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Alabamay may dodge proration in 2003

By Benjamin Cunningham
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JSU and the rest of education in Alabama may dodge the proration bullet in 2003, but it remains to be seen if schools can avoid the budget axe in 2004.

Thanks to the new Education Rainy Day Fund, approved by Alabama voters last November, state schools may not feel the effects of a predicted $200 million shortfall in the 2003 Education Trust Fund, which funds the schools.

The Legislative Fiscal Office in Montgomery is predicting the slumping economy will result in lower-than-expected revenues from taxes, meaning the state government would have to cut back on budgets for state-funded agencies for the rest of the fiscal year. This condition, known in Alabama political jargon as proration, in the past would have meant state funded schools, from K-12 to universities, would have to cut spending, suspend programs or fire workers to save money.

Thanks to the new Rainy Day Fund, proration for schools can be avoided if the governor takes steps to borrow from the fund to make up for the lost revenue. The $248 million Alabamians voted to place in the new fund in November would more than cover the shortfall.

Mike Kanarick, a spokesman for outgoing Gov. Don Siegelman, said Tuesday that the process of borrowing from the Rainy Day Fund would be up to the administration of Gov.-elect Bob Riley, who takes office on Jan. 20. Riley’s office had not returned phone calls by press time.

“That’s going to be a decision that Gov. Siegelman is going to leave to Gov.-elect Riley in the interest of ensuring a smooth transition,” said Kanarick. “It’s being passed along, so to speak, in the interest of letting Gov.-elect Riley … make these decisions since he’s going to be the gov... see Proration, page 2

SGA working on recycling, music for spring term

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

The SGA’s goal this semester — please more than one group of students.

“We’re just trying to be more diverse,” said Mark Choquette, second vice president of the SGA. “As diverse as we can be with the amount of money that we have. I’m trying to stretch the money as far as I can.”

These diverse events include the annual Casino Night, comedians, weekend events, a recycling program, a crawfish boil that we are going to institute,” Hayes said.

According to Hayes, JSU had a recycling program that wasn’t very organized, which led to the program’s demise.

“We contacted the Anniston Army Depot because they have one of the strongest programs in, not only the county, but in the southern area,” Hayes said.

The Depot instructed the SGA on how to start their recycling program. The SGA is currently waiting on JSU’s administration to act on the resolution for the program.

Payphones an endangered species

By Miranda Bryant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU can expect to see BellSouth workers around campus this month taking down payphones, but they will not be bringing new phones to put in their places.

According to JSU’s telephone center manager Evin Thompson, all payphones on campus will be removed by Jan. 30.

The main reason for BellSouth’s removal of payphones at JSU, according to Thompson, is the decrease in profit. “I think they are more interested in how much money they are taking in,” said Thompson, “and that really tells them what they need to know.”

“...but at the same time it’s always nice to have a phone.” According to Thompson, BellSouth would leave the payphones in place if the University paid the phone company $58.50 every month for each phone, and BellSouth would keep the money that the users deposit into the phones.

“We would still get nothing from the phones, and this telephone center operates off profits,” Thompson said. “The equipment we use is very expensive to purchase and maintain.”

The payphones will no longer be able to provide a safety outlet for students without cellular phones, but the telephone center is less worried since emergency phones were installed around campus last
Congressman introduces bill to revive draft

WASHINGTON — Three decades after the military draft ended, a small group of Democratic lawmakers wants to bring it back. They seek to spread the risks and burdens of a possible war with Iraq to the white, middle- and upper-middle class men and women who seldom volunteer to serve in the armed forces.

A bill introduced Tuesday by Rep. Charles Rangel of New York is unlikely to become law — the Pentagon opposes it — but it throws a spotlight on issues of patriotism, sacrifice and fairness in an all-volunteer military that in its enlisted ranks is disproportionately poor and African-American or Hispanic.

Rangel, a vocal opponent of war in Iraq, proposes drafting 18- to 26-year-old men and women for military duty or national service.

By Jodi Enda
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Southerners to march in inaugural parade

When Bob Riley takes office later this month one of the first things he'll see as Alabama's governor will be JSU's Marching Southerners.

The marching band's 300-plus members will travel to Montgomery to participate in the parade celebrating Riley's inauguration on Jan. 20, performing along with other college and high school bands and dozens of other units before Riley and other state government officials, dignitaries and Alabama citizens.

"It think it's really good exposure," said Ken Bodiford, the band's director. "We've got a pretty big name out there with the Marching Southerners but unfortunately unless people come to a football game or see us at one of our exhibitions they don't ever get an opportunity to see the band.

The Southerners also marched in the parade honoring the inauguration of out-going governor Don Siegelman four years ago. Riley defeated Siegelman in an extremely tight race for the office in November. Both men had declined victory on election night, but Siegelman conceded after a two-week effort for a recount failed.

The Southerners are no strangers to high-profile parades. The band marched in President Lyndon Johnson's inaugural parade in 1965, and in the 1996 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, as well as the inaugural parades of many Alabama governors.

In addition to giving up their Marching Southerner Jim Hall's performance center, and Stripes Forever" during the traditional "Stars Fell on Alabama" and "Malaguena" from their 2002 field show for a performance at the Martin Luther King holiday parade in New York City, the Marching Southerners will join bands from the University of Alabama and Auburn University and other schools in the parade according to event organizers.

By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Southerners arrive after production delay

The 2002 Mimosas are in. There are some new details and they feature a non-traditional cover.

The yearbooks arrived on Monday, three months later than the staff originally expected.

According to Mike Stedham, adviser to the Mimosa and all student media, Bree Davis, editor of the Mimosa, wanted a more contemporary yearbook, hence the non-traditional cover which features pictures of Cocky, Bibb Graves Hall and Houston Cole Library. The color scheme is green and khaki.

The theme is "Take a Closer Look."

"Probably the biggest change people are going to see is something that had been requested several years ago," said Stedham. "We now have an index in the back."

This will allow students and alumni to find themselves in the book.

"People get the annuals and the first thing they want to do is find themselves," Stedham said.

This is also the first all digital Mimosa. It was completely laid out by computer.

The three-month delay was due to lost pages, Stedham said. Jostens, the Clarksville, Tenn., company that prints the Mimosa lost some of the pages even though the staff got their deadlines.

"We even had to re-lay out a few pages," according to Stedham. "We knew we had sent them.

Now that the Mimosas are in they can be purchased for $10.
Draft: Pentagon opposes Rangel’s idea
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al service. He would eliminate the exemptions for college or graduate school students that allowed many white, middle- and upper-middle class men to avoid fighting an unpopular war in Vietnam a generation ago.

If President Bush declares war, Rangel said, he should ensure that Americans from all walks of life fight in it.

“I truly believe that those who make the decisions and those who support the United States going to war would feel more readily the pain that’s involved, the sacrifice that’s involved, if they thought that the fighting force would include the affluent and those who have historically avoided this great responsibility,” said Rangel, a decorated veteran of the Korean War.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld rejected Rangel’s proposal out of hand.

“We’re not going to reimplement a draft. There is no need for it at all,” Rumsfeld told reporters.

The current military prepared for war, and a universal draft would be costly and ineffective because it would require the military to train soldiers to serve for very short periods of time, he said.

“We have people serving today — God bless ‘em — because they volunteered. They want to be doing what it is they’re doing,” Rumsfeld said. But Rangel’s proposal raises new questions that go to the heart of America’s concept of equality. Already, it has created strange alliances: Conscientious objectors have sided with the Pentagon while other notable Vietnam War foes have joined the call for conscription.

“I’m dead set against us declaring war on Iraq. But if we’re going to do it, if that’s what the country wants, then everybody should participate on equal footing,” said former South Dakota senator George McGovern, a World War II bomber pilot who ran for president in 1972 on a Democratic anti-war platform.

“That never happened in Vietnam,” McGovern said. “It was always the minorities and the poor fighting and dying. If we’re going to go to war with Iraq, a rich Harvard or Stanford student ought to be as subject to the draft as a poor kid of any kind.”

“I’m opposed to deferment. We should never repeat that injustice,” he said in a telephone interview.

But Brian Cross, a director of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, a nonprofit based in Philadelphia and Oakland, Calif., said the draft is “a very bad idea.” He said the argument posed by Rangel and McGovern that a draft could help deter war is akin to “hostage-taking,” adding, “The young people of America don’t need to be Charlie Rangel’s hostage.”

Rangel presented Pentagon statistics showing that African Americans comprise 22 percent of enlisted men and women in the military. They represent less than 13 percent of all Americans, according to the 2000 U.S. Census.


The draft, requiring two years of military service, ended as American troops pulled out of Vietnam in 1973, and registration halted two years later. Former President Jimmy Carter reinstated registration after the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in 1980.

(Knight Ridder Newspapers researcher Tish Wells contributed to this report.)

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Rangel’s idea was based on the notion that the country wants to avoid fighting an unpopular war.

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courtesy phones inside its buildings at the moment, and these phones can be used at no cost if the call is local. Calling cards and collect calls may be used if the call is long distance.

Thompson said it would only take the telephone center one day to install a courtesy phone, but that could only take place after a building

“I am not expecting that we will pay the $58.50 each month for BellSouth’s payphones,” said Thompson, “but that will be up to the budget manager.”

Thompson said the telephone center is concerned about the students’ opinions. “I would like to hear from the students,” he said. “If they feel
problems facing higher education.

The Office of the Vice President of Institutional Advancement has reserved two buses to take students to Montgomery to rally for Higher Education, according to Hayes. The event will also include free lunch to participating students and excuse from classes.

"If you remain silent, you never can get anything accomplished," Hayes said. "But if you are vocal and visible you'll make a difference. And you might make an impression on some of the legislators."

SGA's senate is also very empty. "Grades, graduation, attendance and class schedules" are the reasons Stephanie Janis, vice president of the SGA, gave for the drop in the number of senators. According to Janis, if a student is interested in becoming a senator they need to call her at the Office of Student Activities at 782-5491.
It’s time for today’s kids to think outside the box

The 10-year-old’s eyes lit up as he began opening the last of his Christmas presents. Something about the size and weight of this particular gift seemed to excite him more than the others.

The appearance of a familiar logo confirmed his hopes, and he furiously tore off the remaining wrapping paper.

“Cool!” he shouted. “Shak Ti!”

Leaving behind a stack of new clothes, CDs and video games, he jumped up and ran to his bedroom with the new action figure.

“He collects Star Wars toys,” his mother explained.

I suppose I shouldn’t have been surprised when moments later I walked into his room and saw dozens upon dozens of Star Wars action figures — unopened — lining each shelf and desktop and every conceivable bit of wall space.

Kids don’t seem to play with action figures these days. Even girls aren’t immune. I know one little 8-year-old who’s the same way with Barbie dolls.

They get it from their parents, I guess. I’m sure I wasn’t the only kid who gleefully sacrificed Luke Skywalker and Han Solo to the playground gods. I shudder to think how much my old Millennium Falcon might be worth today, had I left it unopened in the original packaging rather than using it to attack the mountain fortress of GI Joe and the Incredible Hulk.

And I suppose my sister would prefer that I hadn’t entered Ken and Barbie as contestants in “Death Race 3000” those many years ago.

Superman had to withdraw from the competition after losing both arms and a leg in a horrible accident a few days earlier — I ran over him with my bike. Twice. That left the Tonka bulldozer without a driver.

A covert mission to my sister’s room soon located more than just a substitute driver. I also found a new vehicle to enter the race: the Barbie “Country Camper,” a goofy-looking plastic Winnebago with a side that folded out into a sort of tent.

Barbie got to drive the bulldozer, ‘cause Ken was a putz.

Neither fared well, unfortunately. My sister found her two dolls a week later, half-buried in a mound of Georgia red clay. She never found the Winnebago. Cheap plastic just can’t compete with die-cast metal in something so important as a Death Race. The Country Camper was pulverized in minutes.

Such wanton destruction of our childhood toys helped create the market for the “collectibles” of today. The idea of placing unopened toys into protective plastic sleeves was as foreign to us then as it is commonplace today. The whole thing is silly.

I can envision some bright-eyed grandfather showing up on the set of Antiques Roadshow in the year 2050, Star Wars toy in hand. A well-dressed expert casually examines the goods.

“Hmmm … A mint-on-mint .00 card ‘Poggle the Lesser’ from Episode II,” he says knowingly. He hands the package back to the old man.

“Show me something I wouldn’t see every day.”

Now that everyone is doing it, collecting has become futile. But that’s not the worst of it. When I was a kid, the only thing as fun as playing with a new toy was playing with the box it came in. A box was never just a box. In the proper hands, it became a cave, or a skyscraper, or even a battleship. Sure, it was fragile and usually didn’t last the day before falling apart. But then, neither did the toy.

I wonder sometimes if today’s children have the imagination to play with a cardboard box.

This collecting craze just needs to stop. Kids need to take those Star Wars action figures out of the package and go nuts. One-up George Lucas. Every now and then, let the Empire and the Trade Federation join forces to crush the Rebel Alliance.

Why not? It’s called imagination.

Besides, if enough kids do that, maybe the mint-on-mint .00 card Darth Maul I’ve been hanging on to might actually be worth something someday.
May our tolerance prevail as steadfast beliefs clash

By Jane Eisner
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The U.S. State Department has posted a series called “Muslim Life in America,” but it is clearly for foreign consumption. The upbeat collection of stories and photographs on the department’s official Web site deftly mixes profiles with patriotic propaganda, designed to illustrate the complex and comfortable life that adherents of Islam enjoy in America today.

It shows this nation at its inclusive best, from the Algerian Muslim immigrant who now directs the National Institutes of Health to the three blacks who make up the Muslim rap group Native Deen — deem meaning religion or way of life.

“Our music is American, it’s hip, and it’s something everybody can be comfortable with,” boasts Joshua Salaam, the group’s leader.

That neatly sums up the characterization of religious life that America is eager to project to the world: modern, decentralized, accepting of differences, tolerant of others. Something comfortable to all.

And totally out of touch with emerging reality.

“When people look back on our age, they’ll see nighly educated Americans who are ignorant of religion and the wave about to wash over them,” warns David Brooks, a writer and senior editor at the Weekly Standard. “We still have a worldview that does not know how to deal with religion. We don’t know how to blend the spiritual and the material, to take into account the fact that people elsewhere believe things and act on their beliefs.”

“I confess to being one of those wallowing in blissful, pluralistic ignorance — until, that is, I heard Brooks and others speak at a conference last month sponsored by the Ethics and Public Policy Center, which brings together scholars and journalists to discuss issues such as religion and international conflict.

The “live and let live” credo of American religious life will find itself increasingly challenged not only by a potent Islam but also by a growing radical Christianity that bears little resemblance to the liberal, secularized version practiced here.

“We are living in revolutionary times,” writes Philip Jenkins, a professor of history and religious studies at Pennsylvania State University, who also spoke at the conference. “But we aren’t participating in them.”

Jenkins contends that the number of Christians living in the global South has risen dramatically in the last century and will continue to grow, causing a profound shift in a faith that many still consider predominantly American and Western European. By 2025, half of the world’s Christian population will be in Africa and Latin America, and an additional 17 percent will be in Asia.

“There’ll be an aging, white North and a very young black and brown South,” he predicts.

With the demographic change will come cultural and religious conflict not seen since Martin Luther defied the Catholic Church nearly five centuries ago. The waning Christians of the North are concerned with democracy and privacy, but their Southern brethren — very numerous, very poor — embrace a charismatic religion of signs, wonders and healing (especially in impoverished communities without medical care).

The new Christianity is much more conservative on social issues such as abortion and homosexuality and less willing to question religious authority on such matters as the ordination of women. It may well have a liberating effect in some countries, where emboldened clerics are sometimes the only ones willing to challenge an entrenched ruling class or dictatorship.

(Clerics from the global South, for instance, have been outspoken proponents of debt relief for struggling countries.)

But this new Christianity will hardly bring about the liberal reformation so desired by many in the North. The tension is already evident in the renegade actions of the Rev. David L. Moyer, conservative Episcopal pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rosemont, Pa., who has defied the more liberal Bishop Charles L. Jennison, head of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The bishop so far has failed to oust Father Moyer, who has received support from a more conservative bishop in Africa.

The new Christianity will also run headfirst into equally conservative, traditional and increasingly centralized Islam, intent on imposing its own laws and expectations. Muslims are particularly resistant to any attempts at conversion — a major problem for Evangelicals who believe it’s their job to spread the Word.

The resulting conflicts may make the sectarian troubles of Northern Ireland look like an overheated chess match. Think of the recent bloodshed in Nigeria, where Christian-Muslim rioting over the hosting of a beauty pageant left more than 100 dead, as a possible preview of what’s to come.

Unfortunately, it’s not clear how and even if the West should intervene. “It’s naive to think that we can go into the Muslim world and teach them about moderation,” argues Jeffrey Goldberg, who writes about the Middle East for the New Yorker and also spoke at the conference. “These are grown-ups with a very ancient, complex system of beliefs that may clash sometimes with our system of beliefs.”

The religious challenges of the 21st century will likely be far more complicated than today’s verbal jousting over clerical-abuse scandals and the separation between church and state. One can only hope that our foreign policy reflects something more sophisticated than the heartwarming photographs on the State Department Web site. While we teach the world about the American recipe for religious paralism, we also better become smarter about religious practices that are not always comfortable to all.

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SGA makes plans for the spring

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

The SGA’s biggest plans for the spring semester are in the works while some of the smaller events are already planned.

The annual Miss JSU pageant, on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m., will be held in the Stone Center theatre, according to SGA publicity director Andrew Symonds. The pageant serves as a preliminary pageant to the Miss Alabama pageant and even further, the Miss America pageant.

On Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the TMB auditorium, Jon Reep, a comedian, will make an appearance. He recently showcased at the Montreal Comedy Festival in addition to appearing at various clubs and college campuses.

One of the SGA’s newest game shows Think Fast will be on March 19 in the TMB auditorium. This fast-paced quiz game is similar to those played on the computers in some local bars, according to Symonds. A $200 cash prize will be awarded to the winning team. Teams may be made up of an unlimited number of people.

Instead of hosting an annual spring concert, the SGA decided to put together a day-long crawfish boil featuring a few small bands. According to Symonds, they have not yet signed any bands to the event and should know more in a few weeks.

For more information on any of the events contact the Student Activities office at 782-5491.

Tunes for toys

Behind the classifieds

Behind every classified ad there is a story, some are just more odd than others

By Aline Mendelson
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Skim the classified section of a newspaper, on any given day, in any given city.

Wherever you are, you will find the same stories. Stories of breaking hearts and bleeding hearts, stories of loves lost and found. Stories to which we can all relate.

Some ads are cryptic:
Wanted: Autographs of any-published.
Other ads are intensely personal:
Engagement ring — 1 carat diamond solitaire, $6,500 obo. GIRLFRIEND SAID NO!
“It got your attention, didn’t it?” points out the embarrassed advertiser, who would not give his name.
But not everyone is as secretive as the autograph seeker and the ring seller. Some people are willing to share their stories. Here is one.

Pretend to be a slut and sell records

By Danni Lusk
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Christina Aguilera is what I like to call an “entertainment slut.”

This marketing machine production was shaped, molded and formed into whatever her marketing execs wanted her to be in the beginning of her career and now is turning herself into a “dirty” (as Christina would say) version of herself. According to her official Web site her latest album “Stripped” “strips away the last remnants of her previous teen idol persona and what’s left is as real as it gets.”

Christina’s got 11 piercings now and when asked about the ones that aren’t visible in a recent interview with Allure she said, “I’m not going to tell you where they all are, but you’ll probably imagine.”

Along with her holey body, she is sporting the rich skank look — you know, the one where she shops at trendy stores with expensive clothing yet she still looks like a two-dollar hooker.

And her latest album even
Prolonging your pleasure

Condom companies Durex and Trojan introduce "climax control" brands containing a mild anesthetic to prolong your pleasure

By Daniel Chang
Knight Ridder Newspapers

It's a tantra master wrapped in foil, the antidote to impatience. Two lines of "climax control" condoms that contain a mild anesthetic, Benzocaine, promise men the sort of self-restraint that once required tantric meditation or at least a distracting thought or two during sex, Michael Jackson, say, in a Peter Pan costume.

For many, the recent introduction of Trojan Extended Pleasure and Durex Performax condoms has been as welcome as a postcoital smoke, according to Jane Flaherty, co-owner of Condom U.S.A. in Coconut Grove, Fla.

"People have been waiting for these for years," she said. "This makes it easier and more likely that people will use a condom." Trojan and Durex each developed a climax-control condom after learning that roughly 30 percent of people in clinical trials complained of premature ejaculation.

"We thought the thing to do is to... make the experience longer lasting and, therefore, more pleasurable," said Richard Kline, vice president of marketing for Trojan.

Durex, based in the United Kingdom, sold 18.000 of the new condoms on the Internet in three months before introducing them in the United States last summer, said Tonya Cramer, associate brand manager.

"We did a lot of research," she said. "This definitely took care of one of the big problems that people were having." Trojan has sold 21 million of the Extended Pleasure condoms since introducing them last year, Kline said. Already, it's the fifth-best selling condom in the United States, he said. Each brand cost about $12 a dozen, roughly $1 more than a box of traditional condoms.

Introducing the penis to prolonged sexual intercourse is nothing new. Before the climax-control condoms were introduced, Flaherty said, customers would buy a desensitizing spray or cream, apart from their condoms.

The new condoms simplify that process, she said, and reduce the risk that the anesthetic will numb both partners. The Benzocaine is inside the condom and, in the case of the Performax brand, is heat activated.

According to the condom manufacturers, desensitizing the penis can delay climax by as long as five minutes.

Still, prolonged pleasure should not trump birth control or safe sex as reasons for using a condom, Kline said.

"We're trying to make that protection as pleasurable as possible," he said.

Filing early is key

By Chastity Pratt
Knight Ridder Newspapers

DETOUR, Mich. — Parents and students who will need financial aid to pay for college this year were able to start filing necessary federal paperwork Jan. 1.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, can be filled out and filed electronically or by mail. The FAFSA is used to determine the amount of grants, scholarships, work-study awards and loans a student may qualify for to pay for college.

An estimated $50 billion will be awarded for the 2003-04 school year, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

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About 10.9 million applicants filed the FAFSA for the 2002-03 school year, according to the U.S. Department of Education. The FAFSA is the starting point for almost all student financial assistance programs, according to Sallie Mae, the country's leading provider of education funding.

Although experts at the Department of Education say students who are eligible for federal aid will get it, it is important to file the FAFSA as soon as possible to meet deadlines.

Ruth Jordan of Detroit said she will be at her computer as soon as the application is available. With tax records on hand, she said she has logged onto the FAFSA Web site and received a personal identification number so she can file for her son, who she hopes will be accepted to Princeton.

Her son Venias Jordan Jr. plays football, basketball and baseball for Cody High in Detroit and has a 3.5 grade point average. Jordan, a divorcée who works as a housing aid for the Inkster Housing Commission, is confident her son's schooling will be paid for between financial aid, athletic scholarships and the several academic scholarship applications he has submitted.

But still, she said she knows now is the time to be diligent about the search for college money.

"Parents, we have to take responsibility," said Jordan. "Have a rapport with your child's counselor... And if you don't have a computer, go to the library. They have computers, somebody to help you and the forms (are) right there." Within 72 hours of filing online, Jordan will get the Student Aid Report, which will tell her how much federal aid her son qualifies to receive. Those who mail in the paperwork should get a response in about two weeks.

Also, filing electronically can help avoid delays because the software allows for on-the-spot corrections.

An estimated 8 percent of paper applications are returned for errors, according to the Department of Education. For the 2002-03 school year, about 58 percent of FAFSAs were processed online.

"We encourage people to apply online because the error rate is so much smaller," said Jane Glickman, a spokeswoman for the Department of Education's Federal Student Aid programs.

And her latest album even features a song called "Dirty" in which she seductively sings the lyrics "Sweat until my clothes come off." The music video is even nastier featuring half-clothed men and women and highlights of it include a mud wrestling match and striptease-like dancing by Christina herself.

It was recently reported on Access Hollywood that Christina said she is "playful" in bed and even likes to use handcuffs.

Her Rolling Stone pictorial features her, among other photos, covering two of her best assets with her hands, with a guitar laying alongside her.

My question is, what is the point in saying and trying to become all these "dirty" things?

Some would say she is just being herself. Or she is showing her independence and strong feminine self.

I say it's a cheap attempt to sell records. And it works.

But is all this nastiness necessary to sell records? I'm wondering what happened to buying an album based on the talent of the performer. After all, Christina, in my opinion, could easily go up against the level of talent of sensational singers like Mariah Carey or Aretha Franklin. Her singing abilities are beyond that of most of the pop divas nowadays.

Even some critics have praised her musical ability while at the same time, criticizing her for appearing so cheap.

But, do you really have to become such a stereotypical slut to entice people to buy your record? I think not. I believe that consumers and their thinking abilities go beyond what record companies think: sex, sex and sex.
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Other men insist their cars have a gender, usually female.

John J. Lewis has neither named his '83 Buick Park Avenue nor determined its gender.

"I've never checked," the Apopka, Fla., man drawls.

He bought the car from a friend five years ago. It needed body work and a fresh coat of white paint to look decent. The upholstered burgundy seats feel like velvet and smell of the vanilla incense he likes. The car could take Lewis all the way from Apopka to Atlanta on 15 gallons of gas.

Recently, the car broke down.

Now it sits motionless in Lewis' driveway, waiting for a new heart. The engine is beyond repair.

Lewis' son let him temporarily borrow his Chevrolet van, and he isn't too enchanted with it.

Lewis has had no luck finding an engine, even though he has inquired as far away as Oklahoma and will accept a dead engine that can be rebuilt.

The 61-year-old former truck driver can't help but have a soft spot for Buicks. After all, he learned how to drive with a '39 Buick.

Even if a brand-new car magically appeared at his doorstep, he still would keep the Buick. Lewis says, "I like my women young and my cars old."

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On being the guy after "The Guy"

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Thrill has left the building.

One of the first people I ever met on The Chanticleer staff was Anthony. We had been acquaintances since I first started here in 1998. And when I finally changed my major to my true love, print journalism, we talked again.

But, life has its twists and turns and I ended up spending nine months learning to be an Army journalist. I returned to JSU in hopes of finishing my degree and my life. Then tragedy struck. Sept. 11, 2001 affected the lives of millions of people and I was no different. My Public Affairs unit was deployed first to Kuwait, then Afghanistan. Another almost eight months passed.

Finally, I was home. I spoke with Ben about maybe writing for The Chanticleer and he said, "Sure, come on down."

So here I am now, after covering the SGA for a semester, I am the new Sports Editor. Why would I take a position such as this one, with no hope of being as good as the last guy? Who was the coach after Bear Bryant? Exactly. No one wants to be the guy after "the guy."

I took this position first because I love my job. The only other reason was because I was...
When you play a level of drunk when Ben asked me to do this. So I am the guy now, but I am not Anthony.

Probably the most noticeable difference is that Anthony was bald. I have at least some hair. And Anthony was somewhat athletically inclined. And other than scoring all over the 92 staff in the Dead Bowl and a small venture called Danbull, the closest I have ever been to organized sports is when I change the channel on the television.

But many similarities are there too, like facial hair. And we are both members of Greek organizations, who even have the same colors, black and gold.

So don’t think of this as the end, o ye faithful followers of The Chanticleer sports page. We still have great teams and wonderful traditions. The only thing missing is Anthony, and One-on-One with Thrill. We decided that should travel with him.

And even he is still here in spirit. He is being immortalized with a plaque of solid brass and wood laminate, emblazoned with “The Anthony ‘Th’Hill Memorial Crunk Corner” dedicating the southwest corner of The Chanticleer office in his memory.

Tour times will be announced at a later date and a small fee will be charged.

So I am looking forward to doing my best with what I have been given. I hope that you all enjoy it.

Old Saint Nick not so nice to Gamecock women

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State managed to out rebound the much taller Jackson State team 59-45, yet still had their three game win streak snapped with a 77-63 loss to the Lady Tigers.

A chilly night outside was matched by a chilly shooting night inside, as both teams shot a combined 35.9 percent from the floor. Shanika Freeman, the A-Sun leading scorer, led the Gamecocks with her fourth double-double, as she scored 16 and pulled down a career high 16 rebounds. Heather Shepard also had 10 points and Fredrika Embry added a 12 rebound night.

A shot as time expired capped off a thrilling holiday game in Huntsville to give the visiting team a 93-71 victory. The two-day EKU Classic proved to be too much as a 17-3 run midway through the half proved to be the winning stuff for the home team. After that...

By Shane Dunaway
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

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run, the two teams exchanged buckets at will as the clock ran out.

A determined group of Gamecocks marched into Rochester, Mich., determined to come away with nothing less than a win. They managed to do just that as they defeated Oakland 82-76.

Barlett tallied a double-double, scoring 29 big points and grabbing 16 rebounds, a season high. Richardson also helped out with 14 points and six assists.

The first half seemed to tell a horror story for the Gamecocks, as a foul-plagued first half seemed to put the playing time of some starters in question. A 16-9 run by the home team did not help either. Jacksonville State put together a nice 22-15 of some starters in question. A

Belmont 52, Samford 51

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Adam Sonn scored 17 points, including the game-winning three-point play with 19 seconds left, to lead Belmont over Samford 52-51 on Saturday in the conference opener for both teams.

Samford (4-8, 0-1 Atlantic Sun Conference) had two chances to win the game in the closing seconds but failed to capitalize.

Sonn was fouled as he made a layup that tied the game at 51. Sonn made the free throw and the Bulldogs drove down the court, but Jon Mills missed a three-pointer.

Sonn grabbed the rebound and was fouled again with five seconds left.

He missed both foul shots, but Cornell Felton’s three-pointer rimmed out at the buzzer, allowing the Bruins to escape with the win.

Troy State 70, Jacksonville 68

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Troy State’s Ben Fletcher grabbed a long rebound and hit a short jumper at the buzzer to lift the Trojans to a 70-68 win over Jacksonville State on Saturday in the first Atlantic Sun Conference game for both teams this season.

Jacksonville (4-8) had battled back from 68-62 with 1.43 to play and forged a tie at 68-all on Antwan Robertson’s rebound basket with 28 seconds to play.

Troy State (10-3) then ran the clock down to the final seconds before Lacedrick Petway tried a three-pointer from the corner with two seconds to play. His shot missed but the rebound went to Fletcher.

Fletcher’s basket ended a strong second half by Troy State, which doubled the Jacksonville lead to 40-20 and erase the Dolphins’ 48-30 halftime lead.
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