

Local apartment complex suffers fire damage

Chase's Courtyard damage substantial after grease fire breaks out in apartment of JSU student

By Rosalind L. Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

On Monday night, Jacksonville City Police and the Jacksonville Fire Department responded to a 911 call reporting a fire occurring at Chase's Courtyard, a local apartment complex located on Wyle Ave.

According to Jacksonville Fire Chief, Michael Daugherty, the Fire Department responded to the breakout at around 11 p.m. and upon arrival attempted to control the fire which was spreading to the apartment directly above and next door.

"The guy and girl that live next door, were cooking and it caught on fire," said next door neighbor, Rachael White. "I heard the girl and the guy ran out and she was screaming, so I thought they were fighting. So, I ran outside and then I saw that the kitchen was on fire and I called 911. Everything started smoking so we ran out."

Jacksonville Police Officer, Sgt. Weinman, explained

how the Fire Department would deal with the breakout. "They were worried about the fire moving and because it may have moved into the attic, so they didn't want anyone to go back in until they made sure they put the whole fire out," said Sgt. Weinman.

The occupants of the entire middle complex, of about 30 units, were forced to relocate for the evening because the power had to be cut to the building for the evening. Residents were allowed to return to their apartments the following morning.

"I was doing my homework in my bedroom, while Ashley was watching TV," said William Buchanan, resident of the apartment where the fire originally broke out.

"I had just cooked some French fries and I probably left the pan on and the grease started exploding. When we realized it the alarm went off and the flames were everywhere," Buchanan stated.

There are no estimated damages at this time, but the fire charged completely



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Chase's Courtyard was the scene of a fire on Monday night which caused substantial damage to two apartments and minimum damage in the next door apartment. Residents of the apartment were forced to evacuate and leave for the evening because power was cut to the building for the night.

through two apartments and a third next door apartment received minimal damages.

Buchanan is currently a

JSU student and originally from Sax, Alabama. He is currently staying with his parents in Sax since the loss

of his belongs in the fire. He estimated the loss of a computer, TV, appliances, clothing, and other personal

belongings.

According to the Web site,

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ISO gears up for officer elections

International Student Organization candidates seek to improve JSU through awareness

By Rosalind L. Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

Jacksonville State University's International Student Organization (ISO) is gearing up for executive officer elections. The elections will take place on April 9 and will decide who will lead the organization next year. This year's election has been met with much enthusiasm, as there are 11 candidates running for 5 officer positions.

The International Student Organization serves as a venue and platform for the concerns of the many international students that are attending JSU. They listen to international student concerns and try to do something about issues of concern.

This semester, the organization has three candidates for president, 1st vice president, and 2nd vice president. Jimmy Mbiye, who is from DR Congo, is running for president because he wants to "create a stronger community for international



Candidate for President/Jimmy Mbiye



Candidate for President/Gordana Lakcevic



Candidate for 1st VP/Sushmita Silwal



Candidate for 2nd VP/Amna Jakupovic

Several JSU International Students will campaign for ISO officer positions. This year's election has a lot of interest with a total of 11 students competing for 5 executive offices. Pictured above are several candidates for office. Three students are running for president including Jimmy Mbiye, Gordana Lakcevic, and Uzoma Bruno Duru (not pictured). Candidates for 1st Vice President include Sushmita Silwal, Vanessa Deliso (not pictured), and Elizabeth Maduka (not pictured). Smrity Silwal, candidate for Secretary and Svavar Svavarsson, candidate for Treasurer, are uncontested. 2nd Vice President candidates include Anielka Lacayo (not pictured), Amna Jakupovic, and Olugbenga Igbalajobi (not pictured).

students and provide help and guidance to first-time freshmen."

Some of the major concerns of the candidates focus on creating a better network between non-international students and JSU international students. According to presidential candidate Bruno Duru, from Nigeria, he intends to make the ISO a spotlight in the entire school community.

"I sincerely acknowledge the

efforts of the past officials, especially the past president," said Duru. "I intend achieving my objective of moving ISO forward and putting ISO in the spotlight in the school community by integrating international students, extending the integration into the larger school community, working closely with the SGA, and establishing an alliance with Multicultural Services."

Another candidate for presi-

dent, Gordana Lakcevic from Montenegro wants to "make ISO grow healthy and make sure to provide a good goal for making ISO successful."

Other candidates running for ISO positions have concerns about current events going on in our world and want to see better awareness for international and American students at JSU.

"I did not hear anyone mention on campus mention the terrorist bombings in Spain and

earthquakes in Morocco and Iran that claimed the lives of thousands of people," said Svavar Svavarsson, an international student from Iceland and candidate for treasurer.

"When the terrorist attacks on the WTC were made, flags were pulled to half a pole all over my country to remember the people who were lost and to support the U.S. We could do something

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JSU classes train people for work in medical fields

By Jessica Centers
The Anniston Star

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. (AP)— When Donna Roberts was laid off from her last job, she decided it was time to do something different. She had been working for an Advanced Auto Parts distribution center in Gadsden and had done a variety of retail jobs before that.

"With everything going overseas, you've got to be qualified, trained and certified to do something more technical now," she said.

As a displaced worker, Roberts qualified for job training, but she didn't have time to start a two-year degree program. She wanted something that could get her quickly back into the work force. Now she's enrolled in

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Fight to keep Ten Commandments in school gets political support

By Connie Farrow
The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP)— A small southwest Missouri school district that faces a lawsuit for hanging a plaque of the Ten Commandments in its cafeteria and allowing students to pray before athletic banquets has the support of two candi-

dates for governor.

Public opinion remains divided over displaying religious symbols in governmental buildings and school prayer, even though the courts have consistently ruled both are prohibited by the Constitution.

But both activities may be among the few things agreed upon by incumbent Democratic

Gov. Bob Holden, whose office says he is Protestant, and likely Republican nominee Matt Blunt, the current secretary of state, whose biography in the state's Official Manual lists him as Baptist.

A spokesman for Democratic candidate Claire McCaskill, who is state auditor and a Catholic, said she was unavail-

able Friday to comment and did not take a stand on the issues.

The debate began to stir in Missouri after resident Carrie Roat filed a federal lawsuit Monday in Springfield. She objects to an 11-inch-by-14-inch plaque engraved with the Ten Commandments that is hung in a cafeteria where high school students eat in the

Humansville School District. Roat also objects to prayers being said before athletic banquets in the town of 946 residents.

Blunt said he believes Humansville should be allowed to display religious symbols and pray if those activities clearly reflect community values. He's worried that Roat's suit could

lead to the removal of a Ten Commandments monument in Jefferson City.

"On the grounds of the state capitol, the Ten Commandments are displayed and have been displayed for several decades," Blunt said. "If the Humansville lawsuit were successful, I sup

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By the numbers:

Most runs scored in one game by JSU baseball team so far this season

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi: Sister of the week is Pascha Thacker and Positive Panda is Emily Furr. Our "Teacher of the Month" is Mrs. Marilyn Johnson. Congrats to all the new ambassadors. We are looking forward to a great workshop this weekend with our wonderful alums. **Contact:** emily_rollins2001@yahoo.com.

Alpha Xi Delta: We hope everyone had a great Spring Break! Thanks to the wonderful brothers of Kappa Alpha Order for a fun cookout mixer on St. Patrick's Day. Sister of the week is Kasey Cheek. Have a great week and GO Gamecocks! **Contact:** Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.

Baptist Campus Ministries: Hey Gamecocks! Come and join us every Tuesday night for Celebration at 8:00 p.m., AGAPE lunches held every Wednesday from 11:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. where your first time is absolutely FREE! We also have a Bible Study that meets every Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. Come and join the fun! **Contact:** Gary, 435-7020 or gbrittn@jsucc.jsu.edu.

Counseling and Career Services: Counseling and Career Services will sponsor a "Stress Management 101" workshop on Thur. April 1, 2004 at 3 p.m. in the TMB, room 303. If you are stressed out, have been stressed out, know someone who is stressed out, or if reading this ad has stressed you out, this workshop is for you. **Contact:** Linda Shelton, lshelton@jsu.edu.

Delta Zeta: Hope everyone had a great Spring Break! Congrats to our newest members: Erin, Jessica S. and Erica. Thanks to Pi Kap for a great 80's mixer last Thursday. Happy Birthday to Allison, Jennifer, Erica and Erin S. Go Gamecocks! Check out our Web site at www.jaxstdeltaze-ta.org. **Contact:** Jessie, jessiedzqt@aol.com or 435-4366.

Department of Military Science: The Military Science Dept. is seeking students who have 54 hours or more to attend a four-week leadership development course this summer. The course focuses on individual leader development, group dynamics, and adventure training. Travel, meals and lodging are paid and students receive \$770. **Contact:** Captain Shackelford, 782-5601.

JSU Alumni Association: Attention GRADUATING SENIORS!! You are invited to attend a Senior Sendoff Celebration at the Alumni House on April, 8 at 5:30 p.m. There will be entertainment and free pizza! Call the Alumni Office at 782-5404 to make your reservations today! The event is sponsored by the JSU Alumni Association and is FREE, but you must RSVP! **Contact:** Alan Renfroe, arenfroe@jsucc.jsu.edu.

JSU Ambassadors: Congratulations to all the newly appointed JSU Ambassadors! We look forward to working with you and making JSU a better place. GO GAMECOCKS! **Contact:** Tracy Phillips, 782-5260.

JSU Library: Need something scanned? The Houston Cole Library is proud to offer free scanning services on the second floor at the reference desk. Items can be scanned for use in Power Point presentations, Web sites, and much more. Library staff can assist patrons in scanning documents and images to be printed, emailed, or saved to a disk. **Contact:** Houston Cole Library, 782-8034.

JSU Today Show: Watch JSU Today every Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. on TV24. If any communication students would be interested in gaining TV production experience, please contact Stephanie Deese. **Contact:** Stephanie Deese, 782-6187 or stephdeese@aol.com.

JSU ROTC: Two and three-year scholarships that pay full tuition and fees, partial books and a monthly spending allowance of \$300 to \$400 are available through JSU ROTC. Annual \$1000

New ad compares Bush, Kerry records on middle-class tax cuts

Debates continue to surface as Bush and Kerry battle with words

By Matt Steams

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON — The Media Fund, an independent organization that's working to defeat President Bush in his reelection campaign, began airing a new television ad Monday comparing Bush's record on middle-class tax cuts with that of his Democratic opponent, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry. The ad attempts to counter the president's portrayal of Kerry as a tax-loving liberal, and to portray Bush as a tool of the rich.

THE AD: The ad says Kerry voted to eliminate the tax code's so-called "marriage penalty," voted for an increased child tax credit and proposes to roll back tax reductions for "America's wealthiest 1 percent, helping pay for a middle-class tax cut." It says Bush "raided Social Security to pay for a tax cut for millionaires. And he supported tax breaks for companies that export jobs."

THE FACTS: The "middle class tax cut" the ad mentions includes Kerry's proposals for a college



(KRT)/David L. Pokress

LONG ISLAND, NY— President George W. Bush visits USA Industries in Bay Shore, New York, on Thursday, March 11, 2004.



Detroit Free Press (KRT)/David P. Gilkey

DETROIT, MI— Presidential contender Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) speaks at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, on Friday, March 26, 2004.

ees.

The ad doesn't address the fundamental problem of Kerry's fiscal plans, which Bush's ads point out: That Kerry's tax increase for people who make more than \$200,000 a year wouldn't come close to raising enough money to pay for all of his proposed new spending.

His proposed tax hike would raise about \$250 billion, and he's proposed more than \$900 billion in new spending. Any middle-class tax reductions would expand the gap between spending and revenue.

As for Bush, to call his tax cuts a "raid" of Social

drive up federal budget deficits, and when that happens, the Treasury sells bonds from the Social Security Trust Fund to pay for general government operations.

If there were no deficit, the government still would sell bonds from the Social Security Trust Fund, only it would use the proceeds to pay down government debt.

In neither case is Social Security weakened, except to the extent that the entire federal government is weakened, by having federal debt expand.

Bush did support killing a tax break that helps companies export goods and

monthly spending allowance of \$300 to \$400 are available through JSU ROTC. Annual \$1000 Alumni Scholarships are also available. The department will hold a scholarship board on April 2. **Contact:** Captain Shackelford, 782-5601.

Panhellenic Council: Join us on April 3rd from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Jacksonville Town Square for the first Greek Fair! There will be plenty of activities including face painting, spin art, the duck pond and so much more! There will be fun for all ages, so bring the whole family down! **Contact:** Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.

Phi Mu: Golf anyone? We want teams to play in our annual golf tournament tomorrow, April 2nd on Cane Creek Golf Course. Come support Phi Mu and Children's Miracle Network, and enter to win Alabama concert tickets! See a friendly Phi Mu face for details! **Contact:** Allison Crow, allisn1182@aol.com.

Student Government Association: JSU's annual Holocaust Remembrance will be held on Thur. April 1, 2004 in the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to attend this memorable experience. **Contact:** Jennifer Mince, 782-5495.

Sigma Nu: The men of Sigma Nu would like to welcome everyone back from the break. Study hard and keep those grades up! **Contact:** Dave Chambers, 435-9809.

Up 'Til Dawn: Up 'Til Dawn is a fundraiser project created to raise money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Up 'Til Dawn is currently accepting applications for the MORALE Team!! We are also looking for Jacksonville State Recruitment team members. Anyone with lots of energy and a smiling face is encouraged to apply! **Contact:** Angela Martin or Cambrey Jordan, 782-8054.

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

CAMPUS CRIME

•**March 15-** Onyinye C. Nwosisi reported theft of lost property and illegal use of credit card in Martin Hall Lobby

•**March 18-** Vanessa Christine Sparrow reported domestic violence and criminal mischief occurring in the Pannell Hall parking lot

•**March 19-** Charles Emmitt Leonard reported theft-article from auto and burglary of auto occurring in the Pannell Hall parking lot.

•**March 19-** Cyndi Leigh Tiede, 19, was arrested, by JSUPD for Liquor-Minor in consumption, occurring on Forney Ave.

•**March 20-** Aaron D. Savage, 21, was arrested, by JSUPD, for Criminal Trespassing at the Dixon Hall parking lot.

•**March 20-** Corey Andrew Roberson, 20, was arrested, by JSUPD, for Criminal Trespassing at the Dixon Hall parking lot.

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.

proposals for a college-tuition tax credit, a \$50 billion fund to offset recent state and local tax and tuition hikes, and a tax credit for health-insurance premiums for small businesses and their employ-

tax cuts a "raid" of Social Security is misleading. They do reward the well-to-do more than the middle class, but the well-to-do pay more in taxes.

The president's tax reductions have helped

panies export goods, and the loss of that break could encourage companies to move jobs overseas, but Congress hasn't yet approved the president's proposal.

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Fire: Tenants of complex relocate for the night

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www.legacyhealth.org, there are several quick ways in which a person can try and contain a grease fire.

One simple step that is outlined in the site is to "always have a pan lid near when you are cooking with oil or greasy foods. According to the Web site, putting a lid on a grease fire is an easy way to extinguish it.

The Web site urges people to avoid picking up a pan with a grease fire in it or from using water or flour to try and put it out. Elements such as water and flour will only add fuel to an already dangerous flame.

According to the Web site, never leave a pan unattended because it only takes a moment to start a fire.

According to residents, this is the second fire that has occurred in this particular complex in three months. The previous fire broke out on December 12, 2003 in an upstairs apartment in the same complex. Faulty electrical wiring caused this fire.

Although the fires were

caused by different fuels, one Chase's Courtyard resident expressed concerns about her fire safety.

When asked by the Chanticleer whether she ever had problems with fire in her apartment, resident Keundria Datcher, "I have had problems with the stove in my apartment." "I have a smoke alarm but it doesn't work."

According to Buchanan, he did not have a fire extinguisher in his apartment when the fire broke out. Fire extinguishers are an important item to keep in your residence, in case of fire.

Daugherty stated that fire codes do require apartment complexes to keep working fire alarms in each apartment but that a fire extinguisher is "something the resident has to furnish." Currently there are no fire codes that require a privately owned apartment complex to furnish fire extinguishers to each resident.

"What we concerned with was whether or not the apartment had a working fire alarm," said Daugherty, "and they did have



The Chanticleer/Malcolm Thomas

Residents of Chase's Courtyard stand outside the middle apartment complex as Jacksonville firefighters attempt to extinguish the blaze which started out in a single apartment and spread to two others. The blaze began when a grease fire got out of control and spread throughout the apartment. The Jacksonville Fire Department reported no physical injuries.

an operating alarm."

Baking soda is another good way to put out a grease fire, if you don't own a fire extinguisher. But the legacy health Web site also encourages everyone to purchase a small household extinguisher.

The best thing to do if you

think that smoke alarms or others items in your apartment are not in working order, is to report them to the apartment landlord or owner. They are required, by law, to provide working smoke alarms in each of their rental spaces.

For useful information con-

cerning fire prevention or fire safety, contact the Jacksonville Fire Department at 435-2310 or surf the Web for information. A helpful Web site for learning about the available home fire fighting systems, visit the Web site www.homefirefightingsystems.com.

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pose that would mean ultimately that that sort of display would have to go away. I think the lawsuit is absurd and I support the Humansville School District."

The nearly 6-foot stone monument in Jefferson City has gone relatively unnoticed since it was erected in 1958 by the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Matt LeMieux, executive director of Eastern District of American Civil Liberties Union, knows about the monument. He said the ACLU doesn't pursue legal action without a complaint, and there has been none to date. The ACLU is also not involved in Roat's case.

Holden said he has no intentions of ordering the monument removed, even though Alabama's chief justice lost his job after refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument from that state's courthouse.

"I think there is a place for the Ten Commandments in our schools," Holden said through a statement provided by his campaign spokesman. "But I think the best way to ensure that these important principles end up in our schools is for parents to ensure that the Ten Commandments are etched into the hearts and minds of their children before sending them out of the house."

Glenn Campbell, spokesman for McCaskill's campaign, said he doesn't believe the capitol monument is an issue because there have been no complaints.

As for the legal squabble in Humansville, Campbell said: "These are meaningful issues to people who take both sides. Quite frankly we like to come back to what the mission is at hand. When it comes to schools, we believe it is to educate students."

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a pharmacy technician class at Jacksonville State University that should equip her with the training she needs to begin a new career in nine weeks.

Amid continued job losses in the manufacturing industry, JSU is offering people an opportunity to get their foot in the door of an industry that has positions waiting to be filled.

Johnnie East, pharmacy director at Regional Medical Center said the

coding class, now in its second semester, and 17 people in the pharmacy tech class. The courses are nine weeks long from 6 to 9:30 two evenings a week. Roberts, who lives in Attalla, said her situation is not unique to the class.

Other students have either been out of work for a while or are looking to change occupations. They were attracted by the course description, which said job placement was available.

"Several people are looking forward to help

draw from."

A pharmacy technician assists with nonprofessional tasks. They're not able to do patient counseling, but they can do much of the distributive functions and customer service. The curriculum includes medications and what they do, calculating flow rates, altering concentrations and some legal aspects.

East said it's all practical and applicable.

"Technicians have a very important role in assisting the pharmacists," she said. "There's a great deal

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similar on campus when similar circumstances occur in other countries," said Svavarsson.

There are also several students running for the office of 1st vice president. Sushmita Silwal, from Nepal, is interested in helping to "build the community for ISO." The ISO currently hosts such events as International Week, where they hold informational sessions, have their annual Taster's Fair, and host extracurricular events for student participation.

candidate for 2nd vice president. And still another candidate, Olugbenga Igbalajobi, of Nigeria wants to bring unity among the international students and his motto is Unity and Peace.

The offices for treasurer and secretary are uncontested but those students are still serious about their obligations to the organization. "I want to motivate international students to build friendship with the other students and participate in programs," said Smrity Silwal, from Nepal and candidate for secretary.

The current ISO officers want to encourage every

director at Regional Medical Center, said the national shortage of health care workers is not limited to nurses and pharmacists. It also includes shortages of pharmacy and medical technicians.

"It's not medical school. It's not a degree, and you can't learn to be a pharmacist," said Ann Wells, director of continuing education at JSU. "We're saying it gives them an edge over someone else who doesn't have the knowledge. We would hope that makes them employable in the job."

There are 12 people taking the medical billing and

looking forward to help finding a job, because there is so much unemployment in this area," Roberts said.

East is teaching the pharmacy tech class. From her own experience and talking to other pharmacies looking to hire, she felt the community needed a formalized program to train people to be pharmacy technicians.

"We have been able to find people, but a lot of times people will get training on the job," she said. "We felt that if we had a program in place that would add an additional pool of applicants to

the pharmacists," she said. "There's a great deal of satisfaction to be had."

The class prepares students for national certification tests they can choose. In Alabama, it's not required. Roberts liked the fact that the class will prepare her for a certification exam, because she thinks the certification will make her a more valuable job candidate and employee.

East said simply providing an employer with a list of subjects covered in the course would also be an advantage. The theme of the class has been "a foot in the door." And that, she said, is exactly what it does.

Wells said the medical billing and coding class covers material that people at hospitals, doctor's offices and insurance companies need to know when filing claims and medical records.

extracurricular events for student participation.

The candidates for 1st vice president include Silwal, Vanessa Deliso of Venezuela, and Elizabeth Maduka from Nigeria. Although some of the candidates have never held an office in the ISO, they have big plans for serving the international student community.

"I want to get involved and serve the international community at JSU," said Deliso, candidate for 1st vice president. "I have never been an officer of ISO, but I can learn. I want to be helpful."

Other candidates, like Anielka Lacayo who is running for 2nd vice president wants to "help international students to achieve their goals."

"As a hardworking person, I want to be an example for international students," said Lacayo.

"My goal is to achieve more scholarship," stated Amna Jakupovic, from Croatia and

The current ISO officers want to encourage every international student to come out and vote on Thur. April 8, 2004. The voting polls will be open from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the 4th floor of the Theron Montgomery Building.

"I beckon on all international students who I deem as positive thinkers, to come out on the 8th of April and vote for progress," stated Bruno.

Progress is on the minds of many of the candidates and they encourage those international students who want to see change and progress to come out and vote.

schools, we believe it is to educate students."

Humansville Superintendent Gregory Thompson, named as a defendant in the suit, said the district plans to fight the suit. He put the plaque up shortly after he was hired by the district, six years ago. Earlier this week, students placed copies of the Ten Commandments on their lockers and wore T-shirts with "In God We Trust" printed across the front.

"Regardless of how the ACLU or some individuals view the Ten Commandments, their message is important to young people, i.e. do not steal, do not covet, honor your parents, do not kill, do not commit adultery," he said.

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IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"What do you think about John Kerry's statement about homosexuals?"

— Compiled by
Erin Chupp
Photo Editor



Corey Cockrell
Sophomore
Physical Education

"He just said it to get votes. Nobody wants gay marriages; that will just mess the world up and make it hard to populate it."



Fernando Delvalle
Undecided
Freshman

"Kerry claims to be pro marriage but like everyone else said, he did it to get votes."

MTV generation gets the goods this election

This election year is a good one for our generation — the MTV generation — of voters. MTV is hosting a campaign called "20 Million Loud" trying to raise 20 million young voters' voices at the polls. The presidential candidates are trying to appeal to our age group by addressing issues that we care about. Howard Dean's collection of fresh ideas were dubbed "Generation Dean" and now we have John Kerry, the democratic presidential candidate, answering questions from viewers on MTV.

Issues such as senior health care, pharmacy costs and social security have been moved to the back burner and issues like college funding, gas prices and gay marriage have been moved to the front.

John Kerry said in the recent MTV interview that he believes that gay and lesbian couples deserve the same rights to health benefits, inheritance rights and Social Security survivor benefits that are guaranteed to heterosexual couples. He also said that he believes people are born gay. "I think that people have a

right in America to be who they are, who they are born as, and we are all God's children," he said.

In 1996, Kerry was one of 14 senators to vote against the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act calling it "rank gay bashing."

On the other hand, there is

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer
Editor in Chief



President Bush and his belief that he has an obligation to "protect the sanctity of marriage" and wants to amend the

Constitution in order to ban same-sex marriages. Bush also took a stand against same-sex couples adopting children when he was governor of Texas.

Kerry is the smartest politician I know right now. He not only is doing the smart thing by opposing President Bush's

views, but he is appealing the younger, more liberal group of voters. And right now, in this conservative political world we are in, we need a candidate that's willing to ruffle some feathers.

Sure Ralph Nader is in the mix, but who's gonna vote for him?

And besides all this, MTV is helping Kerry's campaign as well. I have yet to see any MTV news briefs or scheduled interviews on President Bush.

So is John Kerry appearing to be more liberal to appeal to us, the younger generation of voters, or does he really believe in what he says?

Whether you trust the politician or not, you have to admit that our generation is getting the goods this election. We have more access to information about candidates thanks to the Internet and MTV. And at least one of the candidates is forcing the other to address issues which matter to us most.

That decision is up to you. Regardless of what you decide though, I hope you voice your opinion in November by going to the polls.



Real March madness is in poor academic record

By Linda Campbell
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Does anybody doubt the high-octane entertainment value of watching Dayton and DePaul duel into double overtime? The unique amusement of watching the two

Connecticut and Georgia Tech both had graduation rates of 27 percent, and the University of Texas came in at 38 percent.

A separate set of statistics, from the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics,

reports, each round in the tourney can rake in \$750,000 per school.

That may be what influential alumni are after. But what about taxpayers who underwrite the scholarships at state schools and the families footing steep tuition at public and

ing to admit players who are barely literate, to have papers ghostwritten for some athletes or to give tests that ask how many halves are in a college basketball game will always be prone to gaming the system.

Universities have to police

all-white five, it was a breakthrough. But progress on the court isn't enough without progress in the classroom and on the graduation stage.

It's a sham and a scandal when glamour-sport athletes are treated preferentially or like commodities, used for



Josh Nix
Junior
Marketing

"Kerry said it to secure the radical left vote from Nader."



Michelle Walker
Senior
Fashion Merch./Marketing

"I think Kerry is just trying to get more votes."



Garland Wilson
Sophomore
Criminal Justice

"It sucks because he's just saying those things to gain more votes."

time? The unique amusement of watching the two Alabamas - Tuscaloosa and Birmingham - upend season-long stalwarts Stanford and Kentucky?

Does anybody really expect basketball players sweating to a spot in the Sweet 16 to have much mental energy left for their final month or so of college classes?

In light of the obvious conflicts created by March Madness, it's distressing but hardly surprising to hear that only four of the 16 schools remaining in the NCAA dance have graduated more than half their male basketball players.

Those are Kansas, at 73 percent; Duke and Xavier, both 67 percent; and Vanderbilt, 62, according to a report by Richard Lapchick, director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida.

The University of

Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, shows that 44 of the 65 schools that made it to the hoops hoopla reached the 50 percent graduation mark. Of course, the top three - Stanford, at 100 percent, Lehigh, 90 percent, and Dayton, 82 percent - took their players back to class early, though not voluntarily.

Shining a spotlight on the ugly truth about academic expectations might not generate as much water-cooler debate as whether UConn or Oklahoma State can win it all in April. But it should.

And the dismal rates ought to embarrass more administrators into serious soul-searching about their lack of focus on their core mission.

There's no denying that a big performance in the NCAA tournament is a huge boost in prestige and press coverage, not to mention campus morale and the all-important moolah. By some

schools and the families footing steep tuition at public and private universities? Are they investing in education or in entertainment?

The NCAA, which governs major college athletics, is expected to adopt a plan next month that would push universities to focus more on getting their athletes diplomas.

Schools that don't meet graduation targets would be notified of noncompliance, then would lose scholarships and eventually would be barred from postseason competition.

Some critics are worried that the threat of penalties would push schools to put more athletes in easy classes, fake their work or pressure teachers to give unwarranted passing grades. But that kind of unethical behavior already exists. Setting higher expectations won't break moral compasses that aren't already damaged.

The coaches who are will-

tem.

Universities have to police against academic fraud by athletes just as they do for students who aren't athletes. Do we tolerate plagiarism? Do we reward faked science? Why should coaches be allowed to give a handful of their own players bogus class credit?

According to a "Washington Post" report, schools overall do even worse by basketball players than by football players: 44 percent of men's basketball players graduate, compared with 54 percent of football players and 62 percent of all student-athletes.

This is particularly troubling considering that the top basketball teams are likely to be more heavily populated with African-American players than with whites.

In 1966, when Texas Western College won the NCAA crown, starting an all-black lineup to Kentucky's

are treated preferentially or like commodities, used for their talents, led to believe that they have a ticket to somewhere and then left without the skills that a college education is supposed to provide.

College is, fundamentally, about education, not entertainment.

Sports definitely can enhance the educational experience, both for those who participate and for those who sit in the stands. But playing time doesn't prepare you for life in the real world.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On March 20, 2004, Students Against The War held a rally in front of the TMB. The rally proceeded without incident, and the demonstrators had much support from those drivers passing by.

During week leading up to the rally flyers were posted in the various buildings around campus. Every day we posted flyers in TMB, and every morning those flyers had been pulled down.

Even more disturbing is that the flyers that were posted in

Stone Center were defaced with anonymous opinions of the protest and the people involved in the protest. The flyers had someone writing "Go Bush" and "You're the one Being Stupid" even though the flyers had no reference to the stupidity of the current administration or anyone else.

Following the path of the defacements from floor to floor led to a handwritten flyer posted next to one of the Anti-War flyers in Stone. The author's message is that we are heading towards the Apocalypse and

that we need to give up our freedoms to stay free.

My understanding is that the college campus is a place to step outside of your childhood beliefs and traditions and by exposure to new thoughts and ideas, learn how other people think and to respect their ideas and thoughts, even if you disagree with them. College campuses have changed a lot since my first time around.

Lastly, the person(s) defacing the flyers and pulling them down, thus not allowing us freedom of expression or

belief, did so in hit and run attacks, just like the terrorists we are supposedly protecting ourselves from by going to war. And this was all done anonymously, without the courage of the person(s) to put a name to their actions. Are these people so afraid of an open, honest debate over the issues that they have to resort to a form of terrorism to make their position known?

Blind faith and blind trust will not do citizens of the US or the world any good. Your time on campus is the time to

learn and question, to form your own opinions and theories. All I ask is that it be done with respect for all opinions on campus, and if there is one with which you disagree start an honest and open discussion. Don't resort to anonymous terrorism, it only defeats your purpose and makes you look "stupid."

Nadine G. Mendelsohn-Ziskind

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Features

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By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Every year the JSU Holocaust memorial committee wants to remind the University community and the community of Jacksonville about the horrors that happened during World War II. Nobody should forget the stories of those who survived witnessing the death of millions of people by the Nazi regime, many of those being their sisters, mothers, fathers and other close family members. Tonight there is one more chance to hear why it should never happen again.

The annual JSU Memorial Commemoration of the Holocaust of World War II will be held again tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Stone Center Theatre, sponsored by the Student Government Association.

It all began as a project of the Wesley Foundation in 1982, when Reverend Rod Morgan asked Dr. Steven J. Whitton to help get the commemoration started. In the first year the commemoration had 25 people participating, today it has seen the growth of as much as 300 people participating each year.

The keynote speaker this year will be Max Steinmetz from Birmingham, AL., who is a survivor of Auschwitz, one of the most infamous concentration camps of World



Courtesy of English Department

The keynote speaker, in this years Holocaust Remembrance at Stone Center, will be Max Steinmetz from Birmingham, AL, who is a survivor of Auschwitz, one of the most known concentration camps of World War II.

Annual Holocaust Remembrance tonight at Stone Center

War II. Steinmetz was also assigned to a "death march" to the Tyrolian Mountains in the spring of 1945. After surviving the march, he was liberated by American troops on

May 2, 1945. Steinmetz came to the United States in 1948 and moved to Birmingham in 1955.

Other features of the Holocaust Remembrance

include readings from the winners of the middle and high school "Imagining the Holocaust" writing competition sponsored by the English Department. Also Dr. Nathan

Wight from the Department of Music will provide a musical number titled "For You There Is No Song." The members of Temple Beth-El in Anniston will end the evening with a Kaddish, which is a prayer recited after the death of close relatives.

What the JSU Holocaust memorial committee is hoping to happen with this remembrance is to increase awareness. "It is the hope of everyone who works on the remembrance to make people aware of what have happened and maybe it won't happen again. It has been sort of a pledge to have as many survivors to speak of the Holocaust of World War II as we can, because pretty soon they won't be with us," said Whitton.

The committee for the Holocaust Commemoration consists of Dr. Whitton, Dr. Russel Lemmons, Dr. Diane Cadawallader, Linda Cain, Teresa Suco and Chris Cook who is a representative for the SGA. The committee has worked hard for the past year to make sure this event will broaden the understanding of the Holocaust in the community and help to remember the Holocaust in order to assure that the future generations will learn its lessons so that it will never happen again. The remembrance is open to the public and admission is free.

Open your eyes

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



Isn't Spring Break supposed to be the relaxing break from school? This is the week we have been waiting for, ever since the school started in January, and in the end it was over all too soon. Part of me even thinks that I am even more stressed now than I was before I left.

But don't get me wrong, I had a great time. I was able to spend an awesome week with my best friend who came all the way from Finland to see the United States and me. We spent a couple of days in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and drove all the way to Key West to see the southern most point of the States. I saw so many things during my visit to Florida, that even thinking about it gets me exhausted.

Still all those things made it worth it. I love traveling. I love seeing new things, eating new dishes, experiencing new people and learning about cultures and people in them. Nothing beats crossing the 7-mile bridge on your way to Key West, or visiting the Hemingway House with its 60 something cats. We had a chance to taste the best Key

Came closer to reality than ever before

By Peggy Rogers

Electronic Arts, has sold more

Little virtual people in little virtual homes, "The Sims" are so lifelike that players of the personal-computer game often fashion characters after themselves. Some have rewritten their own troubled childhoods and marriages. And some take their frustrations out on the little people.

"Two of the most fundamental truths about people is that we love to create and we love to destroy," says Jon "PyroFalkon" Habib, who writes a free and popular strategic "Sims" manual posted on many Web sites. "There's always a new way to create a family. And, of course, there's always a way to burn, electrocute or starve" a Sims.

"The Sims" is the nation's top PC game for the fourth year running, and the even more realistic "Sims 2" is expected to be released this year. The game, created by the Redwood City, Calif.-based

Electronic Arts, has sold more than 28 million copies worldwide and been translated into 17 languages. The expansion packs feed this popularity and the surging sales.

In "The Sims," which has spawned the creation of seven best-selling games that keep expanding play, the players create characters that they name, dress, assign personality traits and color to, and build homes for.

One woman scripted a game based on her sister's life, mirroring her entrapment in an abusive marriage and her eventually successful efforts to free herself. Wedner Charles, 19, calls it "a very, very creative game," "real lifelike and entertaining." After selling the game by day at the Best Buy in Aventura, Fla., Charles says, he goes home and plays "The Sims" almost every night. His main character, named Wedner Charles and modeled on himself, often goes out on the town.

"I go downtown, and I'll



Miami Herald/Jared Lazarus

Wedner Charles, 19, plays the computer game "The Sims Unleashed," at his North Miami, Florida, home on March 23, 2004. "The Sims" is the nation's top PC game for the fourth year running, and the even more realistic "Sims 2" is expected to be released this year.

greet the women, and I'll talk to them," Charles says. The player must tend to "The Sims'" every need, and needy they are. While you can assign them some free will, you must steer them to socialize, make meals, have fun.

surround themselves with possessions and make it to the bathroom in time. Should they wet their little Sims pants, they'll suffer great embarrassment and need to be hoisted into the shower.

You must also make "The

Sims" practice such job skills as cooking (by reading books) and mechanical ability (by toiling at a work bench) to get ahead at work and be able to buy more expensive posses-

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The Living End Modern Artillery

★★★

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Some bands a major problem with releasing the same album over and over again. This, when the band rules, is not necessarily a bad thing. Take The Strokes for example; on the surface their two releases, although stellar, are for all inherent purposes, the same album. Australian post-punkers The Living End have the same problem since they stormed their home country's airwaves in the



Courtesy Warner Brothers

mid-nineties with "Prisoner of Society" they have yet to put out an album that varies, in any way, from their first album.

They've got a tight rhythm section, an excellent solo guitarist in singer Chris Cheney, and they write huge, stadium-sized sing-a-long chants. But they do this a lot. Their latest release, "Modern Artillery" never strays very far from the Brian Setzer, rockabilly/punk they have always championed. At a minute and a half, the first

track, "What would you do?" does little to impress. The second and third tracks, however, are decidedly more polished. "One said to the other" is slick and sparking pop-punk, while the first single, "Who's gunna save us?" is sure to get mohawks jumping and tattooed fists pumping in a mosh pit near you.

But punk bands need to hate something don't they? As a result of this thinking, "Tabloid Magazine" is Cheney's attempt at chastising "temperamental editors" and "fiction-hunting journalists." What? Did I miss something here? When did punk rock suddenly become so pissed at "People" and not at the money hungry, apathetic government? The song itself is catchy, but I can't see many fifteen year-olds getting passionate about burning their big sister's copy of "Us."

Despite these misplaced musings, the heart of the album reveals itself on "Rising up from the Ashes." Around twelve months before the recording of "Modern Artillery" the band was involved in a major auto accident which left Cheney with a broken wrist. Taking the accident as a sign from above, original drummer Travis Dempsey left the band. "Rising up from the ashes" is the sound of the band regrouping, looking at themselves in the mirror, and realizing they play rock and roll for a reason. When Cheney flies into the chorus chanting, "Rising up from the ashes. We never meant to burn. We're rising up from the Ashes," the band hits a gear they need to aim for more often. The song is powerful, without being masculine and challenging while not trying to start a fight.

In keeping with this theme of taking chances, the album closes with the eight minute epic "The Room." As a song it is unlike anything The Living End has attempted before. I guess that's why it's hidden at the end of the album. The kids might get scared by all the weird effects peddles, acoustic strumming and changing tempos. You know, not your normal paint-by-numbers punk. But this is precisely what The Living End need to do more often, and that is take more chances. To be the band they inspire to be they need to challenge something besides bad press. The Clash were the band they were because they were fighting a cause, not because you can sing-a-long to their choruses. The Living End should strive to be more Strummer and less Setzer.

chance to taste the best Key Lime Pie according to the locals and see the sea lions clapping to themselves at the Seaquarium in Miami. All this because we both had the thirst to see, eat and learn everything we could during our visit.

With the help of airplanes, boats, trains and cars, traveling has been made easy to everybody. It only takes seven to ten hours to cross the Atlantic and experience something totally different; from cold weather to the sunniest beach in the world. It would shock anyone if it wasn't for the TV and books, yet still you can't quite comprehend it.

I couldn't imagine myself staying in one place for my whole life. Once you get a taste of other cultures, scenery and languages that work as well as yours, it is impossible to stop wanting more. It is an eye opener beyond reading a book or watching a movie. Traveling you witness everything first hand; smell, taste and feel the things you otherwise would not be able to. Are they always pleasant experiences? No. Is it still worth it? Absolutely yes.

Any Spring break could be spent by lying on the beach during the day and partying during the night, but it should be more than that. It could be eating in places other than McDonalds, talking to people other than your friends and going further than just the mile from the beach and the bars. Only by taking the bus or train will show you how the local people live, talk and act instead of missing all the fun by taking the taxi.

When you get back you might be exhausted, still stressed about the school and finals coming up, yet you are richer as a person. Partying and beaches are part of the experience, but no way is it the whole story. Next spring break look around you, try new things and take the bus instead of the taxi; I will guarantee you will enjoy it in the end.



Local

4/1/04 Appetite for Destruction - Brother's Bar
4/2/04 Charlie Mars and Halfdown Thomas - Brother's Bar
Ethan - Sports Nut
4/3/04 Adelaida and Learning Cursive - Brother's Bar
Ethan - Sports Nut

Birmingham

4/1/04 Apollo Sunshine and The Format - Cave 9
Stout - The Nick
4/2/04 Adelaida - Workplay Theatre
No Choice, Planes Mistaken For Stars and Against Me! - Cave 9
4/3/04 Jive Train - Barking Kudu
Griffin House - Workplay Theatre
4/7/04 Michelle Malone - Workplay Theatre

Atlanta

4/1/04 Lust, Roach Motel and The Malarkies - Echo Lounge
Armin Van Buuren - Eleven 50
4/2/04 Superfunk Fantasy - Andrews Upstairs
Bain Mattox, Brian Vander Ark, Clay Cook, GWC and YOU - Earthlink Live

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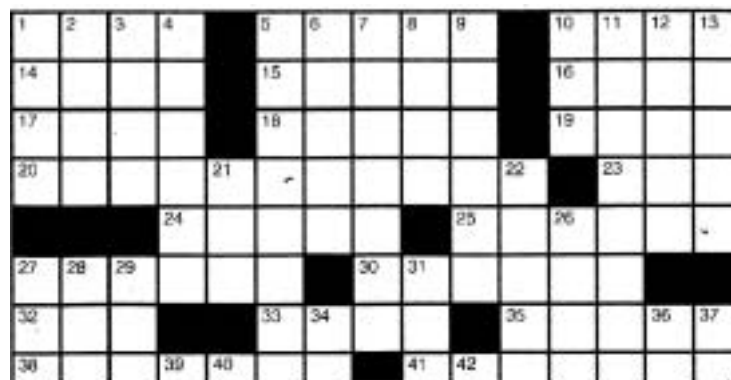
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- 16 Hover threateningly
- 17 Ladd or Freed
- 18 Mil. probe
- 19 Calvary initials
- 20 Purses
- 23 Work on a doily
- 24 Fitzgerald and



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sions. Sims who grow too depressed stop obeying their players' orders and can even die.

Starting with the originally rural, cul-de-sac setting, the packs have introduced wild house parties, hot downtown dates, a sweeping vacation resort, movie and music studios that create Sims superstars and pet shows, the latter in an expansion game called Unleashed.

"I actually tried to bribe the Wal-Mart clerk to try to get the Unleashed expansion pack a few hours before midnight when it came out," says Juliet Violette, of Las Vegas, who describes herself as "a 33-year-old mom who is hooked on 'The Sims.'"

"When 'The Sims' Hot Date came out, my 5-year-old daughter and I sat in the store and watched the FedEx truck unload," she says. "We weren't about to wait any longer."

Players steer Sims by highlighting characters' heads and clicking on objects or other characters. Click on a refrigerator, and a Sims can eat or serve a meal or grab a snack. Click on another Sims, and your highlighted character might hug, kiss or compliment the other one or talk, brag or even propose to it.

But you often cannot predict the outcome. The second character might slap the original, who might burst into tears. Players gather around hundreds of fan Web sites and chat forums, where they talk like lifelong friends, form

clubs and download tens of thousands of characters, furnishings, prebuilt homes and possessions custom made by other players.

One participant, known by her screen name of Raveena, has created 1,264 items that have been downloaded more than 22 million times at www.thesimsresource.com, according to the Web site's count. So many people spend so much time creating and playing "The Sims," that fans have become sensitive to a portrayal of them as "freaks without lives."

Many observers point out that Sims players form valuable friendships and communities. And sociologists and industry experts say people can learn about juggling the elements of their lives from such simulation games.

"It's literally a test drive: You can do whatever you want, and there's no danger," said Richard Ow, game-industry analyst for the NPD Group, a research firm.

The game is taken so seriously that, though it creates characters in light, medium or dark skin, it has been criticized for creating too many white ones.

And some women have complained that while male Sims come in many shapes and sizes, too many female Sims have Barbie-like proportions. Defenders say there are technical reasons for a white-skin majority and point out the players create most of the characters. "This is like a sandbox," Sims producer Tim LeTourneau says. "You can build your own sand castle."

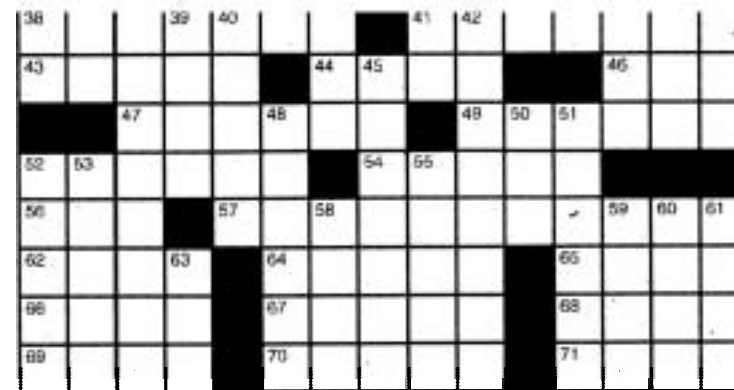
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Check out the "J" List every week for a list of stuff to do from J to Z.

Tonight

• Holocaust Day of Remembrance @ 7:30 p.m. Stone Center Theatre

Saturday

• Greek Fair @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Jacksonville City Square

Monday

• Faculty Appreciation BBQ on the Quad @ 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday

• Greek Olympics @ 4-6 p.m. Paul Carpenter Village
• SGA Coffeehouse @ 8:30-10 p.m. Leone Cole Auditorium
(Live Entertainment, coffee, hot chocolate and snacks. Free admission.)

Wednesday

• Greek Talent Show @ 8 p.m. JSU Amphitheatre

Thursday

• Greek Awards Ceremony @ 7 p.m. TMB Auditorium

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Sports

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Would the real Cinderella please stand up?

By

J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Well the sports books are happy this week. They might have lost a little bit on the upsets, but most of the people were betting on the teams that lost.

That's what has made this years NCAA tournament so much more fun for me than in past years. Also I am currently second in the office tournament picks. Glynn has me by one point, but is out of the race with no one in the finals left. Had Mike gotten his bracket in though he would be winning by an insane margin of 24 points, picking three of the Final Four.

But the Cinderella of the year are both from our great state. UAB, with probably one of the most shocking wins of the decade, knocks off No. 1 Kentucky in the final seconds. Alabama pulls the plug on Stanford, then off that big win knocks off returning champion Syracuse.

So who is the Cinderella?

I am partial to Alabama. So it is really hard argue this point, but I am going to try. Bama was the last SEC team left in the tournament. That

Gamecocks pick up good wins

By Rosalind L. Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

The Jacksonville State baseball team got some huge wins under their belt this past week-end after dropping their last five contests. The wins also made the Gamecocks undefeated in Ohio Valley Conference action as they try to regain some momentum to start the conference run. The Gamecocks hope their hard, brutal opening schedule will prove dividends down the stretch.

JSU 7 Samford 3

C.R. Palmer tossed seven solid innings to lead Jacksonville State to a 7-3 win over in game one against Samford Bulldogs. Palmer (3-3) recorded six strikeouts and allowed seven hits to earn the win.

JSU's Robby Goodson earned his fourth save of the season. Jax State took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning on a RBI double by Jake Ball and then Bobby Hicks yanked a two-run shot over the right field wall.

Samford plated a run in the top of the third inning on a RBI single by Matt Alling. Alling finished the game 5-for-5 and drove in all three Bulldog runs.

JSU answered by scoring a pair of runs in the bottom of the third on back-to-back triples by Matt Ruckdeschel and Ball. The Gamecocks finished the game with three triples, a new JSU Division I school record.

Hicks, Ruckdeschel and Ball all finished with two hits for Jax State, which finished the game with 10.

JSU 4 Samford 0

Senior Bobby Wynns allowed just four hits and recorded seven strike-outs to lead Jacksonville State to a 4-0 shut-out over Samford

Wynns tossed just 69 pitches, including 55 for strikes, and faced the minimum through six innings to earn the complete-game win and his second shut-out of the season. Samford's Joseph Edens issued four walks and had just one strikeout to get stuck with the loss.

Jax State scored a run in the first inning after Austin Stein extended his hitting streak to 11 games after ripping a RBI-triple off the right field wall to give the Gamecocks the early lead.

JSU scored three more runs in the third inning, highlighted by a Danny Civello two-RBI single through the left side and a Matt Ruckdeschel sacrifice f 1 y .

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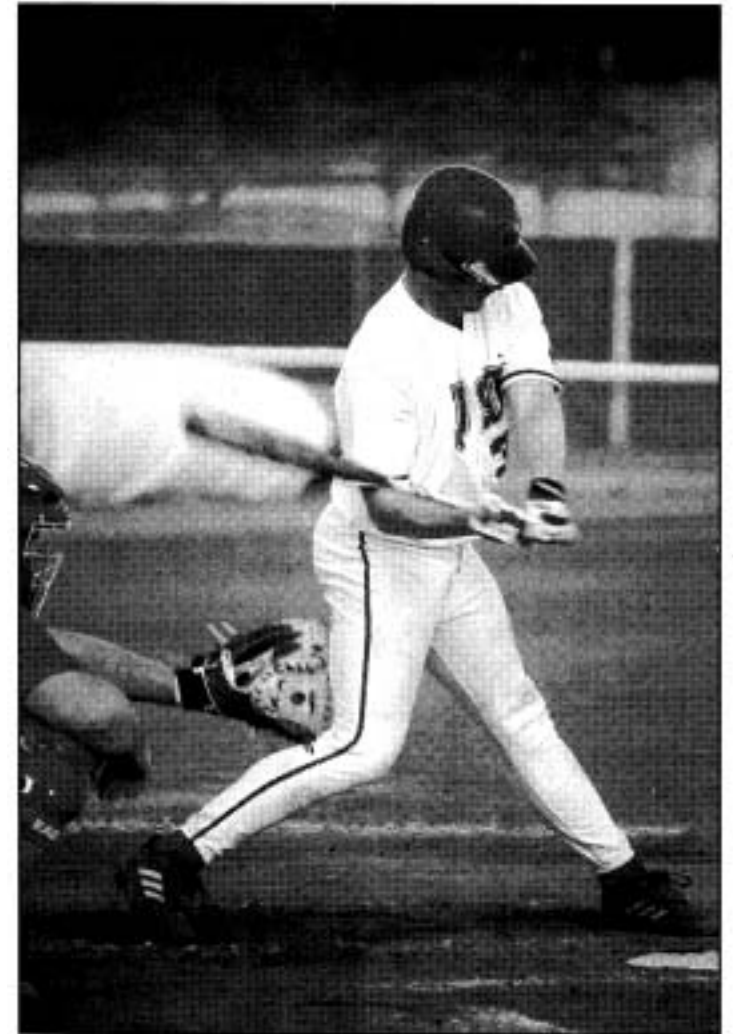
Danny Civello went 3-for-5

and drove in two runs and freshman Jake Ball drove in four runs to lead Jacksonville State (9-13, 3-0 OVC) to an 11-3 win over Samford (4-17, 0-3) and the Ohio Valley Conference series sweep on Sunday. It was the first series sweep Jax State recorded over Samford since the 1997 baseball season. Sophomore pitcher Josh Forrest (2-2) recorded a career-high seven strikeouts and allowed just one earned run in seven innings to earn the win.

Samford took a 1-0 lead on a JSU error in the top of the first, but the Gamecocks battled back to score five runs in the bottom of the first to take a 5-1 lead.

Civello had a two-RBI double down the left field line, Ball had a RBI single and Scott Smith had a sacrifice fly as the Gamecocks built the early lead. Jax State added two more runs in the third and fourth innings. In the third, Matt Ruckdeschel and Ball each had RBI hits as JSU built a 7-1 lead, while Smith and Ruckdeschel each drove in a run in the fourth i n n i n g .

JSU scored two more in the bottom of the seventh inning on a two-run home run by Ball for the final margin. It was the first career homer for Ball. Ball, Ruckdeschel and Smith each finished with two hits as



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JSU picked up several key wins in their first OVC series of the year in the past week and will continue their OVC schedule this week against SEMO.

the Gamecocks finished the day with 14 Jax St will be hosting Southeast Missouri State in a three-game

OVC series this weekend. A doubleheader is slated for Saturday at 1 and the final game on Sunday at 1.

Softball sweeps first ever OVC opponent

By Rosalind L. Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU then advanced to take on the Bucknell Bison, but again.

JSU took a 2-1 lead into the third inning, when they exploded

though a three run shot by Pappano gave JSU a temporary

allowing only four runs while striking out four

speaks volumes.

The SEC is the best all-sports conference in the nation. If their was an All-Conferences trophy, the SEC would get it. Not the ACC, not even with Miami and Tech. Not the Big 10, and definitely not Pac 10. As far as wins all together they win.

The CUSA is a big up and coming conference. Six teams from this conference from this conference made it to the dance. That compares with six from the ACC and six from the SEC. They didn't fair very well but, made a great showing.

UAB's win against Kentucky was the most fun I have ever had watching a basketball game. It was crazy, and I love the style that proves to be "the fastest 40 minutes in college basketball."

Bama just kills you in classic form. Burn you behind the arc early, then pound you inside as try to guard their shooters. So classic, yet so hard to defend against.

They both have their strengths and weaknesses. Bama is a true hot and cold team. They don't streak very well. What you have to hope for is that they end the game on a hot streak.

And UAB is sunk if you can control the tempo of the game. Just look at Kansas. Stopped these kids from running up and down the court and that lost UAB the game.

Really I think that UAB won the biggest game, but I still think because Bama took out last years winner, who had a strong team and Stanford who could have gone all the way they are they true Cinderella.

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Jacksonville State began the spring break on a not-so-good string of games. They came in losing three of their last four contests, and would drop the first two of the week, to Colorado State and Bucknell. They finally righted the ship, however, and have won seven of the last nine games, including a sweep in their first-ever OVC series against Austin Peay this past weekend.

Game one saw JSU face Colorado State in the Stetson Invitational. Defense and stranded runners contributed to the 4-2 loss by the Gamecocks. Emily Espenel was the hard luck loser in a game that saw the Gamecocks strand ten runners on the basepaths.

JSU's woes began in the first inning, though they did manage to score a run. This was of little solace as they had the bases loaded with no one out, yet only scored the one run to tie the game at 1-1.

JSU took a 2-1 lead into the top of the sixth, when Rams' hitting tore the game open. An error on the JSU shortstop allowed two unearned runs to score, which proved to be the margin of victory for the WAC team.

the Bucknell Bison, but again, eight girls were stranded, and three Gamecock errors led to the third straight 4-2 loss by Jax State.

JSU jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning when Katie Czaja doubled, scoring Janae Bonin and Rachael Countryman. The Gamecocks could have done more damage, but left a runner at third after an inning ending double play by the Bison left fielder.

Bucknell roared back in the fourth, scoring three runs. Three Bison doubles led to three runs scored as BU took the 3-2 lead. An error on the second baseman meant one of those runs charged to Katy White was unearned.

The Bison then scored one run in the sixth to put the game away. A one-out error by the JSU shortstop led to a bases-loaded situation with only one out. A walk to BU's Ross allowed the final run to come in for the BU win.

JSU's bats had seemed to be back in hibernation, forgetting spring had begun. That situation changed very quickly against their next opponent, the Cornell Big Red. The JSU hitters racked out 15 hits on their way to a 16-5 pasting of the Ivy Leaguers.

third inning, when they exploded for nine runs. Highlighting the inning was a Czaja grand slam homerun, which would become a theme for the rest of the week. RBI's were also recorded by Daniella Pappano, Melinda McDonald, Jessica Ford, and Pappano again in her second at bat of the frame.

JSU cruised the rest of the way, but a bright spot in the mop-up time was Ashley Cling's first hit of the season, a two-run homerun that drove in McDonald in the seventh inning.

JSU finished the day's doubleheader against the Big Red with an 8-0 shutout. White pitched a brilliant four-hit shutout for her second win of the day. All the damage for the Gamecocks came in the first two innings, as they scored six in the second to seal the deal. Four of those six runs came on a grand slam by diminutive centerfielder Sam Gutierrez, as JSU took their second win.

The next day saw a doubleheader against Wright State, and JSU could only manage a split, as the Raiders took game one 5-4 and JSU rebounded taking the second 6-3. Again, three defensive errors, and five runners stranded allowed for the one run loss in game one,

Pappano gave JSU a temporary 4-3 lead.

Game two saw a four-run Gamecock third inning stand up for the win. A Countryman double scored Ford and McDonald, while a Gutierrez single closed out the scoring as JSU improved to 20-9 on the year.

JSU then faced Cornell again, but a quick 8-0 JSU lead wasn't enough as Cornell scored 14 unanswered runs to take the win 14-8. The hard luck loser for the Gamecocks was White, who saw five unearned runs score in the third inning, as Cornell negated a Bonin grand slam and cut JSU's lead to 8-5. Cornell then responded with a nine run fifth inning, featuring a grand slam of their own, followed soon after by a two run shot.

JSU then took out their anger on the Drexel Dragons beating them 13-4 in the nightcap. For the second time on the day, Bonin blasted a grand slam, this time to cap a four run third inning that gave JSU a 5-1 lead they wouldn't look back from. Bonin would end the game with six RBI's.

The biggest highlight of the game was Czaja, who won her first collegiate game as a pitcher, going the distance and

striking out four.

JSU then played their first ever OVC series, against Austin Peay in Clarkesville, Tenn. JSU came in like the fabled "last train" and left with a three game sweep, 7-5 and 12-11 on Saturday, and a 4-1 win in the Sunday matinee.

Game one was a thriller, as the teams finished regulation tied 8-8. JSU used small ball and timely base running to accumulate their eight runs, while the lady Gov's runs came via the bomb.

That changed in the ninth inning as Countryman smacked a three run dinger to give JSU the lead, and Bonin immediately followed with a solo blast.

With a four run cushion JSU needed only three outs for the win. A three run shot by the home team gave JSU plenty of reason to worry, but Czaja came on in relief and put out the fire.

JSU hit 21 homeruns on the week, and have far surpassed the team record of 43 set in 2002. Their next attempt to add to the tater tally comes this Saturday as the Gamecocks play their first ever OVC series at home, with a double header against Eastern Kentucky. That is followed on Sunday by a single game at University Field.

Mackay wins LCC Track and field takes fifth place at Mississippi State Invitational

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Jacksonville State senior Nick Mackay chipped in from the sand in the first hole of a sudden death playoff to win medalist honors at the Lindsey Collegiate Classic, hosted by Arkansas-Little Rock, on Tuesday. It marks the second career tournament win for Mackay, who also claimed the 2003 Amoco Ultimate/Young Oil Intercollegiate last season. Mackay shot rounds back-to-back rounds of 68 on Monday and finished with a 79 on Tuesday for a one-under-par 215. The New South Wales,

Australia, native tied for second last week at the Amoco Ultimate/Young Oil Intercollegiate and has not finished worse than 14th place all season.

Jacksonville State shot a team score of 904 after shooting a 326 on Tuesday to finish tied for fourth place with Louisiana Tech in the 15-team field. Arkansas-Little Rock won the event with a total score of 880, followed by Ole Miss (887) and New Mexico State (895).

Sophomore Patrico Cozzoli finished tied for 17th after scoring a 54-hole total of 225, followed by Matias Anselmo, who finished tied for 51st after carding a 232. Ty Patterson shot a 238 to tie for 63rd, while Matt Haglund was 75th with a total score of 243.

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STARKVILLE, Miss., - The Jacksonville State women's track and field team turned in a fifth-place performance Saturday afternoon at the Bulldog Invitational on the campus of Mississippi State University in Starkeville, Miss. The Gamecocks finished the meet with 20 points on the day and was led by strong showings from two of its younger athletes.

Highlighting the day for JSU was a pair of third-place finishes at the meet. Eboni Matthews, a sophomore from Dadeville, Ala., finished third in the 400-meter dash after recording a time of 56.13 seconds to

best 16 other participants.

Matthews was also a key member of the Gamecocks' 4x400-meter relay team, which also placed third. Matthews teamed up with Edisha Brown, Stephanie Jones and Anna Armstrong to post a time of 3:52.44.

Jones also recorded a Top Five finish in the 800-meter run. The freshman improved her time by one second from 2:16 in the preliminaries to 2:15 in the finals to finish fifth out of 32 runners.

Other strong performances for Jax State included Armstrong (13th in the 200 meters), Andrea Arnaud (sixth in the long jump), Amber Hardy (eighth in the 100-meter hurdles), Emily Hulse (12th in the 5,000 meters) and Bernice Ellis (13th in the 100 meters).

Injuries plague Final Four

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The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Saddled with a bum ankle, B.J. Elder limped during warmups, limped through 12 scoreless minutes, then limped back on the court to celebrate Georgia Tech's first trip to the Final Four in 14 years.

In Phoenix, Connecticut All-America center Emeka Okafor had only two points in the regional final because of an elbow stinger. And Duke held off upstart Xavier in Atlanta with point guard Chris Duhon clearly hobbled by sore ribs.

Still, all three teams survived over the weekend and moved on, hoping the wear and tear of a long season will not keep them from winning a national championship.

Only Oklahoma State, the fourth team to advance, is completely healthy, but the others have nearly a week of rest before the Final Four.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski knows he needs Duhon at his best.

"We can't win at this level without him right now," Krzyzewski said Monday. "I thought he's getting a little more confidence. You can tell that he's missed his practice time."

Okafor is the same situation. Earlier this season, he was plagued by a stress fracture in his back, an injury that forced him to miss the first two games of the Big East tournament.

Now, he has another ailment. Alabama's Jermareo Davidson fouled Okafor hard during the

first half of the final of the Phoenix regional. Because the Huskies were in firm control, Okafor sat out the final 16 1/2 minutes.

He skipped a light practice Monday to have an MRI on his neck and right shoulder, and the results were normal, according to UConn spokesman Kyle Muncy. Okafor is expected to resume practicing Tuesday and should be ready for Saturday's semifinal against Duke.

The same goes for Elder. He started Sunday against Kansas but missed his only two shots.

"I wasn't near 100 percent," he said. "I had to go out there and give it a go for the team. I wasn't able to make the plays that I usually make. I just tried to be there for the guys."

Duhon was the only one of the three injured stars who played his normal allotment of

minutes in the regionals. He wore a protective wrap under his jersey, about the only consideration to his sore ribs.

He was injured when he fell into a stanchion holding a TV camera during the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

"It's tough to play with that wrap," he said. "It kind of limits your movement a little bit. Chasing guys going over screens, you're constantly getting hit each possession on the defensive end. It's a tough job, but I'll do it any time."

His scoring was down in victories over Illinois and Xavier — he averaged only five points, nearly five below his average — but his defense was as sharp as ever. He held the Illini's top scorer, Deron Williams, to seven points on 3-of-13 shooting, then alternated on Lionel

Chalmers and Romain Sato of Xavier.

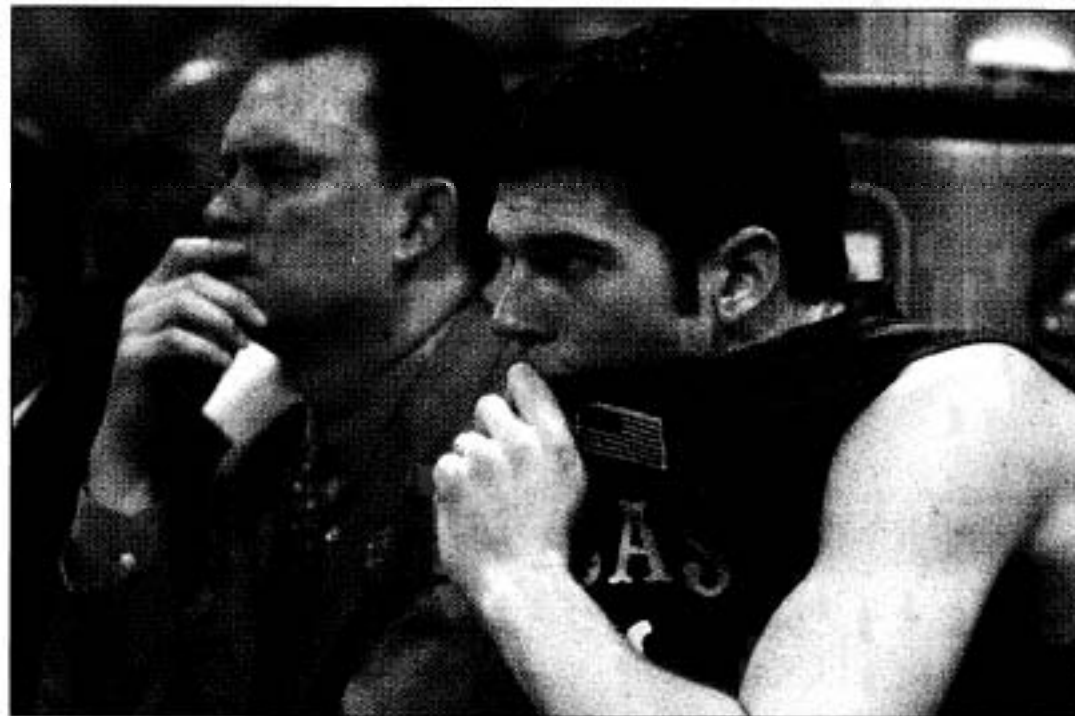
Neither had an easy time: Chalmers finished 6-of-16, and Sato made two of 10 shots.

"He's been a lockdown guy all season, and he's made every guy he's ever guarded work for his points," said Duke's leading scorer, J.J. Redick. "It just shows how courageous he is and how important it is to him for us to win."

"He's putting everything on the line for us, and we've got to do the same for him."

Oklahoma State hasn't had a starter miss any time all season with injuries, and only reserve Terrence Crawford (sore knee) has been affected at all.

That's a good thing, too. The Cowboys aren't very deep on the bench — four of their five starters average about 30 minutes — and they hardly could



Courtesy KRT Photos

Georgia Tech celebrates their win over fourth seeded Kansas as Kansas players can only watch as their season goes down the drain.

afford to lose someone.

Of the four teams in San Antonio, Georgia Tech is by far the deepest. The Yellow Jackets got solid production from their reserves in three close games in the tournament, and that continued in the overtime victory over the Jayhawks on Sunday.

Clarence Moore had 14 points, six rebounds and five steals. Will Bynum scored eight points, including a go-ahead 3

late in the extra period, and Isma'il Muhammad finished with eight points and nine rebounds.

"We never stopped believing, even when B.J. went out of the game," Muhammad said. "We knew we were a good team and we could pull this out with or without B.J. That was the most important part of our belief."

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