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Saddam defiant; troops move closer to Iraq border

By Mark Johnson, Peter Smolowitz and Martin Merzer
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SOMEWHERE IN KUWAIT — Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein — defiant and dressed for battle — Tuesday rejected President Bush's demand that he flee into exile. The White House called it Saddam's "final mistake."

The 48-hour deadline imposed by the United States arrives at 8 p.m. EST Wednesday. War could explode at any moment after that — or sooner if

Saddam is caught preparing to use nerve gas or seems ready to destroy dams or oil fields.

A U.S.-led invasion force of 300,000 troops awaits the order to attack.

"It's a good thing we're going to do," Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace, the commander of U.S. and allied ground forces, told troops in Kuwait just before they moved to within 10 miles of Iraq. "It's a noble thing we're going to do."

Now on the cusp of war overseas, the United States also stands at the second-

highest level of alert at home.

In Washington, authorities expressed new concern about terrorist attacks against Americans at home and abroad, and the Agriculture Department told farmers and food processors to monitor the nation's food supply more closely.

"Iraqi state agents, Iraqi surrogate groups, other regional extremist organizations and ad hoc groups or disgruntled individuals may use this time period to conduct terrorist attacks against the United States," said Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge.

Authorities enhanced security at borders, airports, seaports and elsewhere. At the White House, guards extended the security perimeter around the executive mansion and prohibited pedestrians from walking along Pennsylvania Avenue in front of it.

Speaking from the White House on Monday night, the president gave Saddam and sons Odai and Qusai 48 hours to leave Iraq or face an invasion.

On Tuesday, for the first time since the end of the first Gulf War in 1991, Saddam appeared on Iraqi television

dressed in military uniform. His sons and aides issued statements of defiance and vows of resistance.

"Iraq doesn't choose its path through foreigners and doesn't choose its leaders by decree from Washington, London or Tel Aviv," an announcer said on an Iraqi television station.

The station is owned by Odai Saddam Hussein, who was quoted by Iraqi media as saying: "The wives and mothers of those Americans who will

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Caution, spring break: Proceed with Care

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

As spring break approaches, students need to be aware of the precautions and pitfalls of having too much fun. The Peer Educators, a group of students dedicated to educating their peers in good decision-making and in student health and safety issues, launched a campaign this week entitled "Know Boundaries."

The "Know Boundaries" campaign focuses on urging students to set boundaries and limitations for a safe spring break before they are present-

Flyers all over the TMB and campus read such slogans as, "Know your sexual boundaries," and "Know that friendship means taking care of each other."

Throughout the year, Peer Educators sponsor various events to educate their fellow students. Tuesday, Counseling and Career Services and the Peer Educators sponsored a Fatal Vision exercise. This exercise gave students the opportunity to see just how dangerous drinking while impaired can be.

They also set up a table in the Theron Montgomery Building to promote safe decision-making during the

break. They urged students to pledge to an alcohol-free week.

"We have gotten about 100 pledges in three hours," said Natasha Cunningham, president of the Peer Educators. "We are hoping that they will continue on with their pledge after spring break, but for at least that week, we want them to stop."

Spring break is a time of fun and travel, but bad choices can lead to unpleasant events. Counseling and Career Services, located on the third floor of the TMB, has focused part of this week on alcohol awareness.

Musical instrument thefts total \$26,000

By Miranda Bryant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

This semester, 15 music students' instruments were stolen valued at over \$26,000, according to Director of Bands Ken Bodiford.

A theft spree occurred in and around Mason Hall this month. Musical instruments, worth more than \$14,000 collectively, were stolen from the lockers and vehicles of music students, according to police reports.

Also, it is estimated that over \$12,000 worth of JSU-owned instruments were stolen from Mason Hall storage rooms this



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SGA spring concert canned

By Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer Features Editor

The SGA was on its way to having Sheryl Crow perform at JSU's annual spring concert. But she's not coming.

"It really wasn't in the plan at the beginning of the year to have a big [concert]," said Mark Choquette, SGA 2nd vice-president. "It was a surprise that our agent found her [open for us to

book]."

The SGA president Robert Hayes even went to the extent of requesting a loan of \$50,000 from the University to cover costs of the event, which was approved, according to Choquette.

However, the SGA's booking agent contacted the organization last week and informed it that Crow could not play on the date the concert was planned for.

"They said if we could've had it towards the end of the month, she could have come," Choquette said. "But by then, all the dorms are closed, so [the SGA] decided against it."

The SGA is now looking to host a cookout and a few local bands play. They plan to host it before finals.

"We're definitely not having a big concert now," Choquette said.

Blood drive can save 1,113 lives

By Rosalind Moore

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

On Monday and Tuesday, the SGA hosted its second blood drive of the year. Many students and faculty came out to support the drive.

On Monday, the American Red Cross accepted 84 out of 95 donor contributions. Some donors are not able to give due to low iron, anemia, or extended stay in foreign countries. Despite these factors, their attempts are noted and the Red Cross appreciates the effort.

Students of all majors, backgrounds and classifications came out to donate blood this week.

Brooke Graham, a junior communication major, said she just wanted the opportunity to help someone else. Many in the TMB auditorium waited for their turn to give blood. Red Cross workers bustled around,

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Red Cross Nurse Shelia Sharp assists Jean Jenkins as she gives blood. Jenkins is retired from JSU's Computer Center.

\$12,000 worth of JSU-owned instruments were stolen from Mason Hall storage rooms this month, said Bodiford.

The theft of the University equipment has not yet been reported to police because the music department has not completed its inventory, said University Police Chief Nelson Coleman.

All the JSU-owned instruments stolen this month were all marching instruments, Bodiford said. "It won't affect us until the fall or until August when we have our band camp," he said.

"When significant thefts occur such as this one, we will



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Scott Carter, Patrick Clines and Patrick Hinton, all music students, check their lockers in Mason Hall. More than eight instruments have been stolen from the lockers this semester.

tell them (victims) to do an inventory," Coleman said.

An inventory will include such information as serial numbers, model numbers and any

other markings to identify the items, Coleman said. This information will be entered into the

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President Meehan undergoes heart surgery

By Ben Cunningham

The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan is expected to return to work after spring break, following surgery to an artery that supplies his heart.

Meehan had an angioplasty and had a stint inserted in a blocked artery at Birmingham's Montclair Hospital on Thursday, after experiencing chest and arm pains the previous week, he said in a University statement released on Monday.

Doctors have told Meehan he has no permanent heart damage, and that his prognosis is good, the president said.



Pres. Bill Meehan

Meehan said he first noticed the pains on March 6, walking across campus after attending the SGA's Casino Night. He had sharper

pains while biking with his family on the Chief Ladiga Trail on March 9, and decided then to call his doctor, who told him to go to the emergency room at Jacksonville Hospital.

When he had more pain while undergoing tests at the hospital,

doctors decided to move him to Montclair in Birmingham by ambulance, where the surgery was available.

Angioplasty is a procedure in which doctors expand the walls of an artery by inserting a small balloon into the blood vessel and inflating it. A stint is a small piece of metal mesh that holds the artery open, allowing blood to pass through. Meehan said doctors found that his left anterior descending coronary artery was 95 percent blocked.

"I was moments, or hours, away from a heart attack and had I not done something about it I would have had a heart attack," Meehan said.

Computer Services corrects slow service

By Jamie M. Eubanks

The Chanticleer News Editor

With increased enrollment, the computers on campus have steadily slowed down. After spring break all of that should be over, according to JSU's Academic Computing Services.

The problem lies in the amount of information the server is trying to process.

"We have our connection to the Internet through the Alabama Research and Education Network and they provide us with that connection and it has limited bandwidth or limited capacity," said Randall Harper, director of Computer Services. "As we've added more and more computers to our network, and the computers that we're adding are newer technol-

ogy and faster computers, then we've just exceeded that capacity that's available on the line from the AREN."

Sean Ponder, manager of ACSC, explained the problem as trying to pour 50 gallons of water through a straw. His solution to the problem is to get more

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By the numbers:

Length of the 1991 Persian Gulf War with Iraq, in days

43

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Baseball:

Mar. 18 - JSU 6, UAB 4

Friday - vs Fla. Atlantic, 6:30 p.m., Home

Softball:

Mar. 18 - JSU 13, 0; Belmont 0, 4

Saturday - vs. Colgate, at Oxford, Miss.

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Police chief candidates narrowed to three

By Miranda Bryant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU will be without a police chief for at least two weeks in April since the final three candidates chosen Monday will not be interviewed until after University Police Chief Neil M. Coleman retires at the end of March, said Dr. Alice Cusimano, associate vice president of student affairs.

An eight-person screening committee narrowed the search for a new director of public safety from 25 applicants, Cusimano said. The committee includes students and faculty members who associate regularly with the police chief.

"Deputy Chief (Terry) Schneider will fill in for Chief Coleman until a new police chief is named," Cusimano said.

Schneider, who has been deputy police chief at JSU for five years, applied for the position. Cusimano said he ranked high on the list of 25 applicants, but she would not name the three finalists.

The three candidates will be contacted by phone, said Cusimano, and interviews will take place the week after spring break.

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trying to serve the students and faculty members.

According to Angela Martin, SGA senator, students should want to give blood because, "It's a good cause."

"The incentives that we are giving students are the ability to save up to three lives with just one pint of blood! That's the most important one," Martin said. "You also get a shirt

"These calls are important because applicants will usually send out a lot of applications," said Cusimano, "and they may have another job or not even be interested anymore."

Both students and faculty will take part in the interviews, said Cusimano, because the new police chief will be expected to work well with both groups.

Kimber Merrill, Student Government Association campus safety chairperson, is forming a group of students to participate in the interviews, said Cusimano. The group will consist of SGA campus safety members and members of the parking committee that have been involved with campus parking issues.

Merrill, who served on the screening committee Monday, said she will recruit around five students to help hire a new police chief next month.

"I don't want a police chief that won't listen to students," said Merrill. "It's a whole different world here compared to city and county agencies."

If one of the three final candidates turns down the offer to interview, then the fourth applicant will be asked to interview, Merrill said. "We plan on interviewing three (candidates) no

matter what," she said.

Housing will also have its own group of people to participate in the interviews, Cusimano said. Resident assistants and other security personnel at the residence halls are under the police chief's supervision.

Dr. Rebecca Turner, associate vice president of academic affairs, and University President Bill Meehan will be among the administration involved with hiring, said Cusimano. Also, some faculty members in the psychology department will be asked to help interview, since they have conducted studies on parking.

Several JSUPD employees will also help interview the top three candidates, said Cusimano.

All three candidates have a Master's degree and at least 15 years in law enforcement experience, she said. "This shows their commitment and success," she said. "All three are experienced with law enforcement in an education setting."

Cusimano said the final three candidates' names could not be revealed because the candidates may not have told their current employers they plan to leave.

SGA president and blood drive committee chair.

This blood drive successfully collected about 190 units. This surpasses the number from last semester's drive and leaves the SGA blood drive count at 370 blood donations for the entire year.

The students and faculty of JSU will be able to save about 1,113 lives with their donations

free snacks and drinks."

At the SGA awards banquet Monday night, the Blood Drive Committee received the award for Committee of the Year. This award shows that the committee's dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed.

"I attribute this year's blood drive success to the committee's hard work and the publicity," said Chris Cook, newly inducted

Self-defense workshop coming April 4-6

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

"There's been several assaults and even rapes here over the last few months in the area," said Dave Howell, instructor of JSU's Aikido Club and a junior majoring in communication at JSU. "We thought it would be very important for a lot of the students to come out and at least get some awareness of the problem."

The Aikido Club and Carroll's Dance and Gymnastics Academy in Jacksonville are sponsoring the Free Rape Prevention Workshop and Martial Arts

Seminar April 4-6.

Aikido is a "non-violent form of self defense dedicated to harmony, peace," according to Howell.

JSU's Aikido Club has 15 members on campus and 15 members at Fort McClellan. Meetings are held on Saturdays 11-12:30 in the Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Sensei Jerry Roy, the chief instructor of Dale City Aikikai in Virginia, will conduct the workshop. He has studied martial arts since the 1960s and has volunteered to conduct the workshop at JSU.

The workshop will begin April 4 at 7 p.m. with a women's self-defense workshop. April 5 the seminar will

be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and on April 6 the seminar will be 9 a.m. until noon.

Participation is free and participants are encouraged to register by April 2. For more information or to reserve a spot, call the JSU Aikido Club at 452-5597 or Stephanie Carroll at 435-2225.

"Knowledge is the best way to prevent a problem," Howell said. "That's pretty much all we are offering is some practical and useful tips on, not only, how to not become a victim, but how to protect yourself if a situation does occur. Basically, it's important for personal safety and peace of mind."

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According to Fred Mays, a counselor at JSU, drinking and driving, unsafe sex, and travel are three of the biggest issues that face spring breakers. Precautions should be taken in all these areas to ensure that your spring break is a happy one.

"When you travel out of town, leave in enough time so that you don't have to rush," Mays said, "and also don't drink and be cautious of what you drink. The only person that can take care of you is you."

Some other things you should practice include: Being responsible, using the buddy system, always staying aware of your

surroundings, and practicing safe sex. These important tips can help you return safely from spring break, and prevent accidents and date rape.

Many students will be traveling out of town or going to unfamiliar places. Some students won't be going anywhere, but may celebrate spring break at home. These precautions should be taken into consideration in either situation. The main thing to remember is to make good decisions.

Peer Educator Sonquez Williams encouraged his fellow students to be themselves during the spring break holidays.

"Stick to what you are used

to," Williams said. "Don't go on spring break trying to impress someone or people that you may never see again and ruin yourself forever."

The best advice that can be given to the students of JSU is to remember safety first, according to Counseling and Career Services.

"Don't spread yourself too thin," Cunningham said. "You don't want to become too familiar with people in a location that you don't know. That's how people come back with diseases and babies. That's how some people never come back."

CAMPUS CRIME

• March 10 — JSU reported minor attempting to purchase alcohol occurring at Star

most important one." Martin hard work and the publicity," JSU will be able to save about said. "You also get a T-shirt," said Chris Cook, newly inducted 1,113 lives with their donations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Alpha Omicron Pi:** A O Pie in the Sky was great on Wednesday. Congrats to Dana Roberts and Katie McCormick for positive panda and sister of the week. Also, to Jennifer Foster for PR princess of the week. Have a great week!!! **Contact:** Ela6885@aol.com

• **Delta Chi:** Thank you to everyone who participated in our auction last week. If anyone is interested in our Golf Tournament as far as playing or sponsoring please contact a Brother. If you want to help us with the Special Olympics please contact a Brother. Everyone have a safe Spring Break. **Contact:** Andrew Symonds, 782-7187.

• **Delta Zeta:** We all had fun at the Alumnae cook out on Saturday. Congrats to Lauren for getting 'scouted' and good luck! Happy birthday to Allison Garmon. Sister of the week is Alissa Chandler and tiny turtle is Becca. Twisted sister is definitely Nicole. Amanda and Erin you deserve it too! **Contact:** dzinformation@yahoo.com

• **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.

• **Freshmen Forum** would like to congratulate all the new SGA officers and Senators. A special congratulations to the senators from Freshmen Forum: Maggie Baker, Laurie Davis, Josh Lumpkin, Rachel McCombs, Katie Scott, Kristen Smith, Brian Snead, Jesse Swiney and Mandy Wallace! **Contact:** Katie Scott, katieescott@hotmail.com

• **Mrs. Methvin's creative writing class** will present a poetry reading on Apr. 3 at 1 p.m. in Room 230, Stone Center. Students will read works they've written for the course. The public is invited to attend. **Contact:** Susan Methvin, 782-5469.

• **Phi Mu:** Our gc^{II} tournament was a huge success, and we appreciate everyone who helped out. We had a great mixer with KA, thanks guys! Have a safe spring break. Phi Mu Ladies: Allison B. and Rachel C., Sunshine Awards: Megan and Becky, Athlete: Lexi. **Contact:** laceydoo@aol.com

• **ROTC Scholarship Board:** The JSU ROTC Department is conducting its annual scholarship board on April 2-3 at Rowe Hall. Scholarships pay for full tuition and fees, \$600 for books, and a monthly spending allowance of \$300-\$400. Completion of ROTC leads to commissioning as a lieutenant in the Army and a starting over \$35,000. **Contact:** Captain Shackelford, 782-8023.

• **SGA:** Congratulations to our new Executive Officers: Chris Cook, Emily Williams, Mardracus Russell, Alisha Ingram and Jennifer Mince. Good luck during you 2003-04 term. Thanks for everyone's participation in the Blood Drive and Thinkfast this week. Have a safe Spring Break. **Contact:** Andrew Symonds 782-5495.

• **Writer's Club:** Deadline for "Something Else" publication is March 21. Bring submissions by Ms. Hamilton's office at 116 Stone Center. Maximum lengths: Poetry 35 lines, Fiction/Drama/Essays/ 10 pages, Artwork (must be black and white and reduceable to 8.5x11" paper). Submit one copy with student I.D. only, and another with name and contact information. **Contact:** Sam Calhoun, jsu7825h@student-mail.jsu.edu

• **Zeta Tau Alpha:** Thanks to Delta Chi for a great social last night. Congratulations to Pi Kappa Phi for a successful War of the Roses. Have a safe and fun spring break everyone! Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Angela Estes, 782-6176.

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

• **March 10 — JSU reported minor attempting to purchase alcohol occurring at Star Mart.**

• **March 11 — Randall Akron Knapp, 18, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Mason Hall. A trombone estimated at \$1,300 was stolen.**

• **March 12 — Fitzpatrick Hall personnel reported disorderly conduct to JSUPD occurring at the Fitzpatrick Hall side porch and front porch.**

• **March 12 — Raymond Jean Baptiste, 22, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Grub Mart.**

• **March 13 — Jeremy G. Warner, 18, reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at 306 Crow Hall. It is estimated that \$215 worth of clothing and a \$10-roll of quarters was stolen.**

• **March 13 — JSUPD reported public intoxication occurring at 504 Sigma house.**

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

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Ayers Lecture features R.W. Apple Jr.

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

R.W. Apple Jr., a chief correspondent for the New York Times, will speak at this year's 15th annual Ayers Lecture.

The Lecture Series is co-sponsored by the Anniston Star and the University to bring world-renowned media professionals to speak on campus.

Apple has written from more than 100 countries since he began working for The New York Times in 1963, according to the Times' biographical information.

He headed the Times' coverage of the Gulf War in 1991 and has helped cover 19 national political conventions and nine presidential elections.

Currently, he reviews five star restaurants and other attractions around the world for the Times and contributes to British,



Courtesy of the Harry Walker Agency

R.W. Apple Jr.

French and American lifestyle and entertainment magazines.

Before his three decades at the Times, Apple served in the U.S. Army as a speechwriter for the commanding general of the Continental Army Command. After his military service, he graduated in 1961 magna cum laude from Columbia University in New York City. He was a reporter for the Wall Street

Journal before and after his military service and in 1961 he became a television writer and correspondent for NBC News.

"He's one of these guys that is a combination of worldliness and down to earth values too," said Brandy Ayers, publisher of the Anniston Star. "He would lead you to fun, good food and fabulously stimulating company."

The Ayers Lecture is a part of the communication department's second annual Communication Week, which runs April 1-4. Events include lectures by other media professionals, one of which includes the adviser of the nation's only student-run public relations agency.

Also, awards are given to Communication students from faculty members and student leaders based on academic performance and involvement in the student media organizations.

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"straws." Essentially, that is what they are doing.

"We're swapping Internet providers," according to Neil Johnson, ACSV staff. "Our Internet Service Provider will be swapping to BellSouth."

All computers on campus will switch to the BellSouth network, except for residence hall connections and public libraries and schools that use the AREN network. They will remain on AREN, according to Harper.

Though they will not be on the new network, residence halls should still see speedier access, because all other campus computers are being switched to BellSouth.

"Their connection is not getting any smaller," Johnson said. "We're not scaling back the old connection. It's staying exactly as it was. So it should be a win-win situation, because we're no longer fighting for the same piece of the straw."

The BellSouth network will

making the changes for months. They have changed computer addresses that can't be used on the new ISP. Between 200 and 300 devices on campus underwent major reconfigurations, Ponder said. Almost 1,700 computers needed minor

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■ Sean Ponder
Academic Computer
Services manager

changes.

These changes weren't made from a remote location. Ponder and his staff had to physically go to each computer and make

do a lot of this work in the evening hours. These guys work evenings, nights and weekends to try to get some of this work done."

Both Ponder and Johnson agree this is the biggest job either has tackled during their careers.

"And it's still not over yet," Ponder said. "We've still got issues. We hope that by doing this during spring break we affect as few people as possible."

Spring break is the perfect time to make these kinds of changes because all the business functions of the University are shut down, Johnson explained. He doesn't expect any problems after spring break. The staff will be able to bring up computers and check for problems before students return.

Ponder compared the situation to Y2K, because it's something they've never had to deal with before.

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National Crime Information Center system to help track down the stolen instruments if they are discovered at pawn shops or search and seizures.

There is no security system at Mason Hall, said Bodiford. "The doors (of Mason Hall) stay open until around midnight so students can practice playing their instruments," he said.

The lockers where the students' instruments were stolen had padlocks on them where suspects broke the lock with a tool, said Bodiford. Instruments such as trombones, saxophones and mellophones were stolen from the lockers that have wooden doors.

Bodiford said some lockers are flimsy and can be broken into easily. Other locker doors are made of metal rods so people can see into lockers and reach in to steal music books and other small items.

"Just like we have student workers in the computer labs around campus, [the music department] should have student workers in their music rooms," Coleman said.

Coleman said a worker with a

sign-in sheet at the front entrance of Mason Hall might help secure the instruments since music students can identify other students easier than the police can identify them.

Other suggestions for security at Mason Hall were expressed to newly elected Student Government Association President Chris Cook. "The students told me they really needed surveillance cameras since so many instruments were being stolen," said Cook. "I haven't seen the budget, so I don't know how much I can do at this point."

Cook said getting better security at Mason Hall is at the top of his list.

"If we were going to put up surveillance cameras at Mason, then we would also put them up at the bookstore and the bursar's office," Coleman said.

Bodiford said one way some other music departments secure their instruments is by having all their music students have an identification card to scan when they enter the building. "The (identification) cards might work," he said. "I don't think

that our music students have anything to do with the instruments getting stolen because they are so protective over each other."

Dr. Legare McIntosh, head of the music department, said he asked for a police presence to help keep the building free from thieves. "They (police) need to do more patrolling," he said.

Police have been gathering information about security equipment for the music department, McIntosh said.

During the trombone festival last month, a suspect tried to break into a window of Mason Hall but failed because someone in the music department heard the attempted break-in, said Bodiford. "Someone went to check it out," he said, "and all they saw was shattered glass."

"We just hope there is University insurance to cover it all," Bodiford said.

Police have checked local pawn shops, and no instruments have been recovered, said Coleman.

"It's a shame this is happening," said Bodiford.

Iraq: Bush's demands "law of the jungle" (from page 1)

fight us will weep blood, not tears."

At the United Nations, Iraqi Ambassador Mohammed Aldouri called Bush's demands "the law of the jungle" and the coming war "a crime against humanity" that "is tantamount to genocide."

At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer brushed off such criticism and said time was running out for Saddam.

"Saddam Hussein has led Iraq to many mistakes in the past, principally by developing weapons of mass destruction," Fleischer said. "Saddam Hussein, if he doesn't leave the country, will make his final mistake."



Jim Barcus/Kansas City Star

Urban Tactical training continued at Champion Main in Kuwait on Tuesday. Soldiers of 1st Battalion 325 AIR of the 82nd Airborne attacked a mock structure to prepare for possible urban warfare inside of Iraq.

longer fighting for the same piece of the straw."

The BellSouth access will also cost the University \$30,000 per year, according to Harper. The AREN network was, basically, free for the University. The state of Alabama pays for AREN through the Alabama Super Computer Budget.

The ACSV staff has been

from a remote location. Ponder and his staff had to physically go to each computer and make those changes. This had to be done after all of their other work was completed.

"Our entire network support team has been tremendous in doubling up on their work," according to Harper. "We try to do our work during the day and

tion to Y2K, because it's something they've never had to deal with before.

"It's the unknowns, the complexity of the network plus we don't do this every day," Johnson said. "We don't re-engineer the whole network. It's not an average task."

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Even if Saddam does flee, he could be prosecuted for war crimes, Fleischer said. Five thousand Kurds in northern Iraq were killed in 1988 by chemical weapons employed by Saddam's forces.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said 30 nations have joined with the United States and 15 other nations have offered support more quietly. "We now have a coalition of the willing," he said.

Still, the United States and Britain have contributed nearly all of the combat forces. At least 250,000 U.S. troops and 45,000 British troops were in the war theater, and they spent Tuesday

Urban Tactical training continued at Champion Main in Kuwait on Tuesday. Soldiers of 1st Battalion 325 AIR of the 82nd Airborne attacked a mock structure to prepare for possible urban warfare inside of Iraq.

reviewing attack plans.

"There's a sense of sadness because war is always tragedy, and there are always going to be a lot of people hurt by this," said Air Force Capt. Dan King, a pilot with the 336th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. "But everybody believes what the president is doing is the right thing."

That was not the case elsewhere.

In Britain, Prime Minister Tony Blair appeared again before Parliament and pleaded for support from his splintered nation and rebellious party.

"Back away from this con-

frontation now and future conflicts will be infinitely worse and more devastating in their effects," he told the House of Commons.

In the end, Parliament effectively approved military action, voting 412 to 149 to use "all means necessary" to disarm Iraq.

But Blair again suffered rebellion in his own party. Of 410 Labor Party members of parliament, 136 voted for an anti-war amendment — 14 more than the number of Labor members who opposed their leader during a war debate and vote last month.

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OPINION

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In Our View

End it quicker than it started

For well over a year we've been waiting for what has seemed inevitable: a U.S. invasion of Iraq. The wait is almost over.

By the time you read this, American and British troops may be on their way to Baghdad. President Bush set a deadline for Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave Iraq by 7 p.m. last night. That deadline was about 24 hours before our deadline at The Chanticleer, so we can't tell you what happened when time was up.

If the war hasn't started by the time you read this, it looks like it's going to start soon. Over the past year in this space, we have opposed the prospect of war with Iraq, and that's the position this newspaper holds still.

President Bush has not made a clear and convincing case that war is needed to disarm Iraq. If he has credible evidence that Saddam Hussein possesses weapons of mass destruction, he hasn't shared it with the world. The president likes to mention Saddam Hussein and September 11th as closely together as possible, but if he has evidence the dictator was involved in the attacks of that day, he hasn't shared that either.

We're not arguing that the Nobel Committee should award Hussein the peace prize. He's a brutal authoritarian we'd be glad to see drop dead. But a war to oust him will kill many innocents, and the majority of the world is not on our side. Eat all the "freedom fries" you want, but there are 6 billion people in the world, and only about 290 million of them are Americans. It does matter what the rest of the world thinks.

It's apparent from President Bush's statements though, that war is indeed imminent and inevitable. So, we pray that it is a swift and simple victory for our forces. We pray that as little blood as possible will be shed on all sides, and that all our brave men and women in uniform will come home alive.

In the meantime, no matter what happens, it is likely that many Americans will continue to voice their opinions about our most controversial conflict since Vietnam. War protesters and supporters are likely to rally, march, picket and persuade. We pray that all those who make their voices heard will do so peacefully, with the utmost respect for the rights of those who disagree with them.

Iraq's real problem is that its people have no protected right to disagree with Saddam Hussein and seek to replace him. If everyone in the United States felt compelled to go along with President Bush's march to war, we'd be no better off than they are. Our freedom to disagree is thus to be cherished and exercised.

With any luck this conflict will result in Iraqis having the freedom to voice their opinions about the actions of their leaders, leaders they'll elect democratically, ensuring that we'll never again have to send our troops to deal with a dictator in the desert.

Dissenting View

An active-duty opinion: Get Saddam and get him fast

Once upon a time there was a little boy. He was a small, gangly child and as long as he could remember he wanted to be a soldier.

He watched the 100-hour war on television and even collected the "war cards." He kept this to himself, but always held this in the back of his mind.

The small child had now grown into a man. He had gone to college and, in a futile attempt to help his parents pay the growing cost to further his education, joined the Army.

Sound familiar? To some of you it is as familiar as reading your autobiography. But

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



this time this story is mine.

I have been to war once. I never witnessed horrors as my grandfather did in World War II, but things still haunt me. The point is, though, I have seen what war can be like.

So many times, especially lately, people ask me what I think of the impending war with Iraq. Well my opinion on the subject is this: I personally don't think that the United States should be playing policeman for the entire

world, but if we are going, we need to do things right.

The United States has long been a puppet of the United Nations and has been involved with several actions for the U.N. in which the U.S. had no prior involvement, such as Bosnia and the horrible Somolian conflict.

Both times United States military servicemen died for the cause of furthering democracy throughout the world.

And now that someone sucker-punched the policeman, the makers of "international law" do not want to get involved. They are afraid of retaliation and rightly so. Many Europeans live in comfortable fear of terrorist

attacks and are alright with that.

I am not. I don't want to live in fear and moreover I don't want my children to live in fear. People ask what Saddam has done to us, and why we can't just let him live peacefully. Let me tell you boys and girls he is not living peacefully. His Stalinesque manner of placing top officials under house arrest and being known for brutality to his own and neighboring peoples proves that this monster is not the peaceful puppy the U.N. and other nations paint him to be.

This person has been deemed a threat to our security and should be treated as thus. Maybe not a great threat at this moment, but why should we wait until this man has the ability to strike our home with nuclear or biological and chemical weapons. And who's to say that he has not already been in league with terrorists?

No one can prove this. No one can disprove this. Yet.

So am I for war? In general no, but during times as these I believe that it is called for. And please America, do not stop using your right to voice your opinions, for or against this act. Our servicemen, my friends and your family members are fighting everyday to protect your right to do so.



IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Do you think radio stations were right to pull the Dixie Chicks' music off the air after singer Natalie Maines protested a war with Iraq and made disparaging comments about President Bush?"

--Compiled by
Patricia Lockhart
Photo Editor



Tim King
Junior
Photography

"Yes, I think they were right to pull the music from the air because they (the radio stations) are entitled to their opinion. On her part it was not the right place or time to say what she said."



Robert Hayes
Senior
Political science

"I say yes because regardless of your personal position on the issues at hand, you should respect the office of the president."



Allison Crow
Sophomore
Elementary education

"I say no because she did take back her statement and said that he deserved the utmost respect."



Julian Meloni
Senior
Marketing

"Who really cares?"



Amanda Clayton
Senior
Photography

"For one thing, have the radio stations heard of freedom of speech? Maybe she chose the wrong time to state her opinion but who out there supporting peace is supporting Bush?"

IN YOUR VIEW: LETTERS

Protesting the protesters

In response to war protesting that has been occurring here on campus, I would like to voice my protest against the protesters.

In all of the uproar of war and calamity of what could happen, no one ever thinks about why they can protest without having to worry about what could result from their outward opposition of the government. It

seems that everyone will take what they think is theirs but not support the entity that provides them the free-

dom they so graciously take.

No one likes war, but it is inevitable. Two wrongs do not make a right. But when someone has nerve gas and agents like Sarin that cause ghastly outcomes when in contact with human life, should we just sit back and say "that's life?"

"I feel a lot of compassion for the people in Iraq that have to live with this everyday. It may not be the popular thing to do, but it is the right thing to do."

Everyone protests saving lives by not going to war, but how many lives will we lose because an evil tyrant gets to play god on the people of his own country.

Here in the Bible belt everyone says to do the right thing, but by not going to disarm Saddam we are just another person walking by looking at the poor person lying in ruin in the parable of "The Good Samaritan."

I feel a lot of compassion for the people in Iraq that have to live with

this everyday. It may not be the popular thing to do, but it is the right thing to do.

Jeremy M. Goldsmith

Not buying Bush's arguments

I just listened to the preamble for war on the radio.

George Bush stridently called for us all to unite to destroy the aggressive Iraqi regime of Saddam Hussein. He was very sure of himself, this president of ours, as he spoke the words which could mean untold death for many and the

scorn of the world. His confidence in the rightness of his cause had almost a religious fever as he warned Saddam to be out of the country in 48 hours or else. I can easily believe that he sees himself as some kind of Marshal Dillon. I reckon he'll mosey on over an' deal with that noxious critter. Only thing is, he will not be the one "moseying" and the real world is not like the Saturday afternoon Westerns that Bush grew up on.

Life isn't black and white and simple. One other thing, George Bush sure as hell isn't Marshal Dillon. He would have more sense.

W. David Nix

"I can easily believe that he (Pres. George Bush) sees himself as some kind of Marshal Dillon. I reckon he'll mosey on over an' deal with that noxious critter."

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FEATURES

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Talent agency scouts bands at 92-J Benefit Cable TV news is stressing me out

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Talent scouts from a major agency came to watch several of the bands this past weekend at the 92J Benefit.

Transcontinental Talent sent scouts from its Birmingham office to the benefit Saturday night to watch five of the seven bands on the lineup, said Jordan Brewer, 92J program director. The agency is owned by Lou Pearlman, founder of bands like the Backstreet Boys and N*Sync.

After the bands performed, scouts offered Promise the Ghost, Halfdown Thomas, Suburban Love Junkies, Head Graft, formerly known as Something 5, and Snap 9A an opportunity to contact the agency about a possible future business deal, according to Brewer.

The benefit raised \$1,030 for the radio station, a little less than the \$1,100 raised by last fall's benefit. "I think the reason last semester's benefit was so big is because we had [Adelayda, who had] been getting a lot of radio airplay from a larger market radio station," Brewer said.

Despite making less money this semester, Brewer said this



Courtesy Jordan Brewer/92J

Ralph Gooden, lead guitarist for Head Graft, formerly known as Something 5, gets the crowd into the show at Brother's Bar during Saturday night's 92J Benefit.

benefit was more successful than the last. "I was more pleased with this one than the last one because our job to support local music and have these bands be heard is being done,"

he said. "They were exposed to new audiences and some very important people in the music industry."

These new audiences, according to Brewer, consist of unique

people in Jacksonville that aren't "scared" to see new and original bands. "Jacksonville isn't ready to go and actually see a band they haven't heard of before. It's the original bands

that end up making it and having record contracts," he said. "It's a shame that [bands] have to play a lot down here and

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By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



"War! War! War!" — cable news anchors almost sound like the ice cream stand man on the side streets of a major city. Peddling the idea of war on Iraq through cable news has become as common as advertising sales at Dillard's this weekend.

As a journalism student, I've heard the phrase "if it bleeds it leads" many times. Basically, that means the more gore and violence in the story, the higher on the news food chain you place it.

And war always equals gore. But does anyone ever think about the deeper issues of war, beneath the technical talk of biological and chemical weapons?

When I hear the word "war," I think of the human aspect of bombing a country. I think of the human faces it will affect, not just the "tyrant," as called by President Bush, but the innocent children that have no clue what is going on.

This is why 24-hour cable news stresses me out.

With three jobs, a full-time

Organization Spotlight: Society of Professional Journalists

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

to be involved and do something for the organization is something totally different.

of media in general. "It's not always what you learn at school or what you think it

War boosts cable news ratings

By Richard Huff
New York Daily News

networks," said Andrew Tyndall, publisher of the Tyndall Report, a newsletter

"The Society of Professional Journalists is dedicated to the perpetuation of a free press as the cornerstone of our nation and our liberty," according to SPJ's mission on its Web site. "We are the watchdog of our society. It is our First Amendment rights that we try to protect, and if we don't have these right, then the society as a whole would fall apart," explained Misti Hayes, president of JSU's chapter of SPJ.

SPJ has been a part of the University for a long time and after it had a two year break, it has almost tripled its membership this year from last year. "I have a lot of people asking me why should they join SPJ and first it does look good on your resume, but it goes so much further than that," said Hayes about joining. "To put in on a paper and say you are a member is one thing, but actually

something totally different. (A) lot of employers will ask you that — what you did for the organization."

One of the main things SPJ provides during the academic year is different kinds of programming. There are guest speakers like Felicia Mason, the Executive Director of the Alabama Press Association, and Anthony Cook the Metro Editor from The Anniston Star, who came earlier this year to speak to students, but also fundraising events like car-washes and cookie sales take place. "These are the changes to meet with the professionals and it helps when trying to find jobs, because that's what it really is about, to find contacts and get an idea what it will be like out there," according to Hayes.

SPJ is not just meant for communication majors, but to anyone who is interested in writing, reporting, or any form

school or what you think it will be like," explained Hayes. "It is a different world out there and to speakers to come and tell us what it really is like, that is a huge thing." While SPJ has had speakers from out of the area, the local contacts are almost more important sometimes, when people see that these people came from the same place as I do, and they made a success, it inspires further, said Hayes.

Today two graduates from JSU, Jeh-Jeh Pruitt and Lantz Croft, now working for Fox 6 News in Birmingham are coming to talk about the various aspects of working with the media at 4 p.m. at Self Hall.

Also during the first week of April, the keynote event for SPJ will be Communications Week, with the Silent Auction on April 3 and Keith Sheldon,

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War may be hell, but it can be heaven when it comes to Nielsen ratings.

Escalating talk of war, the movement of troops and diplomatic efforts to avoid a conflict have driven viewers to the three all-news cable networks in large numbers, according to a New York Daily News analysis of Nielsen Media Research statistics.

The Fox News Channel, CNN and MSNBC are all up in prime time and on a 24-hour basis compared with four weeks ago.

Last Monday evening, Fox was the second-most-watched cable network, an unusual feat for a news channel, and CNN was No. 8. Typically, the top spots go to the entertainment networks.

"The people who are really fascinated by it have a place to go, which is the cable news

Tyndall Report, a newsletter that tracks TV news coverage.

For example, in the week ending Feb. 23, the Fox News Channel averaged 1.69 million viewers in prime time. By the middle of last week, the most recent figures available, the network was averaging 2.5 million viewers.

During the same period, CNN's prime-time audience rose to 1.77 million viewers from 951,000. And MSNBC averaged 585,000 viewers, up from 343,000.

In all, roughly 1.5 million more viewers were watching the three main cable news networks at night last week than four weeks ago.

Clearly, some of that can be attributed to the crisis over Iraq, but it has been a fairly heavy news cycle overall, with coverage of the Rhode Island nightclub fire and the

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With three jobs, a full-time school schedule and an active social life, I've enough stress in my life right now.

Now, we have cable news networks shoving "War! War! War!" down our throats and placing "countdown to war" clocks on the bottom right corner of the screen.

Not only do cable news networks keep pushing war into our faces, but they confuse the hell out of me.

I have watched CNN before and seen at least four split screens on my television, all four showing different events that are all happening simultaneously. Not only do you have the four screens showing four different things, but you have the scrolling news bar racing along the bottom of the main screen. The news bar doesn't really tell you much about what's happening either. Its information is limited to one fragmented sentence about some not-so-newsworthy event.

So, here I am, watching the left screens with my left eye, the right screens with my right eye and then darting both eyes quickly down to the scrolling marquee of random news that's happening at the same time these other four things are happening. Are you confused yet?

Cable news networks were made for people with severe Attention Deficit Disorder. And maybe a little hyperactivity in there would help.

Fox news network racked up 2.5 million viewers last week, all with ADD I'm thinking.

So, my advice: the next time you plan on checking out a cable news network, don't drink coffee, sit in the most comfortable spot in the house and drink a beer or two before actually turning the TV on.

Guest artist displays works in campus gallery

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

As part of Kaleidoscope, a festival of the arts at JSU, Elizabeth Keyser-Wilson from Birmingham, is displaying her paintings for a few weeks during March at the Hammond Hall Art Gallery. She was invited here by Charles Groover, chair of JSU's art department.

The art show is open to everyone and according to the visitor's book, a lot of people have had a chance to experience Keyser-Wilson's descriptive paintings, which show another world.

One of the most interesting aspects of Keyser-Wilson's paintings at the gallery is that most of them have something

hidden in them, something that makes observers take a step back and look closer.

As Keyser-Wilson explained, so many people these days won't slow down and really take time to look; they are just too busy. All the things are there for those who stop. Every painting or form of art tells something about the artist and the surrounding world, but to really take time and see that, takes patience which most people don't have anymore.

One word to describe her art is esoteric, according to Keyser-Wilson. In the American Heritage Dictionary this word is defined as something that is intended for or understood by only a few. Not many see her

paintings this way, as something more than just what is there at first glance and this might be a shame, but as Keyser-Wilson explained it, her art is not intended to make people stop and see, it is only the way she sees the world. But if someone does see the hidden, then that is only good, "You are not going to make it so that everyone is going to understand everything," she said.

One thing that makes someone take notice of her art is the full display of colors Keyser-Wilson provides the audience. The colors seem to bring more to each painting, like the painting "Picnic in a Field." In this oil painting

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A guest visits the Hammond Hall Gallery to see Keyser-Wilson's exhibit.



Courtesy Jordan Brewer '92J

The bassist of Head Graft, formerly known as Something 5, does a small striptease for the audience at the 92J Benefit.

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play a certain kind of music to get an audience to come and see [it]."

Most of the bands that played the benefit will be booked to play again at Brother's Bar, said Brewer. "The people that didn't go this weekend, first off, shame on them," he said. "Second off, they don't need to miss the opportunity to see these bands again, because there is going to come a time when they will regret it."

And that time, Brewer said, is when the bands get too successful to play smaller venues like Brother's Bar. "It would surprise me if in the next five years at least three of the 13 bands that played this weekend aren't signed to some sort of deal, whether it be a management deal or a record deal," he said.

The next benefit is planned for October.

"With the success of this one, I hope the next one will be even bigger," Brewer said. "I hope more talent agencies come to see these bands and instead of staying just one night, they'll stay the whole weekend."

This benefit was the last one Brewer coordinated as program director of the station. Since the first benefit, which Brewer helped start, the station has raised almost \$4,000.

"I have to go out with a smile because for four semesters we have done this. My first fall semester as program director, we started out [with] four bands each night.

"I knew after that first one that it was going to be something big," he said. "And it has."

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you can see all the colors, and wonder where the name comes from, or you can see the bottles, the ocean, the blanket and all the things that make a perfect picnic. The colors do not represent any symbol in these paintings, the colors come with the feeling and the idea, said Keyser-Wilson.

Other paintings which show this same idea is "Open Window," where one can actually feel a little breeze coming in and the reflection on the window, or the "Garden Wall," where one can almost smell the flowers and hear the bees buzz around.

Some people who influenced and inspired Keyser-Wilson as an artist were peo-

ple who instructed her in some way, like her father William W.S. Wilson, who was a portrait painter. Also her professor Raymond MacMahon from

"It is not just art, it is everything."

• *Elizabeth Keyser-Wilson*
guest artist

Birmingham-Southern College, where she earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, and Professor Alvin C. Sella from the University of Alabama, where she earned her Master of Fine Arts degree influenced her.

The actual inspiration that makes her paintings and all of her other works comes from

so many places, "It comes from the people, a rock, an animal, the world (in general), everywhere and from everything, but not from television. It is not just art, it is everything," said Keyser-Wilson. Then after the inspiration is put into painting or sculpture or any form of Keyser-Wilson's art, it is the energy and inspiration that it gives her, and is then passed on to the audience.

Keyser-Wilson has been painting since she was little, and today she is also teaching her passion to students at Stillman College at Tuscaloosa, as an associate professor at the Department of Fine Arts.

Her paintings have been displayed all over the Southeast, and hopefully JSU will see her art again.

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on April 3 and Keith Sheldon, an adviser to Tehama Group Communications, the only student-run public relations firm in the country, will speak.

"To ensure that the concept of self-government outlined by the U.S. Constitution remains a reality into future centuries, the American people must be well informed in order to make decisions regarding their lives, and their local and national communities," according to the SPJ Web site. Like Hayes said, what we have here is a way to ensure our basic freedoms and not everybody sees it this way, "We are working on the very basis our country was founded on, it is our passion for our rights and maintaining those rights."

Although involvement is certainly a concern around campus for all the different organizations, Hayes sees the future as positive for SPJ.

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return of teenage kidnap victim Elizabeth Smart, among other events.

The growing appetite for news also comes at a time when the broadcast networks are coming out of a sweeps period and filling their time with a few more reruns than usual.

The audiences for the Big Three evening newscasts have been relatively stable over the past few weeks. Last week, a combined 30.5 million tuned into the three shows, which have devoted much of their time to the Iraq situation.

Except for the week the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated, Iraq has been the evening newscasts' most-covered story each week, according to Tyndall.

Oops!

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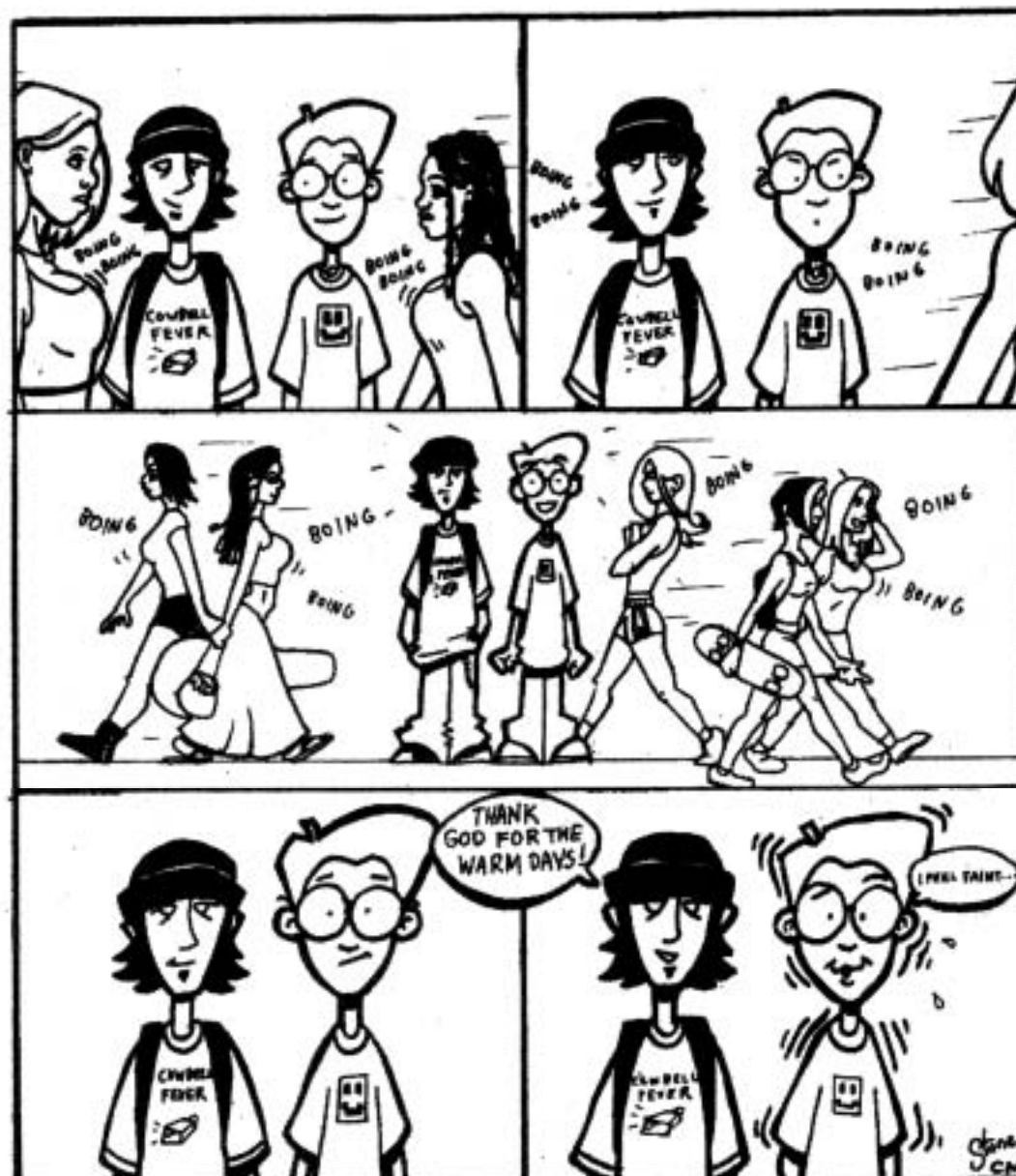


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- 1.) A Fantasia
- 2.) "Dude Looks Like A Lady"
- 3.) tobacco
- 4.) football
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SPORTS

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Georgia had to choose between education and athletics

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor

Last week the University of Georgia withdrew from the SEC and NCAA tournaments for misconduct by players. Players who had played the entire season, wrongfully. Players were trying to take UGA to court to try to get the judge to lift the withdrawal.

So why did this happen? That's what I like to look at. I want to get to the why. Most journalists do.

We have a couple of opinions here. One goes something like: these kids are in college to get an education and nothing else. Sports just happen to be an extracurricular activity. Extracurricular. The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language defines that as "being outside the regular curriculum of a school or college."

A college is not here to provide people with sports entertainment. They are open and run as institutions of higher education to help further yourself in a particular field or specialization.

Some could argue that these athletes are preparing themselves for the pros. To that, I say if you want to do that, then open a college that teaches nothing but sports. Then you could concentrate on football,

Gamecocks beat FAU, fall in A-sun semis

Freeman takes conference player-of-the-year honors, leads team to first-round victory; Georgia State beats JSU on way to final victory and NCAA Championship appearance

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Atlantic Sun Tournament started with high hopes for the Gamecock women, as they went to their final ASC event. They pulled a big upset in the first game as they defeated Florida Atlantic by a 65-55 count, then fell in the semifinals to Georgia State by a 54-47 total.

The first game of the 2003 Atlantic Sun tourney saw Jacksonville State, the No. 3 seed from the North, face the Owls of Florida Atlantic, the No. 2 seed from the South. The two met earlier in the season, with FAU pulling out the 93-86 win, and most people expected a very similar, up-and-down style of play. Those people were extremely surprised by the 65-55 Jax State victory.

JSU used a smothering defense to force 23 turnovers, 13 of which were steals, and also hit 46.7 percent from the field. Florida Atlantic hit only 2-of-17 3-point attempts on the afternoon, and JSU hit 2-of-9 of the same 3-pointers. The Gamecocks outrebounded the Owls by a 41-25 margin, and held a 12-8 lead in offensive boards. Individually, JSU was

led by the ASC player of the year, Shanika Freeman, who scored 17 points and grabbed 11 boards. Freddrika Embry scored 10 points on 4-of-6 shooting, and Tiara Eady scored six points and had eight rebounds, five offensive.

The Gamecocks took an early 10-8 lead off of a Cobie Carlisle layup, and managed to keep that lead for most of the half. JSU had only a 30-27 lead at the half, but was bolstered by the fact they had won 12 games when leading at the break. JSU withstood a late second half rally to keep the win and advance to the ASC Final Four.

"We had a game plan that we felt that, if we could execute it, we could beat Florida Atlantic," said head coach Dana Austin. "McKell (Copeland) led us on the floor and kept everyone focused. Kat (Fuess) grabbed some key rebounds, and we had great team defense." It was the first win ever by Jacksonville State in any women's basketball game at the UCF Arena.

The semifinal game brought two familiar foes together, as Jacksonville State faced divisional opponent Georgia State. The two teams split on the regular season, each winning on

their home floor by more than 20. This game was much closer as a late JSU rally fell short for the 54-47 Panther win. The win upped GSU's win streak to nine straight and ended JSU's season with a 15-14 record.

Freeman who had 19 points and nine rebounds again led scoring. Fuess, the talented JSU newcomer, scored 12 points, and Carlisle only scored five, but added eight rebounds. JSU's big pain came from the 3-point line, where they hit only 2-of-12 for the game, while a poor 3-point shooting Panther team drained 5-of-13.

JSU jumped out to a quick 17-7 lead, and seemed to have the game in complete control. GSU had only hit two of their first 18 shots. The Panthers, however, had a furious late 10-2 rally to cut the lead to 22-18 at the half. The second half had GSU outscoring JSU 12-3 to open the period, as they took a lead they would not surrender again. The Gamecocks could only cut the lead to three, before free throws opened the final gap. Georgia State only committed nine turnovers, a huge key against a JSU defense that thrives off opponent's mistakes.

Overall it was a successful



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Bill Wilson

Kat Fuess drives to the inside against Samford in JSU final regular season game. The Gamecocks finished the season 15-14 making the Atlantic Sun Tournament semi-finals.

season for JSU, as they ended up as the No. 22 ranked team in the NCAA in scoring, and were also in the top 100 in field goal percentage, 3-pointers per game, assists and steals. Copeland became JSU's No. 1

all time steal leader, and Freeman was the first Gamecock to earn player-of-the-Year honors. The 15-14 record also matched a JSU Division I record.

JSU tops Campbell, UAB

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State home



Softball up to 19-3

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

to-walk percentage at that point.

Tera Ross came away with

Annie Davis, who scored in the previous inning,

nothing but sports. Then you could concentrate on football, basketball, tennis, golf, whatever you like. I wholeheartedly support that.

But do not downgrade our universities to force them into nothing but a "Varsity Blues"-type high school.

That is obviously my point of view but countless others say that we should pay student athletes. Well the only thing that I can say to that is a lot of them are. They are on a full or at least partial scholarship to attend college. I don't know about you guys, but I have paid for all but two semesters of my own schooling. And they want me to pay more tuition so that I can pay someone's salary just to come and play ball for my university? That's a negative.

Still others say that the NCAA rules are too strict, that boosters should be able to at least help out players or they should have a money limit. Well where do you set the limits? \$100? \$1,000? A million? Do you see how this could get out of hand? I do.

So I think the NCAA has things right. No money, no gifts, nothing.

But these players were caught having people take tests for them. Should the NCAA get involved with that? That's hard to say. If I was UGA they would have already been expelled. I think that if the universities in question (there have been more than just UGA this week) take sufficient measures deemed alright by the NCAA, there is no reason for the association to get involved.

But they probably will and yet another Southern team will be scarred by NCAA sanctions. Sanctions they probably rightly deserved.

The Jacksonville State baseball team recorded its first sweep in conference play over the weekend as they beat Campbell University. It was their first sweep in 24 conference series since sweeping Mercer during the 2000 campaign.

The sweep was led by A-Sun Pitcher-of-the-Week Jessie Corn. Corn pitched a complete game, two-hit, shutout as JSU won 4-0 on Friday night.

Kerri Fair and Evan Conley each finished with a pair of hits to lead the offense, as JSU would plate the only runs they needed in the third inning off Matt Ruckdeschel's sacrifice fly.

In game one the Gamecocks drew first blood as Danny Civello scored on Richard Turner's sacrifice fly to take a 1-0 lead. JSU would strike again in the third capped by a single from Conley and a double by Bret Pettus to go up 3-0.

The Camels regained the lead in the fourth inning as Jason Brown went yard off of JSU starter Allen Buckley.

JSU came back to tie the game at 4-4 in the sixth inning, when Turner scored on a Fair single to left field. The Gamecocks took the lead for good an inning later in the seventh as they scored three times on just two hits and were helped by two Camel errors.

CU rallied to cut the Gamecock lead to 7-5 in the seventh but JSU held on for the win.

In Game two Bobby Hicks sent one deep over the right field fence to give the Gamecocks a 1-0 advantage. The Gamecocks added to their lead in the third inning when Russaw opened the inning with a double, followed by a triple by Fair to make the score 2-0. Fair scored off the hot bat of Matt Ruckdeschel, extending the lead to 3-0.

JSU would have another big inning in the fifth inning scoring three runs highlighted by Civello's two-RBI double scor-



Bobby Hicks stands in to bat during a game earlier in the season. The Gamecocks, who are just above .500 at 11-9, return home tomorrow vs. Florida Atlantic.

ing Hicks and Ruckdeschel.

The Camel's 2-run rally in the sixth inning would not be enough as the Gamecocks completed the sweep. C.R Palmer earned the win recording five strikeouts to improve 2-2 on the year. Josh Nix earned the save as Jax State improved to 6-3 in the Atlantic Sun.

On Tuesday night the Gamecocks made it four in a row as they beat in-state rival UAB. Sophomore right-hander John Chamblee allowed just two hits in five innings to lead Jacksonville State (11-9) to a 6-4 win over No. 27 UAB (17-4) at Rudy Abbott Field.

The Gamecocks jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning. Fair led off with a single through the left side and scored when Hicks followed with a one-out RBI double to right center.

Brian Haskins then reached on a walk and both players moved up a base on a balk. Conley then reached on an error

that allowed Hicks to score from third and give JSU the lead.

Jax State pushed the lead to 5-0 after plating three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning capped by Haskins near miss homerun that turned into a double.

UAB scored their first run of the night in the sixth inning, compliments of a JSU error, which allowed Sam Clark to score and cut the lead to 5-1.

Jax State answered by scoring a run in the bottom half of the inning to push the lead to 6-2. Ruckdeschel scored on a Civello RBI single through the right side to push the lead back to four runs.

Disaster would almost strike again as the Blazers scored two runs in the eighth inning but JSU's Pettus threw out Seth Rollin at the plate to end the Blazer rally.

JSU returns to action at 6:30 on Friday night against Florida Atlantic with a double-header slated for Saturday at 1 p.m.

Tera Ross came away with her 10th win of the 2003 season Tuesday as the Gamecocks split a pair with Belmont 13-0 and 4-0.

Everything the Gamecocks touched turned to gold in game one as the 'Cocks mercy-ruled the Bruins in the fifth inning.

JSU began their rout in the second with Jessica Ford popping out to center, but the Bruins would face seven more batters in the order before the second out would come.

Shortstop Rachel Countryman reached on a base on balls. She wouldn't be there long as the next batter, Breezy Oleman would double off a strong hit to center that would roll to the wall.

The next two batters would walk loading the bases with Oleman at third. Stacy Smith hit the gap to cross Oleman, giving JSU a 2-0 lead still with just one out.

The lead off batter Renee Hasan slapped a blooper over short that cleared the bases save her. Melinda McDonald walked putting runners on first and second but Janae Bonin would pop foul to the Bruins' catcher and Ford, who began the inning, hit a grounder to short for the third out, ending JSU's run-filled inning.

Ten batters would come to the plate for JSU in that inning, with five of those scoring runs. But the JSU team was not finished yet.

The third would bring even more runs for the home team, as the inning became remarkably similar to the last.

Countryman led off with a foul pop to the first baseman, but Oleman walked shortly after giving the Bruins' pitching staff .000 strikeout-

in the previous inning, would give up a sacrifice to advance Oleman into scoring position.

The heavy hitter Allie Simons would also walk and a quick slap by Smith loaded the bases.

In an apparent miscommunication with signals, Smith ran on the pitch to Hasan, stealing home, Simons stole third, and Smith was caught in a rundown. Bad fielding on the Bruins as second baseman Julie Castelli would drop the throw from first, allowing the triple-steal.

Hasan loaded the bases on a single, but would be there for only one pitch as McDonald hit a 3-run blast to left. Not to be outdone Bonin would slap one to right that cleared the fence.

Two batters later Countryman would hit another homer scoring Ford whom had walked. Finally Oleman popped to left to end the inning but the damage was done. JSU led 13-0 and the game would be called after five.

The Gamecocks would not be so jovial after the final game though. In the top of the first, Christi Davis would reach on a throwing error by Hasan. Two batters later LeAnna Crandall would clear the bases.

In the third, Amber Brown reached on another throwing error, this time by Simons and Crandall would again pick up an RBI. A series of hits and steals by the Bruins would then score Crandall and the game would finish with the Bruins on top 4-0.

JSU returns to action over spring break in the Rebel Games tournament in Orlando, Fla. The Gamecocks return home to host A-Sun foe Georgia State April 20.

Sirola infects JSU

By Jane Little
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"He is so confident we are going to win, he says it like it is a fact," said junior tennis player Ruben Herrera. "He always says we need to believe, and I believe him."

Vedran Sirola makes everyone believe because he now has a smashing record of 14-0. In order to win this many matches in a row it is essential to possess impeccable mental focus and determination. Sirola exudes the winning mentality and told Herrera at the beginning of the season that he would win 20 matches.

Sirola is a sophomore transfer from Boise State. He suffered a devastating knee injury that endured a long recovery. He was unable to make the top six while recovering in Idaho so he decided to transfer to Jacksonville State.

Sirola is a native of Umag, Croatia. He decided to come to the United States so he could receive an education while continuing his tennis career. In Croatia you have to pick either school or sport. He said he gets

nervous about the pending war because it is not far from his home.

Sirola said he has recovered almost 100 percent and continues to improve with every practice and every match.

Coach Steve Bailey believed he could make a positive impact for JSU. "He was completely healed when he signed with us," said Bailey. "Sometimes you can come back from an ACL injury even better than you were before."

Sirola has used his optimistic attitude to overcome this adversity. He said that he always has hope no matter what the situation. "I am positive about everything in life, and always believe that the ending will be good," said Sirola.

Off the court Sirola is gentle and good. He is friendly and happy. On the court he is fierce, smart and unstoppable. "He always has a strategy and game plan; he plays a smart game," said Bailey. "He never gets beat, if he loses the opponent is better than him. His mental game is superb."

Sirola gets along great with his teammates and he truly believes in them. He said the

atmosphere of the team is a winning one. They all believe that they can compete with anyone.

He currently plays the No. 3 seed for JSU. This means he will play the other No. 3 from the schools they compete against. "It is so competitive from our No. 1 seed to our No. 4," said Sirola. "I think Ruben should play one because he is a junior and he has more experience, he is a very good player."

Although Sirola is confident, he is not cocky. He said the next section of their schedule will be tough however he will continue to believe he and his teammates can win every match.

Sirola has brought JSU his talent and his attitude. "Vedran knows how to win," said Bailey.

His confidence continues to build and infect the JSU men's tennis team, who are currently 8-6. Hopefully there is no cure for the Sirola disease. Sirola is a disease of respect and strength. It is the disease of a champion.

Sirola has helped bring a new outlook to JSU tennis and possibly a winning record. Let's hope no one finds a cure for Sirola.

Freeman gets Player of the Year

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State's emotional and physical leader was honored by the Atlantic Sun Conference as its MVP last week. Shanika Freeman was awarded the honor of 2003 player of the year. It is the first time in Atlantic Sun history that a player has gone from fresh-

man of the year to player of the year in back-to-back seasons.

Freeman led the conference in scoring from day one, and finished with 22.0 points per game to go along with 10.7 rebounds per game, making her the only ASC player to average a double-double per game. During the season she also set a new NCAA record for free throw shooting in a game, as

she hit 22-of-22 free throws in a game at Florida Atlantic. She was also ranked No. 8 in scoring and No. 14 in rebounding by the NCAA at the end of the year. Freeman led the Gamecocks' team in 14 categories, including scoring, rebounding, steals (1.6), and field goal percentage (among starters) at 51.3 percent.



Atlantic Sun Conference Baseball and Softball Standings

Teams	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Florida Atlantic	7	2	.778	19	6	.760
Belmont	7	2	.778	10	4	.714
Stetson	6	3	.667	13	9	.591
Jax State	6	3	.667	10	9	.526
Georgia State	5	4	.556	11	9	.550
Gardner-Webb	5	4	.556	12	9	.571
Troy State	3	3	.500	11	9	.550
Jacksonville	3	6	.333	7	13	.350
UCF	1	2	.333	15	7	.682
Mercer	3	6	.333	8	15	.348
Campbell	3	9	.250	6	14	.300
Samford	2	7	.222	5	15	.250

Upcoming Games March 21

Florida Atlantic at Jax State 6:30 p.m.

March 22

Florida Atlantic at Jax State (2) 1 p.m.

Teams	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Jax State	2	0	1.000	18	2	.900
Stetson	2	0	1.000	17	3	.850
UCF	3	1	.750	20	14	.588
Mercer	1	1	.500	16	10	.615
Campbell	3	3	.500	14	14	.500
Jacksonville	3	3	.500	14	16	.467
Georgia State	1	1	.500	8	17	.320
Gardner-Webb	1	7	.125	9	19	.321
Samford	0	0	.000	14	6	.700
Troy State	0	0	.000	17	12	.586
Florida Atlantic	0	0	.000	13	18	.419
Belmont	0	0	.000	3	13	.206

Upcoming Games March 20

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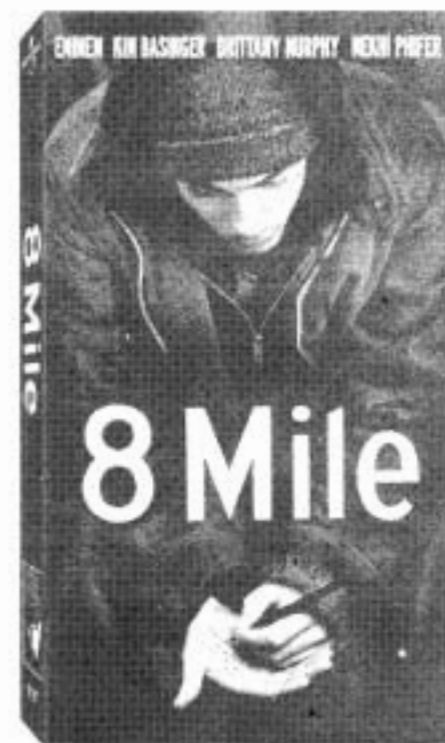
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The Housing Re-Application Process will begin on Monday, March 31, 2003. During the re-application process, you will need to complete a Student Housing Re-Application Form. Residents who vacate their assignments for the summer and will return to campus housing during the Fall 2003 Semester, will not have their \$100.00 deposit refunded – it will carry forward to the Fall Semester. However, any administrative charges for cleaning, improper checkout, etc., will be assessed to the resident's student account. Residents who do not participate in the upcoming re-application process are not guaranteed Student Housing assignments for Summer and/or Fall 2003 Semesters. It is assumed that residents who do not participate in the re-application process are vacating their assignment and do not require campus housing. These students must vacate their room/apartment on April 23, 2003, by 10:00 a.m. Graduates will have until April 26, 2003, to vacate their rooms/apartments by 10 a.m.

Summer Housing Application deadline is April 15, 2003.

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March 31st --- Squatters Days

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