Riley Denied: 68 percent vote ‘No’

Despite Riley’s final efforts to rally support, voters send clear message

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Despite Gov. Riley’s recent tour of Alabama in an effort to convince Alabamians to pass the largest tax hike in state history, the majority of voters said no.

Riley’s tax tour took him to town squares and churches across the state, with the intention of promoting his $1.2 billion tax increase.

The increase would have included higher taxes on car and appliance maintenance, cigarettes and property, among other things. Although the plan called for increases in many areas, some Alabamians would have received tax breaks on their state returns, according to the Alabama Partnership for Progress.

Supporters like the Alabama Partnership for Progress said Riley’s plan would “help build a better Alabama” by raising money for education.

But opponents, such as the Alabama Tax Accountability Coalition, said money could be saved if politicians would cut their wasteful spending.

And voters agreed by a 2-1 margin.

In Calhoun County alone, 68 percent voted no.

SGA President Chris Cook speaks at Governor Riley’s Tax Reform Rally last Thursday. The rally, held on the Jacksonville Square, was part of Riley’s last-ditch effort to encourage voters to vote yes in Tuesday’s referendum.

“It’s indicative of the people in our state-first-class education and other important programs need funding,” said Jackson.

“Just like with the lottery, a big package like this is difficult to pass.”

Dr. Harvey Jackson III, head of the History and Foreign Languages Department. “Meanwhile, we results. “I think it didn’t pass because people didn’t like the idea of having to vote on one big tax package,” he said.

Caroline Novak, Alabama Partnership for Progress chairperson, thinks it’s not that Alabamians don’t want change, it’s their “paralyzing distrust” of the state’s politicians. “If our state is ever to move forward,” she said in a recent statement on the organization’s Web site, “our leaders must work to repair the breach of confidence that decades of cynicism has created.”

Riley has said he will do what the voters want him to by making cuts. Cuts could include releasing 5,000 inmates, decreasing medications for mentally ill patients and cutting nursing home care for the elderly.

On a University level, JSU President William A. Meehan has said cuts could include tuition hikes and placing a hiring freeze on departments, preventing more faculty and staff from being hired.

“We need to sit back and look at the message the voters have sent,” said Dr. Harvey Jackson III, head of the History and Foreign Languages Department. “Meanwhile, we
Americans feel no safer two years after Sept. 11

By Frank Davies
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Two years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, most Americans feel no safer from terrorism threats despite the war on terrorism, efforts at homeland security and the invasion of Iraq, according to a survey released Tuesday.

In a poll conducted last week, 28 percent said they felt less safe than they did two years ago, 48 percent said they were neither safer nor less safe and 24 percent said they felt more safe.

In addition, a trend-line question asked repeatedly over the two years since the attacks shows a steady level of concern about more terrorist attacks at between 70 percent and 80 percent. Last week’s poll showed that 73 percent were concerned about the possibility of additional attacks on the United States.

A majority of those surveyed think the Bush administration is overemphasizing military and unilateral actions in the war on terrorism and should put more emphasis on diplomatic and economic methods.

And 64 percent said the U.S. military presence in the Middle East increased rather than decreased the likelihood of terrorist attacks against the United States. Also, 58 percent agree with the statement that “the United States is playing the role of world policeman in the Middle East more than it should be.”

A similar poll by ABC News, also released this week, found that 48 percent said the Iraq war increased the risk of terrorist attacks, while 40 percent said it reduced the risk.

While the University of Maryland survey reveals criticism of some Bush administration policies, it also shows a steady level of support for the president.

Only 26 percent said they were less likely to vote for Bush in 2004 because of his handling of the war on terrorism, while 41 percent said they were more likely and 31 said his war policies had no effect on how they would vote.

“We’re still seeing a rally-round-the-president effect,” said Steve Kull, the director of the program. “After all, we are at war.”

Bush administration officials have argued that the Iraq war would help transform the Middle East and reduce the threat of global terrorism.

“We are fighting that enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan today, so that we do not meet him again on our own streets, in our own cities,” Bush said in his speech to the nation Sunday.

“Just like with the lottery, everybody seems to vote ‘no’ on everything. Nobody seems to want any change.”

SGA President Chris Cook cited another reason for the

JSUPD cars receive face-lift

$900 later University police cars have ‘more visible’ logos

By Daniel Spratlin
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You might have seen an unfamiliar police car or two driving around campus lately. Well, get used to seeing them. The University Police Department is rolling out new designs for the outside and inside of its patrol cars.

UPD just shelled out almost $900 to redesign the exterior of its patrol cars.

“It’s more visible than the old design, which didn’t say ‘Police’ or anything. When people want the police, they want the police. With the new design, there is no question of who we are,” said Sgt. Carl Preuninger, UPD sergeant of patrol operations.

But the design of the graphics isn’t the only part of the patrol car undergoing change. “We are also installing new LED lightbars,” said Preuninger. “They are expensive, but in the long run, it is much more cost-effective than halogen or strobes.”

Although top-of-the-line LED lightbars can run about $1,800 each, every LED bulb is guaranteed to last 100,000 hours, and they are much brighter than halogen or strobes.

“Not only do we not have to worry about replacing them all the time, but they draw less amps,” Preuninger explained. “Therefore putting less strain on the car’s battery. They are also much sleeker and smaller compared to the taller halogen lightbars currently outfitted on UPD patrol cars.”

On the inside, UPD is getting ready to put in a complete communications system. With this new system, an officer out on the road can immediately access a national database of criminal information called the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). NCIC enables the officer to input information about a person, such as a license plate, name, social security number, or many other variables, and instantly get information on that person regarding warrants, arrest or arrest.

“This will greatly reduce the workload on our student dispatchers,” said Preuninger. He explained that it will also improve officer safety while on patrol.

“We are also experimenting with different locations and tones for our sirens,” explained Preuninger, “trying to find out which position and tones attract the most attention and alert the most people.”

In the past, there have been wrecks involving emergency vehicles colliding with innocent motorists, who complained that they didn’t hear the sirens until it was too late.

UPD plans on having the first car completely outfitted and ready to go by November. That car will serve as a model for the other patrol cars to follow.
Parking problems persist

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

With the addition of 159 new parking spaces on campus in crucial areas like Daugette Hall and Stone Center, it would seem that Jacksonville State’s parking woes are over. Daugette Hall residents are happy and comfortable with their new lot. But are the cluttered lots of Stone Center and Merrill Building a thing of the past or a harsh reality of a problem bigger than space?

In January, Logan Construction was awarded the $735,000 contract to

Student Judiciary Council heard over 50 ticket appeals at the first appeals meeting, many of which came from residents of Daugette Hall.

“As of right now we have about 130 residents, and as far as parking, it has improved drastically,” said Daugette residence hall director Natasha Cunningham. “We’re very excited about our new parking spots because they look good, and it’s a great asset.”

The only concern that residents of Daugette Hall seem to have is the congestion that will be caused on football game days and outside graduation issues of JSU’s parking problems.

Logistical barriers that impede progress in the area of parking are the number of cars coming in and out of several areas on campus, and the continued traffic that goes up and down Highway 21. Each year, the SGA encourages “Walk to Class Wednesday.” Walking to class is one of several things that could curb the congestion in these areas.

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness plans to do some in-depth studies about the underlying problems JSU may have with parking.

“I hate to use the term parking. would be enough money to make Alabama’s education system the best, not in Alabama, but in America. “In six years, with 340 million dollars, Alabama can have the best reading scores in the whole country,” according to Riley.

“All of this is about those of you who are students,” said JSU President Bill Meehan last Thursday at the tax reform rally in Jacksonville City Square. Other government officials, including Gov. Bob Riley, had gathered there to inform the citizens of Jacksonville about the proposed tax reform plan.

“Rationalize in your own mind how this is going to impact the whole state. When somebody, somewhere in the United States says, if you want the very best education system in America, you’ve got to live in Alabama,” said Riley. “Once that statement becomes reality, we Alabamians are the most competitive people on the face of this earth. If we are ever number one, we will never give it up again, but we’ve got to get there first.”

Riley assured the crowd that taxes wouldn’t rise as high as the plan’s opponents were saying, but they would be rising. Where now an average homeowner pays $100 in state prop-
Construction was awarded the $735,000 contract to pave 73 spaces in the area beside Daugette Hall and create a new parking lot south of Stone Center that would accommodate 86 spaces. The project was completed just in time for the first day of class.

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Less than a thousand to go

At 9,031 students, JSU’s goal of 10,000 is getting closer every semester, according to latest enrollment numbers

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU recorded the second-highest accepted-new-student application count in 11 years this past July. This count was second only to last year’s count for fall semester 2002. After a 6 percent increase in enrollment last fall, JSU has finally surpassed the 9,000 mark.

JSU’s Office of Institutional Effectiveness released an official enrollment count of 9,031 this past Monday. The increase in enrollment was only about 1 percent this year, mostly attributed to graduate enrollment. One of the factors that continues to drive JSU’s increased enrollment is affordability.

“JSU cannot discount the fact that, of all the institutions in the state, we have maintained the lowest tuition and still offer a high quality education,” said Tim Smith, director of Institutional Effectiveness.

The percentage of growth comes from a swell in graduate enrollment. “The percentage in graduate enrollment comes from the education program,” said Smith. “There are many financial incentives for educators to get graduate degrees. They can better themselves and pursue high ranks in pay and be more qualified.”

According to University officials, Jacksonville seems to be holding its own in undergraduate enrollment. The eventual goal of 10,000, however, may be a far cry away. State funding may be one of the major things to hinder university growth.

“It will be difficult to broaden the number and breadth of undergraduate courses,” said Smith. “We need additional resources in that area for entry-level courses. However, we have very low room to expand without additional resources to provide additional classroom space and instructors.”

Other things that may impede university growth are funding to expand graduate programs and facility space and compression issues. The University has dealt with trying to find appropriate space for the appropriate time of day for many years.

“It’s not that we don’t have space. For instance, if you wanted to offer more night-time classes, you could offer significantly more,” Smith said, “because we are less utilized at night. We have to increase the utilization capacity of our peak time.”

Currently JSU has a peak capacity window from about 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The key to university growth is the addition of courses and resources during the peak capacity area. The University is faced with funding issues from all facets. They must compete to hire highly qualified individuals to teach and to keep current faculty and staff members.

Additional on-campus housing is another area that will need to increase in order to accommodate 10,000 students. “We have lost some bed-space because of having to accommodate administrative offices. Curtiss Hall is being used for administrative and classroom space,” said Smith. Smith believes another factor may be the lack of affordable housing in the Jacksonville community.

JSU has maintained a steady growth percentage over the past years and seems to continue its climb to 10,000. The University has many obstacles to overcome in its climb to that summit. However, steady growth is a good thing. “Recruiters have told me that if prospective students actually come to the campus and then visit other universities, that they are more likely to attend JSU,” Smith said.

Jacksonville’s dedication to low tuition and the attractiveness of the campus facilities have been major factors in increased enrollment. The future only knows what is in store for JSU’s enrollment numbers.

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Supported Riley’s plan.

“On a professional level, I supported it because I saw how it would benefit our university,” he said. “But now we have to backtrack.”

It’s that “backtracking” that has Serviss concerned about what comes next. “We will have to look at the budget when it comes out and how deeply it will affect the University,” he said. “And I’m a bit anxious, to be perfectly honest, and very concerned at what we’re going to face.”
ANNISTON, Ala. — The Army has finished removing rockets containing nerve agent from the first of about 150 bunkers at the Anniston Army Depot, officials said Monday.

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In Our View

Don’t take freedom for granted

Heated debates about taxes and government spending. Complaints about traffic and parking. The circus masquerading as the California gubernatorial race. The big football games this weekend.

Two short years ago, who could have believed such mundane topics would be foremost on the minds of JSU students this week?

Wasn’t the world supposed to change after that darkest of days in 2001?

In many ways, a lot has changed. The American people have given up a certain measure of personal privacy in order to gain a little more security. We open our purses and bags to searches at concerts, sporting events and anywhere else where large groups of people will be present. And we take it for granted.

Airline pilots are now locked safely behind secure doors. Young passengers can no longer visit the cockpit during flights.

And if anyone ever tries to hijack an American plane, they can rest assured that very few people on that flight will quietly play the role of quiet, well-behaved hostage. And yet, we take it for granted.

There are a lot more flags around than there used to be. Red, white and blue are trendy colors to use in advertising and product design. We certainly seem to be much more patriotic as a nation than we were before the Towers fell. Still, it’s something many of us take for granted.

America has fought and won two wars since 2001. Though the major military campaigns are over in Afghanistan and Iraq, our troops are still in harm’s way. But the almost daily casualty reports are no longer worthy of screaming headlines, reduced instead to a sentence or two on the evening news or a small paragraph in the local paper. It’s a sure sign that many Americans are even taking war for granted.

But for the families of those lost on Sept. 11, the loved ones of our soldiers who have fallen in combat, and thousands of young men and women serving their country in the Middle East, there is very little that they can afford to take for granted.

If you do nothing else today, remember them.

They have paid — and are still paying — a steep price for the privilege of being an American. For them, the idea of freedom is more than standard rhetoric for political speeches. It is something very real. Something worth fighting for.

And that’s something none of us should ever take for granted.

Alabama has spoken, someone needs to listen

Well, it’s over. The people have spoken ... and it wasn’t even close.

Gov. Riley’s ambitious tax reform package was voted down Tuesday by a decisive 450,000-vote margin.

As a supporter of the Riley plan, it would be very easy for me to spend this column pooh-poohing about what might have been. But I refuse to do that. And to be honest, I will look poorly on anyone else I see doing that, especially if that person holds public office.

We don’t need our leaders to panic or grandstand. We just need our leaders to get to work.

Whining about a problem doesn’t make the problem go away, and right now, I think most voters can agree that Alabama has its fair share of problems. Chief among those problems is the fact we don’t trust our politicians as far as we can throw public office.

The past few weeks have certainly not helped their cause.

Many who voted against the plan recognize the need for reform and, yes, even new revenue. But they refused to give Montgomery one dime — let alone $1.2 billion — out of fear the politicians would just spend it on their favorite pork projects.

They wanted accountability first, and new taxes later.

Additionally, Riley and other pro-reform leaders have been accused of blowing Alabama’s fiscal situation out of proportion. As Jacksonville’s Rep. Lea Fite told the Anniston Star Tuesday night, now that the plan has been defeated, “People will be affected a little bit, but it will not be as bad as the ‘vote yes’ people have been saying.”

If that is true, then why did Fite keep his silence until now? If he felt Alabama citizens were being lied to, why didn’t he let us know BEFORE the referendum? Why didn’t he tell Jacksonville’s voters — who voted yes by a 52-to-48 percent margin — that there was no need to worry?

The reason, I fear, is that he, like many other politicians, didn’t want to stick his neck out, in case the vote went the other way.

Alabama’s approved sending the reform package to the voters by an overwhelming margin. Then they became curiously silent. Those opposed the plan could have taken a stand and told their constituents, “I believe this is a bad plan, and I don’t support it for these (clearly defined) reasons, but I’m sending it to you, the voters, so you can decide for yourself.”

Those who supported the plan could have allayed the fears of their constituents by explaining how a yes vote would benefit their district. They could have explained — without resorting to shock tactics — why a no vote would be a bad thing.

Instead, with few exceptions, legislators on both sides chose to let the governor, universities and special interest groups fight it out, while they kept their silence. It was as if they were saying, “I don’t want to come out on the wrong side of this whole tax thing, so I’m going to hide my head in the sand until it’s over. That way, I can still count on your vote!”

Gov. Riley, if nothing else, was at least willing to stick his neck out, chancing political suicide as a conservative Republican by campaigning for a tax increase he felt was necessary. Tuesday night, with election returns clearly showing his reform package was crushing and burning in spectacular fashion, Riley sounded anything but downtrodden. Instead, in his concession speech he sounded like a man on a mission.

“The people of Alabama have said they want an honest government,” Riley said, “and we’re going to give that to them. The people have said they want a level of accountability — a government we can trust — and we’re going to give them that.

The people have said we want a smaller government, and that begins tomorrow.”

Actually, it will begin Monday, when the Legislature will be called into special session to pass a budget for the coming year. They’ll have to make some cuts. Everyone agrees on that much, at least. Whether those cuts will affect students, senior citizens, mentally ill patients, prisoners or the pork projects of Montgomery fat cats and special interests remains to be seen.

The people have spoken. They want Montgomery to get its butt in gear.

Let’s hope Montgomery was paying attention.

IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“Have the additional parking lots helped the

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AmeriCorps cuts mean loss of thank-you for those who serve U.S.

By Jane Eisner
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

In June, when word of the dramatic funding crisis threatening the nation's premier service program was seeping out of Washington, I received a phone call from Hong Mei Li. The 22-year-old Philadelphia resident had just finished college and was deferring graduate school — she was accepted into a program for a doctorate in chemistry — to teach science for two years in a tough school in Baltimore.

She was following the script that breathes life into the American dream every time we think it is fading. Family emigrates from China. Works hard. Succeeds. Wants to reach out and help others.

"People think that kids from underprivileged schools don't have potential," she told me. "It's not true. My family is an example. We didn't have anything, and we did well. Now I have this urge to help out the school system and make a difference."

But Hong Mei Li was worried. Her two-year stint in the classroom was sponsored by Teach for America, a program where he's been working in a state park and was referred to a NASCC program in Ohio by his juvenile parole officer.

By the time a childlike kiss was added to "Ksner" on Tuesday at various sites on Capitol Hill. With speakers from as far away as Alaska and Mississippi, the event is designed to underscore the grassroots support for national service when there's still time for Congress to make amends for the mischiefs it has caused.

And, perhaps, still time to reverse the painful disillusionment of young people like Beth Boucher and Rick Schosield and Hong Mei Li, who hear national leaders exhort in one breath and take away in another. I hope this sorry episode hasn't diminished their idealism, their drive to better themselves and the communities they serve. They deserve much more than we're giving them.

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"I don’t see us as famous at all. I’m happy of all the opportunities it ("The Real World") has given us, but we are still the same people, we still have the same friends and all," MTV’s "Real World" cast member Alton said, during a question-and-answer session sponsored by the SGA last Thursday night.

JSU students finally had an opportunity to ask all those juicy questions about each of the three cast members and their lives from watching the show. About 300 students came to the event, according to Mardracus Russell, the SGA’s Vice President of Student Activities.

The first cast member to arrive was Steven, who entertained students for an hour until Trishelle and Alton finally arrived, their flight delayed due to weather.

Steven, 23, from Texas, was one of seven cast members on the 12th season of "Real World Las Vegas." He supported himself through business school working as a topless bartender in a popular Texas gay bar. He is also known as "the slut" on the show, which is how he likes to refer himself as well. Before "Real World" he fell in love and got married at age 22, which had a very positive influence on his life. Unfortunately the marriage didn’t work, and Steven was going through divorce when the filming started.

One of the highlights during the season was the big fight between Steven and Brynn. "I were not dating," Steven insisted to the audience. Even though people watching the show might have their own idea, this was one of the only questions that never really got answered — did they or didn’t they date?

Trishelle, 22, from Louisiana, grew up basically as an only child, 11 years younger than her half sister. Her mother raised her Southern Baptist and took her to church four times a week. Unfortunately, her mother died when she was only 14. With only a few classes left at the University of Southern Mississippi, Trishelle was cast to the show.

She is the one with the bikini model’s body and beautiful sandy-blond hair, who never has a shortage of men flocking around her, according to the MTV Web site.

 Asked about her reported fight with bulimia during the show, Trishelle replied, "I think I had a problem, but I don’t think I realized it until after I watched the show.

"I think all the girls in the house had some sort of eating disorder. People would tell us things like, ‘You know the camera adds 10 pounds.’ It was all because of competition. All the girls in the house were so gorgeous."

One of the big misunderstandings cleared during the night was the money. "We got paid like $230 every two weeks. We were broke, which is why we drowned in liquor every night," according to Steven.

The drinking could also explain why Alton bragged on one episode about having had a hepatitis, then later insisted he was not.

"Real or not, you decide"
Shooting on the streets of New York with 'NYPD Blue'

By Stephen Battaglio
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — A bloody body sprawled on some rocks off the East River. Squad cars, lights flashing, are lined up near a pier just before the South Street Seaport.

Detective Andy Sipowicz, with his trademark scowl, trudges past yellow police tape to get a glimpse of the grim scene. "Cut!" shouts an "NYPD Blue" director, bringing the scene to a halt.

In a heartbeat, the surly exterior of Sipowicz melts away, revealing actor Dennis Franz, who is all smiles.

It was another moment in an exhausting day of location shooting for the long-running ABC drama. But not one that was wasted.

During every break, Franz signed autographs and posed for photographs with show fans, most of them real NYPD personnel with their family members.

After 10 years, Franz hasn’t tired of their praise for the way the show portrays life on the street for the department.

"It means the world to us that we’re doing right by them," he told the New York Daily News during the filming a few weeks ago. When the cameras roll again, Franz snaps back into character.

He and Mark-Paul Gosselaar, who plays Detective John Clark, interview a swimmer who discovered the body while a motley group of extras look on.

Franz delivers a Sipowicz eye-roll when they walk up to the witness, who’s dressed only in a Speedo bathing suit. "Can somebody get him a towel?" he says.

Franz and the other 15th Precinct members spend only five days a year shooting exterior scenes in New York. The other 195 shooting days are spent on the 20th-Century Fox studio lot or a few downtown streets in Los Angeles.

"You wouldn’t realize how many times you’ve seen the same thing over and over again," says executive producer Mark Tinker.

A single day’s shooting in New York can last as long as 14 hours, and produce just a few minutes of footage on the show.

Once the scene on the pier is done, large trucks will haul lights and camera equipment just a hundred yards south to the Fulton Fish Market for another scene.

It’s a painstakingly tedious process for just a few minutes of footage on the shows. But the actors say it pays off. Simply having the Brooklyn Bridge in the background "gives us a better understanding of what we’re doing," says Gordon Clapp, who plays Detective Greg Medavoy.

"NYPD Blue" was once the hottest show in prime time, almost too hot. Producer Steven Bouchco’s envisioned it as a gritty police show with realistic language and sexuality that would rival what viewers were used to watching, because there would be no cameras, after a big fight when you don’t want everybody to see your non-polite side. That is real - not the made-up stuff, with half of the show left on the cutting table.

At the Q&A session Trishelle’s response to Steven, when he was badmouthing Trishelle sleeping around with famous people, was, "It’s better to be a star f-cker than a fan f-cker, that’s all I’m saying."

But think about it, the really real people just don’t get too many chances to "do it" with famous people, and they definitely don’t have fans to do it with, and that’s all I’m saying.
**Stoopid News**

BIG RAPIDS, Mich. — Ferris State University has offered to house and feed a student’s pet ducks if she agrees to move them out of her on-campus apartment.

The university said it would offer Ingham's birds a place to stay on campus with food, maintenance and veterinary services, free of charge. The facility would be maintained by university personnel, trained in the humane care of birds.

The 27-year-old biology major has until Friday to decide whether to accept the offer before the university again moves to evict her. The Grand Rapids Press reported Saturday.

The last time the university tried to evict Ingham, the single mother ignored the order. After the deadline came and went, the school said it would allow her and her 4-year-old daughter, Molly, to continue living there through the Labor Day holiday, then weigh its options.

Ferris State learned in May that Ingham was keeping the ducks as pets, and told her then she was violating housing policy.

Ingham said the terms of her old lease allow her to keep pet birds. The school said she entered into a new agreement on July 30 that prohibits the keeping of birds on the premises.

“We want to resolve this situation as quickly as possible, and we have been looking at all our options,” university spokeswoman Shelly Armstrong said. “It would be an appropriate environment for the ducks, and she would still have the opportunity to come and visit with her daughter and have them in her life.”

Ingham said she fears moving the birds to another facility wouldn't be good for them because they have been with her since March. She said she isn’t sure what she will do and is considering putting up a legal fight.

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. — A disabled man who slipped and fell in his bathtub was trapped there for six days before he was rescued by a van driver who arrived at the house for a scheduled trip.

Bruce Ashworth, 55, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair, fell on Aug. 29 and was unable to reach the safety handles on the bathtub to rescue himself. His service dog, Libby, brought a phone to him, but the battery wasn’t charged.

Ashworth managed to reach a cleaning spray bottle, which he rinsed out and used to drink water.

As the days stretched on, he said he drifted in and out of consciousness, and Libby would lick his face to wake him up. Ashworth said he worried he would die.

Then, on Thursday, Julie Johnson, who drives a van for elderly and disabled people, arrived to pick up the retired engineer for a scheduled trip.

When no one answered the door, she asked a neighbor to call 911, then was able to reach through a dog-door to unlock a door into the home. She found Ashworth in the bathtub, barely coherent. Firefighters arrived and took him to a hospital.

**Neil Young**

Greendale

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Neil Young has a problem. Besides the fact that he is an ornery old bastard who hasn’t had the time to shave his muton chops since 1968. No, Young has a greater problem: he is perpetually living in the shadow of his old pal Bob Dylan.

Not that this shadow isn’t justified, Dylan has been and is the most important American songwriter of the past four decades. It’s just that, despite the great body of work Young has produced, from Buffalo Springfield to Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young to his solo work, Young will be forever remembered as the also-ran, the second fiddle, the Garfunkel to Dylan’s Simon.

However, with the recent release of Young’s latest solo effort, “Greendale,” the old man of grunge returns to the ol’ acoustic and harmonic set-up (backed sparingly by long-time sidekicks Crazy Horse) and delivers the concept album Dylan never wrote.

Now granted, concept albums are a funny thing. For every The Who’s “Tommy” or The Flaming Lips’ “Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots,” there is Tom Petty’s “The Last DJ” or Lou Reed’s “Metal Machine Music.” But what Young has attempted to create here is more of a story, a play and a Shakespearean tragedy, rather than an album.

Greendale is the fictitious town in Young’s head. It is inhabited by “about 20 to 25,000 people,” not least of them all the Green family, who become a living, breathing entity throughout the 10 songs. Their story develops with every song, and as a result each song seems to get better and better.

“Leave the Driving” is a dense murder Ballard about Jed Green, and how on a dark night he kills a cop who has pulled him over. Young says in the liner notes that it’s about how one fatal decision can impact the rest of your life. The moral of the story is, “try not to get too old/ the more you spend on earth/ the more you see unfold.”

This murder sets off a chain of events for the Green family that sees the character of grandpa die, and the family fall into turmoil. Fittingly, the final two songs both wrap up and define the album.

“Sun Green” is a 12-minute epic, centered around the title character and granddaughter to Gronapa. Sun is an attractive and creative young girl who places huge hay bales in a field to spell out WAR with a line through it, just so the passing planes can see it.

Sun protests the politics of a large power company by chaining herself to a statue at the front of the power plant. She yells through a megaphone throughout this song and the final song, “Bring the Rain.” She wants to save the planet, but there is only so much she can do.

Young, as the chief storyteller and narrator, also uses a megaphone. The interplay between megaphone and mic is powerful, and it’s an added touch that creates an authenticity and a realism rarely seen in today’s albums.

However, the most defining moment in “Greendale” comes in the form of the tender ballad, “Bandit,” the only non-narrative song on the album. Young says, “You’re invisible/ you’ve got too many secrets/ Bob Dylan said that/ something like that.”

Even when he is creating one of the most defining albums of his career, Young is still in the shadow. But maybe he’s fine with that. And you should be too.
COPENHAGEN, Denmark – Not knowing where to park the pony he bought for his 9-year-old daughter, Palle Brinch brought the animal home to his second-floor apartment.

He and his daughter showered the Shetland pony in the bathroom and locked it in the kitchen for the night, the Fyens Stiftstidende newspaper reported.

Brinch, who bought the pony for $133 on Tuesday, was inspired by the Danish children’s movie “Gummi Tarzan,” which features a pony that lives in an apartment.

The next night, Wednesday, police rang the doorbell of Brinch’s home in Odense, Denmark’s third-biggest city. Neighbors had complained about the stench of horse manure and that the ceiling was rumbling.

“It had been noisy all night,” Brinch was quoted as telling the newspaper. “I’ll never do it again.”

The horse is now in the countryside with Brinch’s brother-in-law. Police said no charges were filed.
By Lasha Seniuk

Closed values or loyalties between alert.

Beating Around the Bush

by Corey McDaniel & Brian Stone
Aries (March 21-April 20). Pay close attention to financial decisions and new business information this week. Late Tuesday changed records or an adjustment of figures may cause controversy. Respond quickly and expect officials to thoroughly examine paperwork. After mid-week a family relationship may be briefly strained by public criticism or cancelled social events. Loved ones will offer unrealistic explanations of their behavior. Remain quietly detached and wait for improvement. All is well.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Monday through Thursday cancelled business projects may trigger resentments between colleagues. Many Taureans will also encounter a sudden promotion or revised deadline. If so, expect key officials to be unusually focused on the success of advertising, publishing, information systems or research. After Thursday a long-term friend needs to vent their social or romantic frustration. Advocate an improved lifestyle. Dramatic changes will prove necessary.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Over the next few days romantic involvements will be difficult to resist. New intimacy and rekindled love are now on the rise: expect quick flirtations and passionate overtures from potential lovers. Many Geminis will also experience a sharp increase in insight and wisdom. Watch dreams and intuitions closely for indications of changing family relationships. Friends and relatives will be supportive of bold decisions: don’t hesitate to propose or examine complex home solutions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Close friends or lovers may this week test your recent statements or promises. Areas strongly affected are family obligations, traditional values or loyalties between loved ones. Don’t be unnerved: romantic trust, open discussions in the home and shared goals will soon return. After Thursday watch also for an official or older colleague to admit to a major miscalculation. Avoid public debate, if possible: co-workers and mentors may react poorly to constructive criticism.

Leo (July 23-August 22). Team loyalty and confidence are important to co-workers this week. Before Wednesday expect revised job roles and new assignments to trigger minor resentments. Provide concrete suggestions and gentle leadership: at present, others may need to privately re-affirm their daily goals or expectations. Later this week spend extra time with romantic partners or loved ones. Someone close may not fully understand your recent interest in new or exotic social activities.

Virgo (August 23-September 22). A difficult relationship may this week require unusual diplomacy. Over the next few days boldly expressed opinions will strain long-term friendships. Avoid the role of mediator, if possible, and remind loved ones to remain silent. After Friday new romantic involvement and sudden social invitations are unavoidable. Expect lovers and friends to offer encouragement, support and wisdom. Pace yourself, however, and wait for reliable promises. Private tensions may be high.

Libra (September 23-October 22). Business and financial demands now increase. Beginning early Tuesday, and lasting over the next 7 weeks, expect work partners to demand fast results and clarified records. For many Librans this will involve a quick reshuffling of paperwork or a revised definition of duties. Research projects and information systems may require special attention: ask for detailed instructions. Late Saturday social plans may be unexpectedly cancelled. Stay alert.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21). Light romance and sensuality may soon create a powerful, new direction in your life. Early this week loved ones may reveal a complicated love affair or physical attraction. Unattached Scorpios may find that a close friend challenges their romantic interests or offers unreliable information. Don’t be detailed: over the next 8 days the emotional reactions of loved ones will eventually reveal personal doubts or lingering regrets. Remain silent and wait for clarity.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21). Sentimentality is a strong influence this week. Before Thursday expect friends and lovers to be highly focused on past accomplishments or outdated relationships. Some Sagittarians may also encounter the return of an old friend or lover. If so, avoid the emotional seduction of kind words or repeated patterns: this is not a good time to ignore present romantic or social responsibilities. After Saturday financial restrictions will fade: expect fast proposals and quick rewards.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20). Early Tuesday a close friend may be unusually distracted by a new love interest or workplace flirtation. Romantic promises are positive but also premature: expect quick social reversals over the next 7 days. Wait for reliable public statements. After Thursday new business information arrives without warning: financial availability, sources of funding or long-term profits may all be affected. Allow bosses or managers to define strategies: legal regulations may be complex.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19). Introduce positive attitudes and fresh activities into the workplace this week, if possible. Over the next 7 days colleagues and friends may feel unappreciated or challenged by new business roles. Social networks will soon prove invaluable; this is the right time to arrange group events or end the isolation of a shy co-worker. After Saturday rest, discuss home renovations with loved ones and plan short-term financial strategies. A realistic time schedule for large purchases is needed.

Pisces (February 20-March 20). Monday through Thursday a friend or lover may wish to discuss past family events. Although group disputes are easily resolved, loved ones may still feel privately discouraged. Offer emotional support but avoid acting as mediator: social negotiations will not prove reliable. After Friday employment contracts or new business projects may be postponed. Authority figures will soon expect increased loyalty and renewed commitments. Remain attentive to small details.

If your birthday is this week ... Minor health irritations affecting the circulation, skin or upper chest will soon fade. After almost 8 weeks of fluctuating physical vitality and complex social demands, a new era of optimism, group acceptance and confidence is now due to arrive. After the next few weeks watch for a steady increase in romantic, social and creative interests. Mid-November through January 11th also accented unexpected and passionate love affairs. Enjoy unique encounters but wait for predictable promises: new relationships may be temporarily unreliable. Controversial business practices, new employment proposals and revised career strategies are highlighted for much of 2004. Remain dedicated to established goals and all will be well.
Stoudmire, Agee key for JSU

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

When Jacksonville State takes the field on Saturday against North Alabama, a lot of emotions will be in the air. The rivalry will be renewed, marking the first time Jax State will play North Alabama since the 1992 season. Jax St will be looking to improve its all-time winning record versus the Lions, which stands at 23-17-3.

Not only will the two schools renew the series, but when Gamecock free safety Dewey Stoudmire takes the field, players will recognize him on both teams. The 5-11 junior from Clay-Chalkville High School played for the Lions as a freshman.

Stoudmire sat out the 2001 football season before transferring to JSU in 2002, where he was a member of the practice squad.

"I'm ready, I guess that's why I wasn't nervous last game, because I haven't played in two years, so I was just mentally prepared," said Stoudmire.

Stoudmire had a solo tackle and broke up one pass in the winning effort against Alabama A&M and credited the team understanding that they needed a win.

Jax State took the week off, and a lot of time has passed and it seems like the Lions 68 7.

Stoudmire noted all the trash-talking and said, "They're either going to do what they say they're going to do or they're not. It really doesn't matter what they say.

"They have said things like, 'I need to watch my back,' and you shouldn't play us, but I'm not worried about that, it's just talk. My old roommate (Sherwin Lyons) who plays on the line wouldn't say that, so it's not all bad blood. But when we step onto that field, it's going to be a different story.

Stoudmire originally signed with North Alabama as a running back and was converted to a defensive back. He wasn't comfortable with the way the Lions' coaches were utilizing his talents, so he decided to transfer schools.

The junior has had two years to get mentally prepared and insists his emotions will be put aside to concentrate on a win.

"The first thing we need to do is win for the fans and the community," said Stoudmire.

"I've never been one to talk trash, but I will play and play hard, and after you're laying down, then I'll talk trash to you.

Jacksonville State will take the field Saturday at 7 p.m. in the first home game of the year. Look for Stoudmire and the rest of the Gamecocks to do all their trash talking on the field.
think that would cause the entire populace of Alabama to go to hell. And hell is bad.

Amado: Of course.

Fridav: I agree.

Amado: Many people do that though. And what about raffle tickets? Anyway, back to actual gambling.

What is wrong with placing money on the outcome of games? I can see the problem in that yet, nor who it hurts other than the person that makes a sound judgment to place that money on that particular outcome.

And back to the taxes, aren’t the best taxes self-imposed taxes? Taxes that people either have a choice to pay or not to pay. America has never had taxes and it never will. Unless they are taxes that people choose to pay – fun taxes.

Gambling is a “fun” tax, along with alcohol and cigarettes. If you don’t smoke then you don’t pay the tax. If you do, then you pay a few more cents for your fun. But at least it’s your fun.

So why must the people who don’t want to have any fun impose their beliefs on people that do? Again, if I knew the answer to that question I would be rich. Rich beyond my wildest dreams. I wouldn’t have to write newspaper articles anymore, but I would because I would enjoy it. And I would be able to travel to Vegas and gamble.

But like always I have rambled on for a few hundred words. Maybe this time it will give you something to think about. No one wants to fund our schools, but if you passed a few higher taxes on something like I just mentioned, money will come in.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. – Junior Matias Anselmo shot his third straight under-par round to earn medalist honors with an 11-under par 69-65-68-202 total and Jacksonville State finished just one shot behind Austin Peay at the Raising Cane Classic at the par-71, 6,964 yard Canebrake Golf Club on Tuesday.

Trailing first-day leader Jacksonville State by two shots after 36 holes, Austin Peay shot a final round 284 to win the tournament by a stroke, 844-845.

Southeastern Louisiana took third place, at 850, followed by host Southern Miss (856), Mississippi State (865) and South Alabama (865) to round out the top five.

Senior Nick Mackay finished tied for ninth with a 211, followed by sophomore Patricio Cozzoli, who finished in 15th with a final score of 213. Freshman Sung Back finished tied for 27th with a score of 286.

OOPS!! Last week in the Chanticleer we printed that the story titled “...you have two new messages...” was written by J. Wilson Guthrie. That article was written by Amado Ortiz.
Golf

From staff reports

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Jacksonville State shot a final round score of 311 to post a two-day total of 627 to finish ninth in the rain shortened Unlimited Potential/Bay Tree Classic on Sunday in the 36-team field at the par-72, 5,928 yard Bay Tree Golf Plantation.

After Saturday’s round was rained out, the 54-hole event was decreased to 36 holes, with the final round held on Sunday.

Coastal Carolina, which led by 10 shots after the first day, finished with a 602 to claim the title, followed by James Madison (615) and College of Charleston (616). Middle Tennessee State and Arkansas Little-Rock both scored 618 to round out the top five.

Gamecock senior Colette Murray and junior Florencia Moran each finished tied for 22nd with a total score of 154. Sophomore Marilen Fernandez-Ruiz scored 157 to tie for 44th, while Shanelle Howell was tied for 80th at 157, and Sara Gallagher carded a 165 to tie for 108 in the 182-person field.

Jax State returns to action on Oct. 6-7 in the Gamecock Classic at Silver Lakes on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

JSU Individual Results:
T 22 Florencia Moran 77-77-154
T 22 Colette Murray 79-75-154
T 44 Marilen F. Ruiz 80-77-157
T 80 Shanelle Howell 80-82-162
T108 Sara Gallagher 81-84-165

Cross Country

From staff reports

SEWANEE, Tenn. — Jacksonville State competed in its first cross country meet this weekend under the new leadership of head coach Heath Dudley. JSU’s men reaped the reward of a new beginning and finished fourth in the Sewanee Invitational in Tennessee, although the highlight of the day was Gamecock freshman Ashenafi Arega winning the meet with a time of 26:14.20. His time set a new JSU individual record.

“We are so proud of the way the teams carried themselves,” said Dudley. “Their competitiveness and aggressiveness were great, but there still is a lot of improving to accomplish. This is huge for Ashenafi to win his first collegiate meet.”

Emory University’s teams won both the men’s and women’s races. The men had 38 points and the women placed three runners among the top 10 finishers on the day.

Emily Hulse (20:40.54) was JSU’s first finisher on the women’s side, and her time was also a top record finish for the Gamecocks. She placed 19th overall in the 5K.

“It was one of the toughest meets ever at Sewanee,” said Dudley of the competition this weekend. “And the meets the rest of the year will get tougher and tougher. We need to carry this same intensity throughout the season. We kicked off the future of this program Saturday. JSU and the upperclassmen on these teams have finally tasted some success in cross country.
some success in cross country, and I am proud for them.
Cheerleaders fare well

JSU wins eight awards at Orlando including cheer category and fight song

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The life of a cheerleader is usually a thankless one. They cheer and yell for the respective teams at their school or university, and for the most part, receive no accolades or acclaim for it. The Jacksonville State cheer squad, however, received eight awards at the UCA College Cheerleading Camp in Orlando, Fla., in July, winning these awards over bigger name schools, such as Kentucky, Alabama and Central Florida, the host and defending national champions.

The five awards they won at the Division I-AA level were in the cheer category and for the fight song, and they took third in their sideline chant. Once they competed against all Division I teams, they won even more accolades, winning the Leadership Award, the Most Collegiate Award, the Newcomer Award and the Building Traditions Award.

Cocky also came home fourth in the mascot competition. When you compare these titles to the 40 Division I schools that attended, it was a rather stunning performance for a team making its first appearance at the event.

Coach Brittany Ishee was ecstatic about the performance of the squad. “It’s huge for us to win in our first trip down there. Many of the other programs were built and had been there for a long time, so for us to win in our debut was extra special.” She also stated that they changed nothing before going to camp. “No, we didn’t do anything really new,” she said. “We only practiced three times over the summer, and when we went down there, we learned a few new things we were able to incorporate into our own routine, including some stunts and a couple of pyramids. Most of the things we performed were taught that day.”

The two seniors on the team also were happy with the performance. Patrick Wright, in his fourth year, said, “A lot of people really stepped up. We had a guy get hurt, and we only had a couple of hours to come up with a replacement, but we overcame that and had a big camp.” On the overall camp experience, he said, “We learned many more things than we did before. There are new tosses and cheers we learned to try to get the crowd into the games more.”

Fellow senior Angela Borgognoni also commented on the injury problem. “There were a lot of people getting injured, with sprains, and twisted ankles and eyes poked, so I think we did great. It could have been real easy to get tired without having much practice beforehand, but we are a strong bunch and have great chemistry.”

When asked about the perception of the win as it relates to the rest of the athletic program, they all chimed in. “I hope it will gain us some respect, not only among the other sports, but from students as well,” said Ishee. “Hopefully people will see it and recognize that it’s OK to yell and participate in the game.”

“People are finally beginning to realize cheerleading is a sport,” said Borgognoni. “We get the same injuries that regular athletes do, and we practice just as hard and play just as hard as they do.”

The next major competition for the cheerleaders is in January as they attend the National Championships in Orlando at Walt Disney World. At the Division I-AA level, fellow OVC member Morehead State has won the last seven national titles, but with this confidence, the Gamecocks will be a force to be reckoned with.

― Angela Borgognoni
Senior Cheerleader

“The people there were wonderful and the experience was amazing. The whole trip was incredible.”

Crowe optimistic about North Alabama

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

JSU head coach Jack Crowe is wary about the defining game...

"I promise that UNA will be over here trying to make or break their sea-
Soccer reaches .500

Gamecocks score two early goals and fend off defense for win

From staff reports

The Jacksonville State soccer team scored a pair of first-half goals and held off an aggressive offensive charge by Tennessee-Chattanooga in the second half to post a 2-0 victory and move the team's record to the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Freshman goalkeeper Crista Wood recorded her second straight shutout victory with five saves on the night. JSU head coach Lisa Howe said the team's defensive performance was the best of the season so far.

"We had a much better defensive effort tonight," said Howe. "We are beginning to play like we did in the preseason. If we stay healthy, we should continue to get better."

Ashley Smith started things off quickly for the Gamecocks with a goal just 33 seconds into the game. Smith took a cross from teammate Tiffanie Stewart and found the net for the game's first points. In the ninth minute of play, Smith and Stewart were again in on a goal for JSU. The two each picked up an assist for Joanna McCaughey, who shot from the right side of the net to give the Gamecocks a 2-0 advantage.

JSU finished the first half with an 11-3 advantage in shots. In the second half, however, the Lady Mocs were determined to get back in the game. UTC spent nearly the entire half on the offensive end of the field, outshooting the Gamecocks 9-2. Wood, who picked up four of her five saves in the second half, said everyone showed teamwork to earn the shutout.

"Everyone was communicating well tonight," said Wood. "We are directing the ball back very well. The team is really working together right now and it is really starting to show."

Despite the second-half onslaught by the Lady Mocs, JSU did not yield a goal for the second straight game. The last time an opponent scored a goal against the Gamecocks was in the first half of a 1-0 loss to Birmingham-Southern on Sept. 7 on the road. The team has played a total of 243 minutes without allowing a goal.

With the win, JSU evens its record at 2-2. The team will attempt to go above the .500 mark for the first time this season with a home game against Lipscomb University on Friday. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.