorial boards of this newspaper for not doing enough, indeed for not doing anything that directly impacts the lives of JSU students. But for a while at least on Monday, senators showed a glimmer of what they can do when they put their minds to it.

Occasionally through the years of the SGA's history, senators and executives have swept into office promising to change things, to get the SGA and its Senate "more involved." Whatever that's supposed to mean, the intentions of those student leaders, we feel, are good. Those good intentions however, all too often get bogged down in the muddy realities of the Senate, and the swamp of student apathy.

We're in one of those periods right now, when a few senators and executives know something needs to change. Senator Jordan Brewer, who chairs the committee on the constitution and SGA Code of Laws, proposed a measure on Monday night to amend some of the election rules that resulted in the dispute over the comptroller's office last spring. The Senate held an earnest debate on the proposal, which was amended and survived an attempt to delay a vote before it was passed.

Stephanie Janis, the SGA's second vice president, kept the discussion from breaking down by guiding it as best she could through parliamentary procedure. This was the Senate at its best, working through a complicated issue and coming up with a good piece of legislation that makes it easier for candidates to go about their personal business in the TMB on election day.

Sadly, that sort of reasoned debate isn't always the way things happen. Just before addressing Brewer's proposal the Senate passed a measure proposed by Mardracus Russell that increases allowed campaign expenditures for SGA candidates by up to 100 percent. As with many bills that come before the Senate, legislators rushed to be the first to call for "previous question," which suspends discussion and calls for an immediate vote. No one questioned the impact of allowing candidates to spend an extra \$250 when seeking office. It passed unanimously.

The opportunity is there, if the Senate works like it did on Brewer's bill, to impact the lives of students, by addressing important campus issues. For example, the University needs to be pushed to provide students a list of required textbooks when they register for class, so students can shop on their own and save money. The election system could be changed to select senators by college, rather than electing them at large. That might eliminate some of the student apathy about the SGA by making senators answerable to particular groups.

If the Senate can act more often like it did with Brewer's proposal than it did with Russell's, and turn its attention to matters that impact and improve the lives of students at JSU, we might

A case study of the suitcase student phenomenon

Hello, my name is Stephanie, and I'm a suitcase student.

This is where you all greet me and help me feel welcomed. Go ahead.

I, like so many students here at JSU, go home every weekend, to what I consider an escape from the stress that college has to offer. Every single weekend, for the past three years, I've gone home to Birmingham, to work, or hang out, or collect my thoughts, whatever you want to call it.

Every Monday morning I've trudged back to good ole JSU, suitcase in the trunk of my car, with the wish to be back home, asleep in my warm bed.

I'm a junior, here for the third year, living in the same apartment I've lived in since I was a freshman, and I don't truly consider Jacksonville home.

Home is in Trussville, Ala.,

By
Stephanie
Pendergrass
The Chanticleer
Managing Editor



right outside of Birmingham. Home is where I get free food, a warm bed, the company of my parents, boyfriend, friends and dog. Home is where my other job is located. Home is where I go to get away from some of the stress 16 hours worth of classes offers me on a frequent basis.

It's not that I don't like JSU. Don't get me wrong, I truly love it. I like the small-town atmosphere, I like the many different faces this University has roaming around it, I like having the ability to gain the knowledge I'll need once I graduate.

Jacksonville, however, is not an appealing place to be on the weekends for me.

When I was a freshman, I could've gotten a new job in town, and stayed up here all the time. But little old me, I opted to stay at the store I'm still working at, to be able to go home, and see my family and friends, and be around familiar faces. I was intimidated at the thought of being away from home for such a long time, so going back every weekend just worked.

I could've gone to another school. I was accepted to the University of Tennessee — a dream come true for me. I could've gone to Samford, or Auburn, I could've gone to a huge university and been another face in the crowd. I chose to come to JSU because when I came to freshmen orientation, it just felt right. This place did seem like "The Friendliest Campus in the South," as it still does. So JSU it was.

On the few occasions I have

been up here on the weekends, I've gone to football games, or band contests, and pretty much left right after, going back to Trussville. I've seen the dead city on the weekends. It's not something that makes you want to stay around for too long.

Being right by Birmingham, there's so much to do, and it's all pretty close to home. You can go shopping at numerous malls, there are clubs, bars, movie theaters, random forms of entertainment, that aren't too widely seen in Jacksonville.

I've been in the same routine for too long, so I don't see myself changing too much in the few semesters I have left here, but it's not too late for everyone.

If I had of known about student activities that were going on up here on the weekends, I might have stayed when I was a freshman. If I had of heard about bands coming to town, or groups or organizations having events that seemed interesting, I would've participated. But three years ago I didn't. So three years ago, I went to where there was a greater access to entertainment.

The reason there aren't any incredible events going on in Jacksonville, is because of people like me. If we all leave and go somewhere else all weekend, who's going to come perform here, or what events are going to take place? The answer: no one and nothing.

It's not a lack of interest on my part; it was a lack of knowing where to go and what to do in the first place. And as Billy Joel said, "We didn't start the fire, it was always burning since the world's been turning." I'm not the reason Jacksonville is dead on the weekends. I unfor-



posal than it did with Russell's, and turn its attention to matters that impact and improve the lives of students at JSU, we might just have a Senate we can all be proud of, all of the time.



not the reason Jacksonville is dead on the weekends; I unfortunately just keep it that way.

IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Has moving some classes to the afternoon helped parking in the morning?"

--Compiled by
Patricia Lockhart
Photo Editor



Steven Clark
Junior
English & history

"I wouldn't know. I don't have a car."



Loren Girman
Freshman
History

"I think the parking is greatly improved, and there is not as much traffic around Merrill."



Christi Pilkington
Graduate student
History

"I think it's greatly improved around here."



Jeremy Tidwell
Sophomore
Business

"Yeah, it's a lot easier finding spots now."



Jeremy Wilson
Freshman
Undecided

"I don't drive to class, but the Stone Center parking lot still looks full."

A peace movement that's going absolutely nowhere

By Zef Chafets

New York Daily News (KRT)

"A broad cross-section of America." That's how National Public Radio's reporter described the anti-war demonstrators who converged Saturday on the Mall in Washington.

The New York Times agreed. Its editorial page called the gathering "impressive for the obvious mainstream roots of the marchers."

I watched the march on C-SPAN, and I saw a different event — a thin crowd of cold white people cheering on an assortment of America-hating radicals, second-rate demagogues and plain weirdos.

The rally was kicked off by a Native American activist, Moonanum James, who set the day's tone by accusing the United States of genocide and ended his oration with this

exhortation: "In the spirit of Crazy Horse, no more war!" (I'm not making that up.)

James was one of 11 speakers from the rally's organizing group, ANSWER — Act Now to Stop War & End Racism. ANSWER is intimately connected with the Workers of the World Party, an outfit that is, according to David Corn of the hard-left The Nation magazine, a "small, revolutionary-Socialist sect." Is there anyone on Earth more maliciously stupid than a revolutionary Socialist?

Other featured speakers included the Revs. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, former Georgia Rep. Cynthia McKinney, ex-U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Ron ("Born on the Fourth of July") Kovic, two silly actresses, a few folk singers and a very distressed British member of Parliament, Jeremy Corbyn.

There were also a great many Arab and Islamic apologists for Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein among the orators: Elias Rashmawi of the Free Palestine Alliance; Mansoor Khan from "Peace TV"; Ashraf el-Bayoumi, an Egyptian "intellectual"; Esam Omeish of the Muslim-American Society; Imam Mousa (who made an appeal for convicted cop-killer H. Rap Brown and called for a "revolution" to bring down the "American system"); Ismael Kamal representing the Muslim-Student Association; and, at the end of the rally, a poet from the Council on American-Islamic Relations who delivered his indictment of Yankee aggression and repression in doggerel verse.

A White House spokeswoman, asked about the rally, called it an example of American free speech,

which, of course, it was. And I have no doubt there were some well-meaning mainstream people in the crowd. But public rallies, like public lynchings, are normally judged not by the quality of the crowd, but by the character of the people staging the event.

That's why calling Saturday's demonstration mainstream misses the point. So much so, in fact, that a suspicious type might even detect a certain amount of ideological dissembling in the coverage.

Too bad, because there was a real story on the Mall in Washington over the weekend. The rally revealed that the anti-war movement, since its last meeting in October, has gone precisely nowhere. Saturday was, in fact, a carbon copy of the October effort — same speakers, same B-list celebrities, same small crowd. An hour into it, Rashmawi conceded this last point,

announcing that half the buses were still on their way. Afterward, ANSWER claimed 500,000 — a hilarious exaggeration.

But exaggeration won't help the anti-war movement as it is currently constituted. Neither will disingenuous reporting. ANSWER and its fellow travelers clearly want to turn Iraq into another Vietnam, but they are being frustrated by a technological irony. A generation ago, network television showed the American public the truth about a bad war. Now C-SPAN, with its unmediated, unblinking cameras, is doing the same for a bad "peace" movement.

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Boot-scootin' at Brother's

The "redneck hippies" of the Wayne Mills Band mosey onto the Brother's Bar stage tonight

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

The Wayne Mills Band has struggled for years to put together the six-piece ensemble they have now.

In the beginning, Wayne Mills, lead singer and founder of the band, "borrowed" musicians from other bands to play for free. At the time he was trying to start The Wayne Mills Band, groove-funk music was popular, not the country music he was playing. "It took awhile to convince people that what I was doing wasn't stupid," he said.

Finally, after the "borrowed" band members' primary bands fell apart, Mills had a solid lineup. With Mills singing and playing acoustic guitar, Adam Guthrie playing rhythm and lead guitar, Stacy Morris on the bass guitar and Dave "Peso" Woest on lead guitar, the Wayne Mills



Courtesy The Wayne Mills Band

Dave "Peso" West (l), lead guitarist, Will Hudson, drummer, Stacy Morris, bassist, Wayne Mills, lead singer and acoustic guitar, Trey Evans, keyboardist, and Adam Guthrie, rhythm and lead guitarist, of The Wayne Mills Band will play tonight at Brother's Bar.

Band was started.

The drummer, Will Hudson, and keyboard player, Trey Evans, were added to the lineup three or four years later.

Fast forward to 2003, the band has two full-band and two live acoustic albums out and play between 15 and 18 dates a month. They've recently participated in a showcase with several record executives and Country Music Television in Nashville, Tenn., to try and "find someone to help make the next step," according to Mills.

This past fall, the band

recorded a live album at the now-closed Last Straw as a "Redneck Hippie" project with a friend of Mills' from the band Highly Kind, Albert Simpson. If the album is released, it will be "more of an underground thing," said Mills.

The band's success has been good, according to Mills. "I've been playing music for 10 years and I've never had a job besides music," he said.

Neither have any of the other band members.

Besides never needing to have an additional income, the

band has built a strong fan base, sometimes in cities they've never played in. "There's some towns we ride into that we've never even played and people will be singing the words to our songs," Mills said. "That kind of stuff freaks you out, but at the same time it's cool."

Much of the exposure the band has gotten has come from their live shows, but the Internet has given a helping hand as well, according to Mills. Boot leg copies of many of their original, and some covers, are available for download online at var-

ious places.

Mills said he was skeptical at first about how programs like Napster would affect their record sales, but then realized that any exposure is good exposure for them. "They can download music all they want to — I don't care," he said. "It's helped us a lot."

Most of the songs the band plays are original. Mills writes "the bulk" of their originals, he said. "When I first started writing a long time ago, all I could

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Another cock-eyed PETA campaign

By Danni Lusk
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PETA is well-known for their outlandish requests for change regarding the treatment of animals and are also scorned for some of their tactics in going about getting these changes made.

But, I don't think they are really all that crazy.

I'm one of those casual animal lovers: I'm not a vegetarian, I own four cats and sometimes a dog, I stop in the road and carry confused turtles to the other side and I do cringe at the thought of how they kill cows, yet I still love quarter-pound burgers.

Some of PETA's past campaigns have made people laugh, including myself. Their most famous campaign, at least on this campus, was the request to change our University's mascot because PETA believes gamecock fighting is inhumane.

Another of PETA's crazy campaigns was against Dr. Phil, the former guest psychologist on Oprah who now has his own show on NBC. PETA asked its supporters to



Yoga captures a Christian crowd



Jamie Keehan, left, and Ashley Thomas watch their team, the Pittsburgh Steelers, in their playoff game against Tennessee, in a packed Murphy's Law Sports Bar in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Female football fans on the rise

By Mary-Kathryn Craft
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Ashley Thomas is not afraid to wear her Pittsburgh Steelers gear.

She's got a jersey and a "terrible towel," the gold-colored towel fans wave during games.

One Sunday, while decked out in her Steelers apparel, she accidentally walked into a bar full of archrival Cleveland Browns fans.

The 22 year-old Myrtle Beach woman, who grew up near Pittsburgh in Toronto, Ohio, loves football and spends most fall and winter Sundays cheering as her favorite National Football League team battles it out on the gridiron. Thomas is part of a growing national trend — women football fans.

The Sunday "football widow," women deserted while husbands watch endless hours of football, is steadily becoming a thing of the past.

Sunday, millions of ladies will turn their attention to the

field and get just as psyched up for the Super Bowl as their husbands, sons and brothers. Fifty million women in the U.S. avidly follow professional sports, according to a national survey released last month by Scarborough Sports Marketing, a New York research firm that studies consumer and lifestyle information.

Professional football is the top choice among female sports fans, according to the survey. Tara Goldstein, a spokeswoman for Scarborough Sports Marketing, said the research also looks at who the NFL fans are and what other interests they have. For example, female NFL fans are 48 percent more likely to attend NASCAR events than other women.

Today's women are more used to being integrated into all aspects of society than their predecessors, and young women expect to be included in everything, including sports, said Sylvia Kenig Snyder, associate pro-

fessor of sociology at Coastal Carolina University.

Title IX, federal legislation passed in 1972 to ensure gender equity in government-funded sports and education programs, opened doors for girls to participate in sports training programs and paved the way for more female sports fans, she said.

"It's nice for women on one hand and then on the other it fits into capitalism," Snyder said. About 10 years ago, the sports industry began recognizing women as an untapped market, and women are now targets of advertising and money making endeavors, she said.

The NFL annually sponsors workshops that teach women the basics and history of football. The league has a Web site called NFL for Her (<http://ww2.nfl.com/nflforher>) that offers basics, profiles women working in the NFL and defines football terms and lingo. University of South Carolina football coach Lou Holtz also holds

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Christian crowd

By Karen Garloch
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — New yoga classes seem to be popping up everywhere in every type. Power yoga. Hot yoga. Yoga for kids.

But I hadn't heard of "Christian yoga" until I got an e-mail from Emily Cobb, a minister's wife, who is starting a class in Matthews, N.C., in February.

The idea struck me as paradoxical. I'm a Christian, and I've done yoga, but I never thought about mixing the two.

"We wanted to open the doors to people who were afraid,"

Cobb said. "We care about calling it Christian yoga because we wanted Christians to feel OK."

Yoga was born in India, a country of many religions, including Hinduism. It is a spiritual practice but not a religion, according to Richard Faulds, chairman of the board of the Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health in Massachusetts.

"Yoga is a set of spiritual practices that are about the body, the breath and the awareness," Faulds said. "Those practices can be used to fan the flame of any religious faith. They bring you in touch with the in-dwelling spirit in the body."

Bates makes waves in theaters

By Roger Moore
The Orlando Sentinel (KRT)

It's the scene that has everybody talking, the "hot tub" moment in "About Schmidt" that is provoking laughs and high-fives among women and hoots and eyeball-rolling among men.

It's even dividing critics according to sex.

The New York Daily News' Jami Bernard called it "a daringly comic nude scene."

But CNN's Paul Clinton played up Kathy Bates' "earth mama" physique, expressing disbelief that she would do a nude scene.

The Chicago Sun-Times' Roger Ebert refers to Bates' character, Roberta, as "topless and terrifyingly available."

And when he accepted his Golden Globe for best actor on Sunday, co-star Jack Nicholson called her "the Bates Motel."

In any case, it takes guts to lay it all out there. Especially when you haven't had the \$380,000 Demi Moore-turns-40



Kathy Bates

makeover.

"People either laugh or cheer," Bates says, laughing. "I was at a premiere ... and there are a lot of women who are shouting, 'You go, girl.' I think that there are a lot of women in the audience who are thrilled to see a real woman up on the screen in all her glory."

"About Schmidt" is a film about a lifelong "company man" who realizes, at retirement, the lives he's neglected in being an

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has his own show on NBC. PETA asked its supporters to e-mail Dr. Phil after he gave a financially-troubled family the advice to cut out all unnecessary expenses, which included their three dogs, two cats and bearded lizard.

PETA said in an announcement on its Web site that "by getting rid of the animals, the couple would be teaching their children to be irresponsible and insensitive."

It would not be "irresponsible and insensitive" to give the animals to another loving home. "Irresponsible and insensitive" would be putting the animals in a garbage bag and sending them floating down the river.

PETA's latest campaign involved asking Kentucky Fried Chicken to change the way they treat their chickens before they are killed by improving the birds' living spaces, using mechanized chicken catching to reduce the number of injuries to the birds and humanely killing them.

Despite their countless cock-eyed campaigns, PETA does have one good idea every once in a while.

Kappa Sigma fraternity members at the University of Missouri in Rolla videotaped themselves torturing a box turtle by tying firecrackers and bottle rockets to its back and lighting them.

After PETA received information of the video, they sent letters to the fraternity's headquarters, Rolla's animal control center and the university's president, asking all three to take disciplinary and criminal action against the participating members.

PETA may have some over-the-top campaigns against sometimes meaningless subjects, but sometimes they have the right idea and are doing the right thing.

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write [were] ballads," he said. "But then later on, I started writing faster songs. And now, it's kind of weird to write a ballad."

Much of the inspiration for the songs comes from Mills' personal experiences. The style of the songs depends on what he's listening to at the time, he said.

"My Way" was written after Mills had a vivid dream about Willie Nelson and his son, before the band had played with Nelson. In the dream, Nelson was getting ready in the morning after staying at Mills' apartment. Nelson's son came into Mills' room and picked up a bottle of whiskey. After Mills reprimanded the child, Nelson stepped into the room and began singing an impromptu song.

When Mills woke up, he remembered parts of the song Nelson had sang and then added a few things his father had said

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emotionally distant workaholic. Bates plays his nightmarish future in-law, a self-described "free spirit" who is everything Warren Schmidt is not. Roberta is merely the latest woman she's played who "speaks her mind" and doesn't take any nonsense from anybody, Bates says.

But that's not what the real Kathy Bates is like. Is it?

"How can I put this?" she says, pondering where Roberta ends and Kathy begins. "Sometimes, when you have an altercation with somebody on the street, you're not exactly the way you want to be. You don't say what you wished you'd said, if you'd thought of it at the time. That's who the characters I play are, that per-

to him as a child. Mills says he finished the song in about 20 minutes.

After writing that song, Mills and the band played with Willie Nelson, as well as Confederate Railroad, Diamond Rio and Sammy Kershaw. The band has also played with Charlie Daniels twice and David Allen Coe four times.

Recently, the band's new booking agent worked out a deal with The House of Blues where they will open for any country act that plays the club.

The Wayne Mills Band will play tonight at Brother's Bar. Cover is \$7 for ages 18 to 20 and \$5 for 21 and up.

Despite the struggles, the Wayne Mills Band has created a southern rock revival that is popular with audiences young and old. "Our band's been together for so long," said Mills, "I base our success on the fact that we have built a good following on our own."

son with a ready comeback or put-down or punch in the nose, or whatever. But I'm the person who's sitting at home, later, wishing I'd done something else or had the nerve to say something."

"You see something like that in the script, and you're immediately terrified," says actress Laura Linney, who has her own unflattering moments in the buff in "The Life of David Gale," due out in February. "It's a bizarre thing to do, taking all your clothes off in front of other people."

Nude scene or no nude scene, she's happy that the little movie is being noticed.

"I've been in the business for 30 years, and I really can count on one hand the pictures that I'm proud of," she says. "This is one of them."

Nas
God's Son

★★★★ 1/2

Review by Anthony Hill
Special to The Chanticleer

The second coming of Nasir Jones has been prophesied more times than America's War against Iraq, or Saddam. But "God's Son," a record that underscores the Queensbridge rapper's considerable talents, may be the closest he's come to reaching the praise of his 1994 debut album, "Illmatic."

That CD was a concise, focused, 45-minute affair, that condensed a life of observing, writing and analysing into nine classic tracks. It sold relatively poorly, but attained the status of an icon. Young Nas was widely respected after that album.

After making such an album, it was hard for Nas to escape his own mythology. He even tried to subvert it, titling his last LP "Stillmatic" as if to prove that he wasn't afraid of that early high water mark. The record received probably the most contentious five-mic award The Source magazine has ever bestowed on an album, and ultimately it answered fewer questions than it asked of the still-young rapper and his pedigree.

So, as most rap heads binged Jay-Z's "Blue Print 2," "God's Son" was again expected to be the record that set things straight. And, especially during the first five tracks, it's the Nas of "Illmatic" that we're treated to: laser-guided lyrics, set to sonic backdrops that assist the

scratchy voice delivery. Simple looped samples suit Nas, whose verbal styles are rooted in rap's old school. Rarely has he sounded as intense or as driven as on the richly crafted opener "Get Down."

"Made You Look" samples the king of the beats, the Incredible Bongo Band's reading of "Apache," but still sounds surprisingly original and fresh. "Now let's get it all in perspective./ For all ya'll enjoyment here's a song ya'll can step with./ Ya'll appointed me to bring rap justice, but I ain't 5-0, ya'll know it's NAS yo."

"The Cross," produced by Eminem, shows Nas can do a "Shady-style" song if he wants, too. "I carry the cross. If Virgin Mary had an abortion I'd still be carried in a chariot of stamped-horses/ I had to bring it back to New York. I'm happy that the streets is back in New York/ For you rappers, I carry the cross."

Other highlights include "Warrior Song," which shows that guest vocalist and producer Alicia Keys has a career in hip hop beatmaking should she ever decide she's had enough of being a superstar in her own right.

"Book Of Rhymes" is definitely one of my favorite cuts on the CD. It contains a very nice concept, with Nas flipping through the pages of a forgotten notebook, rapping chunks that he dismisses before finding something that works. "Thug Mansion (NY)" has him and the late Tupac Shakur rapping over a pair of acoustic guitars. I have to admit that I enjoyed the ballad a lot more with just Pac in it. I think the acoustic beat threw



Courtesy Sony Records

me off a little. But, the song sounds a lot better without Nas. And, "Dance," a requiem for Nas' mother, who died of cancer in April, is a very touching jam.

But the best song on this album is "Last Real N**** Alive," Nas' response to the madness of the past 12 months, but with it all put into a glittering, revealing context. He takes us back to 1993, hanging out with Biggie and Raekwon from Wu-Tang, and, as he now admits, "borrowing" from both men's styles as each was telling him that the other was stealing his ideas. We're taken through his career, him telling us what he was thinking as he made his moves, and right up to his unwillingness to really get into it with Jay because of his mother's illness.

It's gripping, dazzling, thrilling, exactly the sort of thing he should have been making all along, and the sort of track that makes you believe that Nas deserves to be counted among the elite of hip hop's all-time greats.

"God's Son" is not all that brilliant, but there's enough brilliance here to convince listeners that Nas still has the crown, lyrically — over Jay-Z and anyone else.



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Are you a
tattoo freak?Do you have
any piercings?from **Football**, page 4

clinics for female fans before each season. Women make up 43 percent of the NFL's fan base, and more than 375,000 women attend games each weekend,

Cafe, too, is marketing to the women, holding contests and giving away prizes to get females involved in the games. Like male fans, women are often drawn to sports because of a connection to a certain team

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manager of Overtime Sports
Cafe in North Myrtle Beach,
said he's seen an increase of
female fans in his restaurant
and bar during the past two
years.

"They're actually coming
up in the jerseys," he said.
"They're a lot more outgo-
ing, and they get the guys
into it." Overtime Sports

sports because of a connec-
tion to a certain team.

Thomas said she doesn't
remember a time when she
wasn't a football fan pulling
for the Steelers. Her dad
taught her to be a Steelers
fan, and most people in her
hometown root for the team.

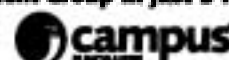
"I'm from a small town,
and we got into our high
school team and the NFL,"
she said. "My friends have
always been football fans."

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Super Bowl is family time, dream time

By

J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Did anyone actually watch the Super Bowl? I know that I might have watched until half-time. And I watched the commercials. And that's about it. And even the commercials were not that funny this year.

But I did spend this year's Bowl with family and friends. Last year I was in transit between Mazar E Sharif and Bagram, Afghanistan.

It seems like everyone has their own Super Sunday traditions. Mine usually involves fraternity brothers and a few close friends. But whether you are a die-hard pro-football fan, an armchair quarterback, or simply someone that watches the **Super Bowl** this day is becoming more and more of a family event.

And even with the game becoming a complete disappointment by the third quarter I still really enjoyed just spending an afternoon with the guys.

But through all sports, professional, college and prep, I don't know of another game that brings with it such widespread traditions.

Many people all over the nation stop what they are doing, sit down for a few hours and watch the game.

So the question that I ask is

JSU rebounds after dropping three

By Michael Vaughn II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU entered the week on an emotional low, losing two rough conference games on the road. They ended it on a high, however, after losing a close 68-66 tilt with Central Florida, and defeating the defending Atlantic Sun champion Florida Atlantic by an 83-77 score in an overtly physical contest. They followed that with a down-to-the-wire road game at non-conference foe Savannah State, winning 78-73.

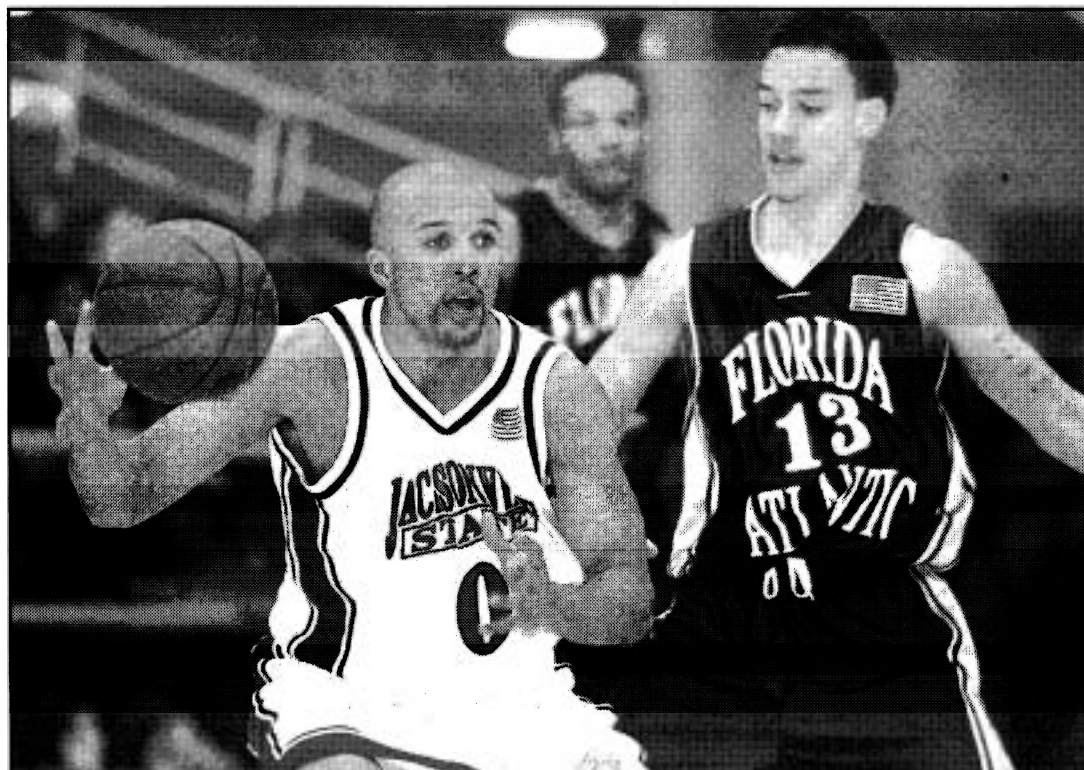
Thursday evening brought a 12-6 Central Florida team to Jacksonville, as the Gamecocks were still reeling after the tough road trip. Poonie Richardson scored 21 points, but it was not enough, as a late Ray Abellard 3-point basket lifted UCF to a 68-66 victory.

UCF hit their first three shots in the game, but still trailed 8-6. The half was kind for them, however, as the Golden Knights hit 54 percent from the floor, but the Gamecocks hit 7-of-14 3-pointers in the half to take a slim 34-33 halftime lead.

JSU's bench scoring proved to be big, as they led UCF 10-5 in that statistic. Richardson led the JSU attack in the half, scoring nine.

The second half was neck-and-neck for the first 15 minutes, as seven ties and eight lead changes dotted the playing score sheet.

After alternating baskets, JSU



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Stephen Gross

Jax State's Emerson Brown loses control of the ball as Florida Atlantic's Drew Skeeter moves in. The Gamecocks snapped a three game losing streak with their 83-77 win over the Owls. JSU continues conference play at Jacksonville University tonight at 6 p.m.

managed to hold a 1-point lead with 1:27 left on the clock. Abellard then stepped back and drained his 3-point shot that put the nail in the coffin for the Gamecocks.

A subsequent steal and lay-up on the next possession just sealed the 2-point win. It was the first loss to UCF at home since 1999.

JSU had little time to lick their wounds, however, as Saturday brought the defending A-Sun champs into "the Nest."

Florida Atlantic proved to be pesky, but Jacksonville State hung together through a turbu-

lent second half and halted their three game losing streak with an 83-77 win.

The Gamecocks had four players in double digits in scoring. Omar Barlett led the charge with 19, James Denson added a very key 18, and Jay Heard came within one rebound of making JSU history, as his 10 points, 11 assists, and nine rebounds almost became the first triple-double in JSU basketball history. No one has a triple-double in over 1,600 basketball games.

Defense was the name of the game early, as the score was

only 9-6 at the 14:30 mark. Within that period was an offensive rebounding clinic, as JSU grabbed a tantalizing seven offensive rebounds in a single possession.

Scoring would pick up in the late going, as both teams hit a hot streak heading toward the break. Omar Barlett's 13 first half points led JSU to a 45-33 lead at the half. The lead was built on a 26-10 JSU scoring in the paint edge, as well as a 13-3 edge in points off turnovers.

The second half margin stayed around 12, until an Emerson Brown foul led to

three free throws by UCF's Jeff Cowans. The lead was 74-65 JSU when the game disintegrated into a semi-scrum.

Barlett, and UCF's Avery Headly were assessed technical fouls, Headley was ejected, and almost went after Barlett, if not for his teammate's restraint.

Poonie Richardson was then slapped with a tech for telling the UCF point guard to get his team together. Minutes later a third Gamecock was whistled by the referee, as Scott Watson drew a tech for clapping after a UCF foul.

"Both teams were so focused on their goal, gaining a conference win, that emotions and tempers overflowed," said JSU head coach Mike LaPlante. "The referees just stepped in to maintain order."

JSU, possibly scared of more technical fouls, saw the lead shrink from the previous 11 to only four with less than a minute to play. An emphatic, showtime dunk by Josh "Sleepy" Perry proved to eliminate any hopes for an Owl comeback, and provided the final 83-77 margin.

"Denson hit some big shots for us," said LaPlante. "I thought Watson and Poonie played excellent defense."

JSU will travel to Jacksonville University tonight, for their game at 6 p.m., and they'll return home to play Savannah State on Monday at 7 p.m.

Gamecock women keep A-Sun record flawless

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We spent that time with our families or our friends or just the guys that we get together and watch the Super Bowl with and had a good time. Even if you were an Oakland fan, more likely than not you had fun.

I think of the Super Bowl like I think of Christmas, my mother's birthday and everything else that I wasn't home to see last year. I try not to take them for granted and try to make as much as I can out of them.

So my Super Bowl experience this year was not a bad one at all. Most people were mad that the game was not a better one, but I say don't worry about it. Get together, have fun and relive your dreams of being the leader of your favorite team or your favorite player in general.

With the world we are living in you never know when this will be the last Super Sunday that you are spending with the ones you would like to spend it with.

Gamecock women keep A-Sun record flawless

By Michael Vaughn II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU's women's basketball team made easy work of the defending Atlantic Sun Champions, the Georgia State Panthers, Saturday, using terrific defense and great rebounding to snatch the 60-40 win from the Panthers. They followed that with a down-to-the wire road game at non-conference foe Savannah State, winning 68-64.

Shanika Freeman continued her hot scoring streak, as she scored 29 and grabbed 14 rebounds. It was her 10th double-double on the season, and her 25th consecutive game scoring more than 10 points. Freddrika Embry added 19 points, 15 in the second half, and two steals to the tally.

A low scoring, defensive first half saw the Gamecock women shoot out to a 20-9 lead to open the game. The closest the Panthers came was a 3-3 tie, but that was the only tie of the

game.

GSU shot 25 percent from the field in the half, and only hit 2-of-13 shots from behind the 3-point line.

Freeman alone almost outscored the Panthers in the half, as she scored 17 to GSU's 19. JSU held a 31-19 lead going into the final 20 minutes.

The Gamecock women opened the second half hotter than they did in the first, as they jumped to a 23-9 run, never allowing the visitors to have hope of an upset. The smallest the margin would get was 18, and then only for a brief time.

Again the Panthers shot 25 percent for the half, and in the second half, only hit 1-of-11 from the 3. JSU, however, hit 52.9 percent from the field and went 2-of-4 from the 3-point line.

Jacksonville State improved to 9-0 when leading at the half, to 4-0 on Saturday games, and to 6-0 in the 2003 calendar year.

"We put in a game plan that

was mainly defensive to stop the taller GSU team," said head coach Dana Austin following the game. "We wanted to stop (Angelina) Miller and (Evita) Rogers, and I think Tiara (Eady) and Fred(drika) did an excellent job of that.

"There is no room for rest," continued Austin. "If we relax, we could see the tide swing away from us as easy as it's been going for us. It is a good cushion, but there's a long season left to go."

"We have a target on us," said Tiara Eady, JSU's senior center. "We have to play like everyone else is number one, not us. We know a thing or two about playing the underdog role."

JSU returns to ASC play at Mercer tonight at 6 p.m., then they'll return home to JSU for a critical game against their archrival, Troy State, on Saturday at 2 p.m.



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Stephen Gross

Freshman Tashia Holston shoots over two Campbell players in the Gamecocks' game last week. JSU continued their winning ways against the defending A-Sun champions, the Georgia State Panthers, handling them easily 60-40.

Poonie gets it done on the court for Gamecocks

By Anthony Hill
Special to The Chanticleer

Senior point guard Poonie Richardson stands at about 6'0, 180 pounds, and, he's usually the shortest player on the court in any given game. But Poonie is, without a doubt, the player that comes up with the biggest plays for Jax State.

Although he posted an impressive first year at Jax State last season, Poonie didn't even receive any post- or preseason awards. It didn't really matter to him.

"I'm a team player," Richardson said. "Individual accolades don't really matter to me. As long as we win, nothing else matters."

That might change this year. Richardson is leading the Gamecocks in assists with 4.78 per game, third in the Atlantic Sun Conference. He's second for the Gamecocks in scoring and 3-point shooting.

He got his start on the dirt courts of Auburn, Ala. It didn't matter — daytime or night, rain or dry — he was on the court competing with anyone on it.

"We used to play around the house all

the time," Richardson said. "We used to play on the dirt court and everything. Sometimes we would go and get a shovel and drain the court if it rained and drained the court, so we could play."

Poonie was a little different than most aspiring athletes. He didn't watch the professional and college athletes for ideas on new moves and playing styles. He basically got his game from his cousins.

"When I was younger, I had a lot of older cousins that played basketball," Richardson said. "I was the youngest out of all of them, so I had to learn from them."

Richardson came from a Class 1A high school, so he found it difficult to get looks from bigger schools when he was a prep star at Loachapoka High School,



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Senior guard Cornellius "Poonie" Richardson.

located in the Auburn area. He got a scholarship to play for Lawson State Community College, before eventually transferring to JSU. He said the game at this level is much faster and harder to adjust to than it was in high school and junior college.

"That was probably the hardest thing I had to deal with," Richardson said. "Last year, I was trying to learn the program and it was hard, coming from junior college. The game

was much faster and the class work was a little bit harder, but I adjusted pretty good to everything."

Now he just wants to win an A-Sun championship and prove the Gamecocks are as good as people think they are this season.

"Everybody knows we have a chance at winning the conference," said Richardson. "If people know we can beat them, that makes us play harder. That's

why I think that's a good thing. We really want to win the conference this season. We got a year under our belt and now we're ready."

Poonie seems to understand what it may take to reach the next level, which is the NCAA tournament. After making it to the semifinal round in the conference tournament a year ago he and the team found out what it takes to win a championship.

"It takes some good conditioning," Richardson said. "I think that's what our problem last year was. We were more fatigue than anything."

Conditioning, leadership and athleticism shouldn't be a problem for the Gamecocks this season. Richardson and most of the players are in remarkable shape this season. JSU already looks as if they're ready to make a strong run at the A-Sun tourney and the season hasn't even begun.

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Troy pounds Samford

TROY, Ala. (AP) — Ben Fletcher scored 15 points, all of them 3-point shots, and Rob Lewin had eight rebounds as Troy State beat Samford 66-48 on Sunday.

Rob Lewin, Greg Davis and Herbert Evans each scored nine points for Troy State (15-4, 6-1 Atlantic Sun Conference). Davis had eight assists.

Jon Mills led Samford (7-11, 3-4) with 15 points. Tyson Dorsey scored 12 and Robert Merritt added 10. Cornell Felton had 10 rebounds.

Troy State capitalized on aggressive defensive play, scoring 33 points off of turnovers. The Trojans also dominated under the basket, scoring 30 points in the paint.

Troy State led 32-25 at halftime.

Overall, the Trojans shot 38.7 percent to Samford's 41 percent.

Stetson 69, Campbell 57

DELAND, Fla. (AP) — Alexis McMillan scored 21 points as Stetson defeated Atlantic Sun Conference-rival Campbell 69-57 Saturday night.

McMillan was 7-of-16 from the field and 6-of-8 from the line as the Hatters (4-13, 2-6) won their second straight game. Josef McMillan and E.J. Gordon each added 12 points for Stetson, who trailed 31-26 at halftime despite shooting 52.2 percent from the field.

The Hatters were outshot by Campbell (4-13, 1-6) in the second half, but used their 38-31

rebounding advantage to get off 13 more shots and pull away for the win.

Despite having the league's worst scoring defense — giving up 79.2 points a game — Stetson's defense limited Campbell to the fewest points of the season by a Hatters' opponent.

Tarick Johnson led Campbell with 17 points, and Jonte Edwards added 11 points.

UCF 81, Georgia St. 74

ATLANTA (AP) — Ray Abellard scored 24 points and Ed Dotson added 22, including the go-ahead basket in the second overtime, as Central Florida beat Georgia State 81-74 Saturday.

Dotson had 14 rebounds for the Golden Knights (14-6, 6-1 Atlantic Sun Conference).

Lamont McIntosh scored 18 points and Nate Williams had 13 for the Panthers (9-9, 4-3).

Central Florida rallied from four points down in the final 2:11 of regulation. A basket by Abellard cut the margin to 67-65, and about a minute later, Roberto Morentin hit two free throws to tie it.

Dotson missed a shot at the buzzer that **would** have given the Golden Knights the victory.

Williams, the leading scorer in the Atlantic Sun, fouled out in the first overtime. With the score tied at 69, McIntosh had a steal in the waning moments of the first extra period but couldn't get a shot off in time.

Dotson's hit gave Central Florida the lead in the second

overtime, scoring from in close for a 76-74 lead. The Golden Knights made 5-of-8 from the free throw line to close it out.

Troy St. 67, Belmont 64

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Greg Davis scored 19 points Friday night to lead Troy State, as the Trojans overcame a 14-point halftime deficit to beat Belmont 67-64.

Troy State (14-4, 5-1 Atlantic Sun Conference) tied the game at 57 when Rob Lewin dunked with 4:37 left in the second half, during an 11-0 Trojan run. He was fouled by Jason Sonn of Belmont (9-9, 4-2) a few plays later, and made one of two foul shots to give Troy State its first lead, 58-57.

Ben Fletcher made two foul shots with two seconds left to seal the Troy State victory.

The Bruins scored 27 points on 3-pointers in the first half on the way to a 40-26 lead at the break.

Steve Drabyn led Belmont with 23 points, all but two of them on 3-pointers. Jese Snyder scored 11 for Belmont, and Brian Collins and Adam Mark each had 10.

Mercer 74, Samford 68

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Scott Emerson scored 20 points and Aleem Muhammad added 16 as Mercer held off Samford 74-68 Thursday night.

Wesley Duke added four points and 12 rebounds for Mercer (11-4, 5-1 Atlantic Sun Conference).

Eddie Harper led Samford (7-10, 3-3) with 16 points. Phillip Ramelli had 10 points



Atlantic Sun Conference Basketball Standings & Results

Men's Standings

	Conference					Overall				
	W	L	PCT	H	A	W	L	PCT	H	A
Northern Division										
Belmont	4	2	.667	1-2	3-0	9	9	.500	4-2	5-7
Jacksonville State	5	3	.625	5-1	0-2	11	6	.647	6-1	5-5
Georgia State	4	3	.571	3-1	1-2	9	9	.500	6-2	3-7
Samford	3	4	.429	1-2	3-2	7	11	.389	4-3	3-8
Campbell	1	6	.143	1-2	0-4	4	13	.235	4-30	10
Gardner-Webb	1	6	.143	1-1	0-5	2	16	.111	2-2	0-14

	Conference					Overall				
	W	L	PCT	H	A	W	L	PCT	H	A
Southern Division										
Troy State	6	1	.857	3-1	3-0	15	4	.789	6-1	8-3
UCF	6	1	.857	3-0	3-1	14	6	.700	7-1	7-5
Mercer	5	1	.833	2-0	3-1	11	4	.733	4-0	7-4
Jacksonville	4	3	.571	2-3	2-0	9	10	.474	4-3	4-7
Stetson	2	6	.333	2-3	0-3	4	13	.235	3-5	1-8
Florida Atlantic	1	6	.143	1-2	0-5	5	14	.263	3-12	13

Upcoming Games

Jan. 27

*Belmont at Mercer, 7:00

Jan. 28

Jacksonville State at Savannah State, 6:30ct

Jan. 30

*Belmont at UCF

*Mercer at Campbell

*Samford at Florida Atlantic

*Troy State at Gardner-Webb

*Jacksonville State at Jacksonville, 7:00

Jan. 31

*Georgia State at Stetson (CSS)

Women's Standings

	Conference					Overall				
	W	L	PCT	H	A	W	L	PCT	H	A
Northern Division										
Jacksonville State	5	0	1.00	3-0	2-0	10	5	.667	7-1	3-4
Georgia State	3	2	.600	2-0	1-2	8	8	.500	5-2	3-6
Campbell	3	2	.600	3-0	0-2	7	9	.438	6-4	1-5
Belmont	2	3	.400	1-1	1-2	11	5	.688	5-1	6-4
Gardner-Webb	2	3	.400	2-0	0-3	3	13	.188	3-20	10
Samford	0	5	.000	0-3	0-2	4	12	.250	1-4	3-8

	Conference					Overall				
	W	L	PCT	H	A	W	L	PCT	H	A
Southern Division										
Troy State	4	1	.800	3-0	1-1	9	7	.563	5-0	4-7
UCF	4	1	.800	2-1	2-0	8	8	.500	5-5	3-3
Florida Atlantic	4	1	.800	2-0	2-1	6	10	.375	4-2	2-7
Mercer	2	3	.400	2-0	0-3	4	12	.250	3-2	1-10
Stetson	1	4	.200	1-2	0-2	2	14	.125	2-6	0-8
Jacksonville	0	5	.000	0-2	0-3	2	14	.125	1-7	1-8

Upcoming Games

Jan. 28

Jacksonville State at Savannah State, 5:00ct

Jan. 30

*UCF at Belmont

*Florida Atlantic at Samford

*Georgia State at Troy State

*Gardner-Webb at Jacksonville

Campbell at Stetson

*Jacksonville State at Mercer, 7:00

Feb. 1

*UCF at Samford

*Florida Atlantic at Belmont

*Troy State at Jacksonville State, 4:30ct

*Campbell at Jacksonville

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Eddie Harper led Samford (7-10, 3-3) with 16 points. Phillip Ramelli had 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

With Mercer leading 59-55, Samford's Cornell Felton hit a 3-pointer and was fouled with 5:43 left. He hit the free throw to tie the score at 59. Mercer responded with a 6-0 run, but Brian Boerjan hit a 3 to close the gap to 69-66 with 1:57 to play.

That was as close as the Bulldogs would get, as Mercer — which shot only 8-of-18 from the free-throw line — hit 3-of-4 free throws in the final 41 seconds to seal the game.

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Short stuff Shepard guides JSU flock to greener pastures

By Jane Little
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Here comes a 5-foot-0 competitor on to the court. You know she has a blackened eye and a sly grin. You know she's got game, because your coach told you not to be fooled by her size. You know she is one of the best point guards in the conference.

What you don't know is that she is the heartbeat of the JSU women's basketball team. You don't know she has the training regimen of a professional athlete. You don't know she chipped her tooth and had a concussion versus Campbell University, because no one knew. You do know you wish she was on your team, and you didn't have to face the passionate Heather Shepard.

This is what many opponents are faced with when they step onto the floor with Shepard. She is a respected, dedicated basketball player.

She inspires her teammates and coaches everyday.

"Heathar makes us better coaches and she has the ability to make her teammates feel important," said assistant coach Dave Dagosinto. "Everyone has always told her she's not tall enough, not fast enough and she'll never get her shot off, and none of this has ever been a problem for her."

Shepard has always worked harder than anyone else and that's how she likes it. She started playing against guys at a young age. They were bigger, stronger and faster, which only motivated her to be better than them.

When people talk about her height she feeds off of it. "It motivates me to work harder and prove them wrong," said Shepard.

Shepard was born in the small town of Bloomfield, N.Y., outside of Rochester. She has played basketball her whole life under her coach and

father Keith Shepard.

Shepard and her father won two state championships together at Bloomfield Central High School, so she understands winning and what it takes to be a champion. With her leadership at point guard the Gamecocks are undefeated in conference play (5-0).

Shepard is one of those athletes that others get chills thinking about. She is the individual who gives them a reason to get up in the darkness and run wind sprints on the dreaded dirt track. She is the reason for wanting to complete that last suicide in less than 30 seconds and fall over at the finish line. She is the reason they compete in the final minute of the game when their tongue is dragging across the floor. She is the reason to win, which is what Shepard does — win.

"I've never coached anyone like Heathar, never someone with the complete package," said head coach Dana Austin.

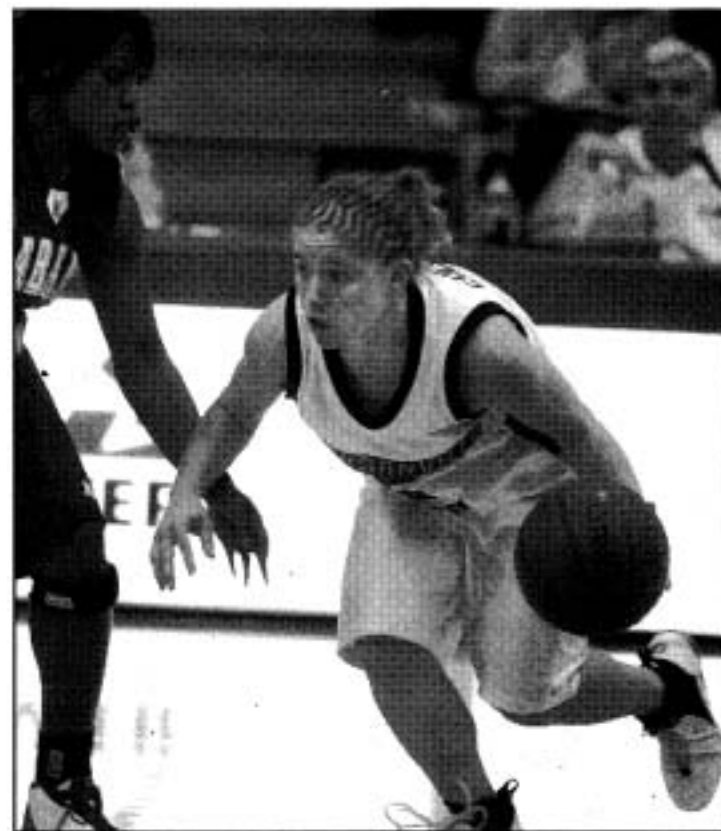
"She is the player that always gives far more than you expect, she finds a way to do anything and do it right."

Her teammates respect her because she respects them. Senior forward Amanda Tyus was sick at 2 a.m., and Shepard jumped out of bed to help.

Shepard shows her compassion through her actions. She cares about her teammates and goes above and beyond because she is an outstanding person. "I take my leadership role extremely seriously, on and off the court," said Shepard.

Shepard is never off duty. In games, Shepard gets elbowed repeatedly by bigger players, but she never stops to retaliate. She just runs down the court and scores a 3-point basket.

While watching a game or practice it is impossible to ignore her work ethic. She is inspirational, without knowing the magnitude of her impact.



Courtesy The Anniston Star/ Stephen Gross
JSU sophomore Heather Shepard, a point guard from Bloomfield, N.Y., is a leader for the Gamecocks on and off the court.

Shepard is quiet and humble, kind and supportive, talented and intense. She sacrifices and competes, she sweats and she bleeds. She is a player to look up to, even if you are looking down. She is the full package.

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18 TO ENTER 21 TO
DRINK!!!!

PARTY FROM 10 UNTIL!!
SECURITY ENFORCED!!!

ONLY 20 MIN FROM CAMPUS!!!!

LESS TRAFFIC!!!!

5 DANCE FLOORS & 5 BARS!!!!

VIP AVAILABLE 4 U BALLERS!!!!

