

JSU trustees focus on change

Board will seek to raise tuition and fees for fall semester despite increase in funding

By Rosalind L. Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

Jacksonville State University's board of trustees met on Monday to discuss the future plans of JSU in various areas. In the fall semester, Jacksonville State University students are poised to receive increases in tuition, residence hall fees, and other fees incurred at the university.

"What I don't want to do is raise tuition twice in one year," JSU president, William Meehan stated to The Chanticleer. "That has happened in the past and I want to give parents plenty of time to adjust."

Although JSU and other insti-

tutions will receive extra funds from the state this year, the amount cannot offset expenditures and other known increases for the year.

According to the request for tuition increase reported to the board at Monday's meeting, increases in the Teacher Retirement program and the Public Education Employees Health Insurance plan (PEE-HIP) needed to cover just those increases will be 2.80%.

This figure does not include other projected increase that include building maintenance, promotion increases for faculty and staff, facilities and cleaning and a 3% salary and equity

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"What I don't want to do is raise tuition twice in one year. Our average will remain at or below the state median."

• Dr. William A. Meehan
JSU President

JSU Board of trustees welcomes new member, Congressman Bud Cramer; says farewell to Thornton

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Following the retirement of Mr. James D. Thornton, a member of the Jacksonville State University board of trustees, it was recently announced that the seat would be filled with a new member.

After the retirement of Thornton, the board of trustees was left with seven members including Jamie Red Ethredge of the first district, G.M. Roberts representing district two, Bobby N., Kennamer of district

three, Charles T. "Pete" Matthews of district three, Jim Folsom representing district four, Jim Bennett of district six, Gladys Carlisle of district seven, and Randy Owen representing as a member at large.

According to an Associated Press report early this month, "the Alabama Senate approved Gov. Riley's appointment of one of his former colleagues in congress."

U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer, of Huntsville, AL will fill the seat vacated by the retirement of board of trustee



Congressman Bud Cramer member, Mr. James D. Thornton.

Thornton, also of Huntsville, served on the board of trustees for 38 years. At a previous board of trustees meeting, many of the

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New student ID replacement may begin April 26

Current JSU ID's will be replaced due to a privacy act requiring removal of social security numbers

By Olivia Fadul
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

bers that are currently visible on the present student id cards. On that day

Jacksonville State

easier for people to spot and make sure that's you" of designing the new card and its features. The new number will

The Coordinator of Academic Advisement, Don Killingsworth, would like to get the word out to all JSU students to go ahead and begin preparing to discard their old new student identification cards and prepare for the new.

The re-carding process may begin as early as Monday, April 26, to provide JSU students with a new and improved student identification card.

Beginning July 1, 2004, JSU will officially abolish social security num-

visible on the present student id cards. On that day a new nine-digit number will be implemented. From then on, each incoming and current JSU student will have to use that new student number around campus.

According to Killingsworth, plans for a new JSU student identification card began last summer around June. Killingsworth says that, "this whole process came about because we shouldn't be using social security numbers for identification purposes anywhere." "When you register or



JSU faculty, and Don Killingsworth recently went to work to design an improved student ID that is aesthetically more pleasing to the eye and promotes privacy acts which eliminate the use of Social Security numbers as identification.

you just arrive here, we should have an ultimate number available so we can identify you. That's how the whole process started with the identification number," said

Killingsworth. "Another reason we are having to switch cards this time," says Killingsworth, "is that we wanted to enlarge the student's picture, it will be

and make sure that's you." The new design will replace the current picture of Bibb Graves. This design will be a simple red and gray background with the school mascot, the Gamecock, on the card.

Newly inducted SGA President, Emily Williams, helped design the selection of the picture, on the card. Joe Whitmore was also responsible for developing the design for the new identification card. The faculty and JSU staff also helped with the process

and its features. The new number will replace the old social security number that once gained access to most everything on campus. The new nine-digit number and card will be able to get you access to register, eat in the cafeteria, utilize Stephenson gym facilities and enter football games. The new Id will still allow students to put money on their cards to purchase snacks and soda from vending machines, print at the library and it can also be

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JSU football player dismissed, second suspended after arrests at local bar

By The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. (AP)— Jacksonville State dismissed one player from the football team and suspended another for three semesters Friday without scholarship after they

were arrested outside a local bar.

Junior offensive guard Chris White will not be allowed to return to the team, athletic director Jim Fuller said, because of multiple violation of team rules. His scholarship was revoked, Fuller said.

Junior guard Rod Olds lost financial aid for the next three semesters, including the two summer sessions, and won't be able to participate in football workouts during that period. His status will be

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NAACP hosts Fun Day on the Quad



The Chanticleer/Erin Chupp

Preparing for final exams

Eliminating stress and test anxiety with helpful tips

By Rosalind L. Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

It's that time again. As the end of the semester approaches, cramming for various final exams and tests is a common place occurrence for some college students. For the next few days students will line up in bookstores across the campus and Jacksonville community to sell back books and receive some extra cash.

Counseling and Career Services, a service provided to JSU students, deals with various issues including how to juggle the many facets involved in college life, and even final exams. As the semester comes to an end, Counseling and Career Services encourages students to begin by prioritizing their time and manage the stress of test taking.

"Setting priorities is the best thing students can do to help

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Final Examination Schedule		
	Exam Time	Class Time
Thurs. April 22	07:30-09:30	07:30 TT
	10:00-12:30	11:00 TT
	13:00-15:00	14:30 TT
	17:00-19:00	16:30 TH
	18:00-20:00	18:15 TH
	19:00-21:00	19:45 TT
Fri. April 23	09:00-10:00	12:30 MWF
	10:30-12:30	11:15 MWF
	13:30-15:30	13:45 MWF
Sat. April 24	Same Time as Class Normally Meets	
Mon. April 26	08:00-10:00	08:45 MWF
	10:30-12:30	10:00 MWF
	18:00-19:00	16:00 MW
		18:15 MW
		19:30 MW
	17:00-19:00	16:30 M
Tue. April 27	18:00-20:00	18:15 M
	08:00-10:00	09:15 TT
	10:30-12:30	12:45 TT
	16:00-18:00	16:00 TT
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	17:00-19:00	19:30 TH
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	19:00-20:00	19:15 TT

By the numbers:

Average cost per month of JSU's increase in fees and tuition:

\$62

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Baseball:

April 20 - Troy State 5, JSU 2
Saturday - at Morehead State 2 p.m.

Softball:

April 20 - JSU 5, Lipscomb 4
Saturday - at Eastern Illinois 12 p.m.

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adjustment.

"We have gone from a state supported institution, to state said Meehan of the present monetary situation that continues to crunch colleges and universities across Alabama.

Meehan presented to the board of trustees several reasons that he feels the need for this \$250 hike in tuition for the fall semester. Faculty retention is one reason for the increase in tuition. Meehan noted the departure of the dean of the College of Nursing and the loss of five

doctorate-level faculty members, as a major issue to consider.

Although Meehan feels that the present monetary issues are not solely the cause of faculty departures, he does feel that they add considerable strain to faculty and staff members.

The tuition increase recommendation that was presented to the trustees outlined where the extra funds incurred through tuition would be spent. The increase will cover expenses such as the SACS Library funding, deferred maintenance and the technology plan.

According to Meehan's

report to the trustees, every college president in Alabama intends to increase tuition for the fall semester, except **Alabama State University.**

Along with increases in tuition, the resolution seeks to increase costs in the areas of **University housing and other incurred fees.**

In accordance with the recommendations outlined in resolution 489, the plan will seek to increase residence living costs by an average of \$861.00. The overall housing increase will be about 27% and will differ according to the specific hall.

Although the resolution seeks to increase residence

hall fees, this fee will also include new services and accommodations.

According to the plan given at the trustee meeting, residence halls will now include free cable television, new voice mail and caller ID provisions and about 100 minutes of long distance.

With the projected fee increase in university housing, JSU will still only be second from the bottom in price. Universities such as the University of North Alabama pay a current average fee of \$1000; The University of South Alabama pays \$1100 and Auburn University, \$1227.

The plan will also seek to gain revenue through increasing parking violation fees and other student costs. Currently the cost of freshman orientation at JSU is \$40. The resolution will increase this fee to \$65. Other fees that will be affected include ID replacement from \$5 to \$15. The current decal fee of \$15 will increase to \$25 and all other traffic, parking and moving violations will cost students and faculty \$25.

Overall, the increase in tuition averages out to around \$62 more a month. The increase in university housing fees and the other fees will bring JSU in line with other

institutions across the state.

According to Meehan, even with the increase, JSU's tuition and fees will remain at or below the median in the state of Alabama. Because the board did not reach a quorum at Monday's meeting, the trustees will vote on the resolution by mail ballot.

Meehan is confident that the trustees will approve the resolution in its entirety. "We need money to support the increases," said Meehan. "We want everyone to know what our expenses are."

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members expressed their gratitude for his many years of service.

Many members expressed their gratitude, including trustee member, Mr. Charles T. "Pete" Matthews. "God bless Mr. James Thornton. We owe him a lot for his years of service. He is a wonderful, wonderful man," said Matthews of Thornton's retirement at the Jan. 26

trustee meeting.

JSU President Bill Meehan expressed his appreciation for Thornton's years of service. In a JSU newswire report, he stated, "We want to again thank Mr. James D. Thornton for his hard work and 36 years of service to Jacksonville State."

In a resolution commending Thornton for his service, the board noted his valuable service on the building and honors subcommittees, his service as Chairman of two presiden-

tial search committees and his valuable service to the University in student recruiting in the Tennessee Valley area.

He was also honored for his business acumen and financial expertise and advisor to the JSU Foundation in its early years.

Although the trustees expressed sadness in moving on, they are hopeful of the new energy, expertise and determination that will be brought on by U.S. Rep. Bud

Cramer.

Cramer was born and raised in Huntsville. He completed a law degree at the University of Alabama in 1972. He is a congressional representative of the Fifth Congressional District and will bring about his expertise in many areas.

According to Meehan, the

trustees are "very excited to have Congressman Cramer." Cramer has served the district for 13 years. He is a military veteran, has one daughter, Hollan and three grandchildren, Patricia, Dylan and Mason.

According to a JSU newswire report, Cramer is

honored to be a member of the JSU board of trustees and considers the university to be "one of Alabama's finest institutions."

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re-evaluated after the summer and he could return to the team in the fall.

"We expect our student-

athletes to act in a responsible and appropriate manner," Fuller said. "We have an obligation to serve the interests of both the university and our student-athletes."

Police charged Olds with disorderly conduct and White with driving under the influence after Jacksonville police found White in his car outside a local bar on April 6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

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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.

Tau Sigma Lambda: Good luck to everyone on finals! **Contact:** Jason Hallberg, jmhallberg1@hotmail.com.

Up 'Til Dawn: Up 'Til Dawn is a fundraiser project created to raise money for the St. Judes 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.

Zeta Tau Alpha: Good luck to everyone on finals. I hope everyone has a great summer. Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Heather Moore at heatherm16@hotmail.com.

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CAMPUS CRIME

April 16- Rodricus Arlester Thomas, 22, was arrested for DUI occurring on Mountain Street.

April 14- Matthew David Tibbitts, 20, was arrested for public intoxication occurring at the Intramural Field.

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

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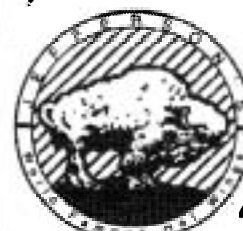
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Networking may be solution to job search for graduates

Building relationships in a chosen field could be the key to obtaining a job after graduating from college

By Erika D. Smith
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

AKRON, Ohio— In the same way an introductory e-mail will never replace a firm handshake, blindly sending out resumes will never replace old-fashioned networking.

About 70 percent of all jobs are obtained through networking— the process of building relationships with others in a chosen field.

That's an important statistic at a time when so many people are looking for work. But even in fields that are booming, such as corporate fraud investigation, networking is crucial.

"Networking is pretty much the only way that you get referrals and keep going," said Stephen Nelder, president of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners' local chapter. "It's one of those things where you make your own luck."

Indeed, luck has little to do with landing a job. It's about networking, and that's a skill—one that many people haven't mastered yet.

Career counselor Carla Owens teaches Kent State University students and alumni the right way to network.

"We teach people to be assertive, not aggressive," said the assistant director of Kent's Career Services Center.

And there is a difference. The trick, Owens said, is to phrase questions in the third person.

For instance, instead of asking a colleague, "Can you get me a job at your law firm?" you should say: "Do you know if there are any openings at your firm?" The latter question is more likely to put a networking contact at ease because he won't feel any direct obligation to you.

That, in fact, is one of the cardinal rules of networking— don't ask a contact for a job. Others include being honest, not taking advantage of a contact, not claiming to know someone you don't and always getting permission to use a contact's name.

Networking doesn't have to be hard. It doesn't require attending fancy dinner parties to mingle. But it does require some initiative.

For students and out-of-work alumni just getting started, Owens recommends building a list of potential contacts. They can be relatives, colleagues from an old job, professors, classmates, friends, your dentist, or even your yoga partner.

Once you talk to each person and figure out if a networking relationship is appropriate, you can send them resumes and cover letters. It's also important to keep in touch as time passes.

"You're getting your name out there," Owens said. "You're mixing, you're mingling."

Another way to feel out a list of contacts — as well as the direction of your own career — is to do an informational interview.



Akron Beacon Journal/Lindsay Semple

Don Snyder, a career specialist at The Career Services Center at Kent State University, helps Chris McDade of Olmsted Falls, Ohio, research potential marketing internships. The center helps students and alumni searching for jobs and internships.

Job hunters should call a contact already working in their desired field and set up a time to talk. Informational interviews are not job interviews, and shouldn't be treated as such.

The goal is not to sell yourself. It is to learn as much as possible about the contact's job and decide if the field is right for you.

Owens said she often recommends informational interviews for alumni who have lost their jobs. "A lot of them are taking this time to refocus their careers," she said.

Knowing that's true for many fields, Brian McCullough, president of Resumewriters.com, decided to take networking one step further— to the Internet.

The company's new site, Wherearethejobs.com, is built on the idea of using friends, and friends of friends, to find a job.

It differs from the likes of Monster.com and Careerbuilder.com because users do more than post their resumes or send them to random employers. Wherearethejobs users are required to post one job lead to join the Web site. They also must build their own community of job seekers by urging others to join for free.

"We would just hear constantly, 'I've posted my resume on Monster like 300 times and I've heard nothing,'" McCullough said.

What's missing, he said, is the advantage of dropping a name. Wherearethejobs lets people do that. It's a cross between Monster.com and Friendster.com.

The idea is that a friend of a friend's brother will be the hiring manager at a law firm and let you use his name. And with the Internet, the scope of social networking can be much broader.

Right now, McCullough's Web site covers all of North America and has 10,000 users — nothing compared to Monster's 25 million and Careerbuilder's 7 million. Wherearethejobs only launched in mid-January,

though, and is still being developed.

"Most of the jobs are found through your friend's brother's uncle," he said. "We wanted to use that."

BUILDING A NETWORK

Put yourself in situations where you can introduce yourself to others, but don't burden them with your job-hunting woes. Just supply enough interesting conversation to persuade them to give you some names and/or advice.

Be honest and legitimate about who you know. If a friend lets you use his or her name with a corporate hotshot, it's OK. But meeting someone who casually mentions knowing a corporate hotshot doesn't mean you can use that name later on.

Get someone you know to introduce you to the prospective employer you want to meet. The employer is more likely to be receptive because he or she won't want to offend your mutual friend.

Send resumes only when they are requested. Carrying a stack of them at all times will make you look desperate.

What goes around comes around. If you refuse to help people find a job, chances are the same thing will happen to you someday.

Source: Kent State University's Career Services Center

Student: New ID's focus on security

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around until the fall because there will be

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manage their time," said Linda Shelton, a JSU counselor. "Basically you should have your fixed times like your scheduled classes or work and then you can prior-

for exams consist of small steps instead of one large step.

Well if the advice from TheSemester.com comes just a little too late, other alternatives are in sight. According to the Counseling and Career

management skills and discussing the issue are also useful ways to relieve stress.

Test anxiety is another problem. A typical sign of test anxiety is when a student blanks out during a test, forgetting information they

several tips to surviving finals such as be prepared, determining what type of final you will be taking (comprehensive, non-comprehensive), read the directions, don't rush and stay for the entire session.

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used as an ATM card for those banking at AmSouth.

Killingsworth encourages and would like to stress to all students to go ahead and get their new student ID cards before fall semester.

"The university does not want students to wait

around until the fall because there will be long lines," said Killingsworth. He also says each student ID card "takes about two minutes to print." Current students will not have to pay any kind of fee when they get their old student id cards replaced with the new identification card.

your scheduled classes or work and then you can prioritize other things."

According to the Counseling and Career services Web site, some of the most common issues students can face during final exams are test anxiety, procrastination, and a lack of proper time management

A Web site dedicated to helping students study, TheSemester.com, advises students that cramming for final exams is not the answer. The Web site states that, "You can't erase mistakes that began the first week of classes." It suggests that the best way to prepare

tives are in sight. According to the Counseling and Career Web site, there are many ways to deal with any type of stress, even stress brought on by procrastination or test anxiety.

According to Counseling and Career Services, "stress is a normal, unavoidable part of life for everyone." There are several suggested ways that this inevitable stress can be relieved.

Exercise can relieve the tension of built up stress by creating a type of prevention and intervention. Thirty minutes a day of exercise can be a helpful and useful escape. Improving your time

blanks out during a test, forgetting information they know well, and not remembering it until after leaving the testing situation.

Performance is much lower than the capable level when someone is suffering from test anxiety. According to the Counseling and Career Services Web site, common signs of test anxiety include sweaty palms, rapid heart-beat, muscle tension, nausea, or hyperventilation.

Counseling and Career Services staff is available to help students deal with those types of issues.

On the University of California Web site, they list

tions, don't rush and stay for the entire session.

"It's easy to do something else," said Shelton, "You can have that social time but you still need your study time."

Most importantly listed on several Web sites was the importance of a good night of sleep and eating some type of fresh fruit to reduce stress. If you are dealing with issues concerning test anxiety or you need a few extra final exam tips, call Counseling and Career Services at 782-5475 or visit the Web site, TheSemester.com.

The Chanticleer staff

would like to wish everyone **GOOD LUCK** on final exams

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IN YOUR
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QUESTION
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“Would you get
eyeball jewelry?”

– Compiled by
Erin Chupp
Photo Editor



Sam Benefield
Music Education
Freshman

“Why would I do that? All the
ladies say my eyes are already
beautiful.”



DeShawndre Hill
Junior
Music Education

“For what? I’m already blind!”

I couldn't make money in bed so I came to college

George Burns once said, “Don’t stay in bed, unless you can make money in bed.” And since I couldn’t make money in bed (well, not that I couldn’t but I wouldn’t), I decided to go to college.

I have been fortunate enough to be one of the few people I know who will have graduated college in four years. Maybe that’s lucky and maybe it’s not. I certainly haven’t partied enough, but I certainly have savored every moment of being a college student. And for that, I have a few people to thank.

It’s been fun being the editor of this gig. Although I don’t think I have done a very good job at running this show, I have had a few people compliment me. As Puckett and Jessie told me, I take the “road less traveled” in my editorials, which is more fun than the other road. I’m “everything wrong with Generation Y,” according to former editor Ben Cunningham. As a result of my blantant opposition to anything normal, I have gotten a record number of letters to the editor this year.

Therefore, I have to thank all the people who wrote letters to the editor this year. I really enjoyed some of the laughs I got from reading them. I love criticism and I love reading about what annoys people enough to make them write a letter that’s filled

with misspelled words and incorrect grammar. Some of the things that piss people off amaze me and I aspire every day to try and find one more random thing that will do it.

I really believe that being a section editor at this newspaper is one of the hardest jobs on campus. It requires intelligence, writing ability, a lack of the love for money and most importantly, the ability to still function despite sleep deprivation. I cannot remember how many times Mr. Stedham (our student media adviser) came into the office on Wednesday morning to see me in the same

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer
Editor in Chief



clothes I was wearing the night before. With all that said, thanks to my hard working editors and to Mr. Stedham for backing me up when some really important people got mad at me.

The students at this University have never ceased to amaze me. I really appreciate all the dumb things people did this past year that gave my news section something to report. Whether it’s throwing

the stumps in Brother’s Bar and starting a fight or vandalizing the Sig Ep house, there was always something to write about.

One of the most important pieces of advice I can give anyone is to remember who made you mad and then prove them wrong. One of the main reasons I strived to do so well in college is because of my high school principle, Mr. Chambless. He made it a point to tell me that I wasn’t ready for college when I started taking classes at JSU my junior year of high school. He said that the memories I would

have from pep rallies and football games were more important than the education I would gain from starting college early. And for that ignorant comment, I thank him.

Someone who has certainly never made me mad, but has intimidated me into pushing myself to do better things, is my uncle, Jerry Chandler. He is by far my favorite professor in the Department of Communication (aside from the ever-so-sexy Lloyd Dobyns. Haha.). I hear so many students tell me that he is a great inspiration to them. And I know for a fact that he is very good at recognizing students’ talents and helping them to build on those talents. Despite numerous personal problems, he has stuck by through the college careers of two of his children (at this University) and now mine. I have to thank him on behalf of myself and all the other Communication majors he has helped. He has proved to me that class doesn’t have to be boring, even if you have to stand on a desk for entertainment, and just because you got a ‘B’ on your 10-page story in Media Features, doesn’t mean you are bad.

So until I can figure out how to make money in bed, I’ll be doing my internship at the monthly features/entertainment magazine, The MudCat. See ya.



Eyeball jewelry the latest way to display lack of intelligence



Steven Palmer
Freshman
Nursing

"I might get it if I could get something cool, like a zombie or cancer."



Shonda Randolph
Junior
Economics

"No, you only have two eyes. I'd be afraid something would happen."



Cody Stuart
Freshman
Business

"Mama didn't raise no fool."

By Bill Ferguson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

I've never quite understood the attraction of what is euphemistically called "body art." It used to be that tattoos were for sailors and "piercing" was usually confined to the earlobes of women. Nowadays an increasing number of people from all walks of life are covering themselves with tattoos and piercing any flap of skin dense enough to support a stainless steel post.

It all seems a little strange to me. It's not that I have any particular aversion to needles. I give blood regularly and I haven't cried (much) about having to get a shot since I was in grade school. But in general it is my policy to try to avoid situations where sharp objects

threaten to pierce my protective layer of epidermis. This is especially true when it comes to my more sensitive body parts.

Take the eye for example. For me, the eye is one of the top three places on my body I don't want anyone taking a sharp instrument to. I won't mention what the other two places are, but disturbingly enough it is already the rage to have those areas pierced.

You might assume something as important and delicate as an eyeball would be exempt from the art of "body modification," but you'd be wrong. Thanks to some forward-thinking doctors in the Netherlands who apparently have way too much time on their hands, the world was recently introduced to the exciting possibility of having tiny pieces

of jewelry inserted into the mucous membrane of the eyeball.

Six women and one man have had the cosmetic surgery performed at the Netherlands Institute for Innovative Ocular Surgery, and there is a waiting list for people who want to have the procedure done. The cost is around 500 to 1,000 euros. I'm not sure what that comes to in American dollars and I'm not going to look it up, because I don't want to encourage any of my fellow citizens to do anything as stupid as this.

If you want to see a picture of this latest fashion trend (and it really has to be seen to be believed) check out this page on the CNN Web or just Google the term "eyeball jewelry" and you'll find plenty of links. But I

warn you, if the sight of something metallic embedded in someone's eyeball makes you squeamish you'd best stay away from this one.

I'm all for personal freedom and I wouldn't advocate outlawing this bizarre practice as long as there is no apparent health risk. (The Dutch director of the institute where the procedure is performed has said they have seen no adverse side effects and "don't expect any in the future.")

But I would like to ask anyone who thinks this is a great idea one question - why?

This is not attractive; it's disturbing. And maybe that's the point. Some people want to stand out, and radically altering one's face with tattoos and piercings

isn't enough; to really stand out you need to pay a Dutch eye surgeon to insert a gold heart into your eyeball.

It does make a statement. And that statement is this: I'll do anything to get people to look at me, even if I have to resort to doing something completely idiotic. To those people who have had something like this done I want to tell them that your message has been received, and we'll all adjust our image of you accordingly.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Has anyone besides other non-traditional students looked at the schedule for the American Literature courses offered this summer?

During the May semester American Lit I is offered four times, two of those offerings are at 9:45 a.m. American Lit II is offered twice. During Summer I, American Lit I is offered twice, and American Lit II is offered 3 times, two

of those being at 9:45 a.m.

During Summer II each course is offered once. Over the summer American Lit I is offered seven times, Lit II six and all of the classes are daytime. When I asked the head of the English department, I was told it was due to the budget. If that is the case how can the class can be offered twice at the same time in two semesters?

During a time of cutbacks and budget restraints, I don't

understand why JSU is sending students and money to Gadsden State. I'm willing to bet a survey would find that if JSU offered the course at least once at night, the class would be full. I have spoken with other non-traditional students this semester and it looks like we will be spending our money and time at Gadsden.

Bea Holman

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Second part of the student art show



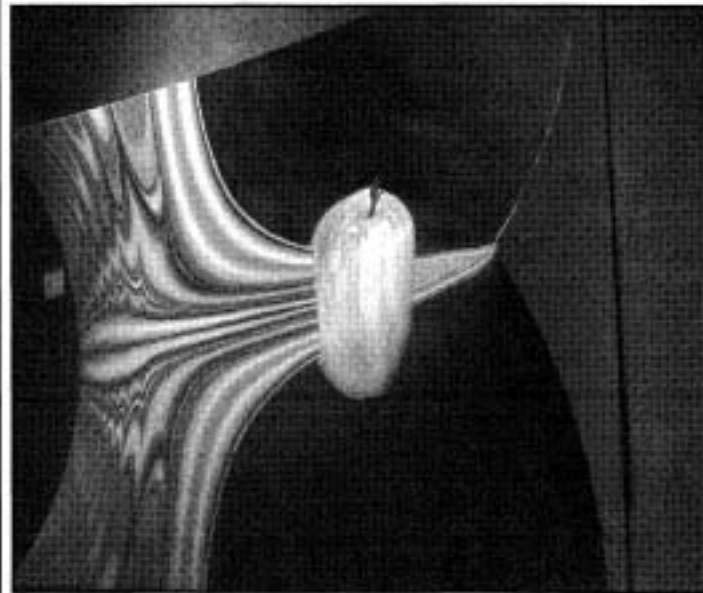
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At the right, detail from "Tea For Two?" by Mary B. Jones (Oil on Canvas) displayed at the second part of BA and BFA Senior art show in Hammond Hall art gallery.

Above, several art pieces by graduating art students. Left, Nicola Fantei's "Tell Again," a colorful oil painting on 3-D canvas. The graduating Senior art show will end on April 29.

"You don't need art to live, you need art to live well."

• Nicola Fantei



Goodbye and good luck!

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



It is hard to believe that this semester and my last school year is coming to an end. It seems not too long ago I just started working for the Chanticleer and began my journey as the President of SPJ student chapter here at JSU. I felt like I had taken too much on my shoulders, and yet now when I look back, it didn't seem that bad at all.

Because of all these things I have probably met more new people, learned more things and grown as a person during this last year, than I have in my entire lifetime. It has been awesome, exhausting, stressing and fun all at the same time, but the best part has definitely been meeting new people and making new friends.

To tell you the truth I'm a little bit scared about the future and what it holds for me. Just the other day I was talking to my sister on the phone trying to convince her, that even though it has been almost two years since her graduation and she still hasn't found a job, she will find a job one-day sooner or later. You see, I am good at convincing others that what happens, happens and that is the way it is supposed to be. Yet, when it comes to myself, I'm freaking out, because I don't have a defi-

Hell hath no fury...

By Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Back in 1993 when Quentin Tarantino was filming his classic "Pulp Fiction" he and Uma Carradine).

But "The Bride" doesn't have it all her own way. She is still dealing with the deadliest assassin team in the world, and Budd, Elle and Bill will not go



... Tarantino was filming his classic "Pulp Fiction" he and Uma Thurman hit on an idea for a revenge movie. Through much discussion the two came up with the idea for "The Bride". Now, over a decade later, the final chapter of The Bride's quest for "bloody satisfaction" has been unveiled, and "Kill Bill Vol. 2" will not disappoint those familiar with the Tarantino style.

The second installment of Tarantino's ode to "B" movies picks up where the first chapter left off. "The Bride" (Thurman) has just slain O-Ren Ishi, vicious leader of the Tokyo underworld (as played by Lucy Lui). What stands between her and full redemption is Budd (played by Michael Marsden), Elle (Darryl Hannah) and of course, the elusive Bill (David

... assassin team in the world, and Budd, Elle and Bill will not go down without a fight.

A further twist is added to this installment when it is revealed when "The Bride" finally confronts Bill himself, although Bill is not alone. He is with a four year old child. The same child "The Bride" thought she had lost four years earlier. Their daughter. However, the cozy new family unit is eventually broken up by the inevitable showdown between "The Bride" and Bill.

Throughout the movie a couple of things become obvious. The first is that Vol. 2, unlike Vol. 1, is not a gore-fest of samurai slashing action. Rather, it is a deflection to Tarantino's regular style; heavy on dialogue and story content. However, he does make extra special use of different camera



Courtesy Miramax

The Bride (Uma Thurman) is out to finish the job by killing Elle Driver, Budd, and last of all, Bill (David Carradine). If the final three aren't afraid now, they better start, because she's coming for them. "Kill Bill: Vol.2" by Quentin Tarentino in theatres since April 16.

styles, drawing heavily on early '70's kung-fu movies for inspiration. Tarantino loves to show his audience where he gets his inspiration, and the movie features over a half dozen style changes.

The second outstanding trait of Vol. 2, as it is in all

Tarantino movies, is the music. Tarantino had the advantage of having a musical visionary in the Wu-Tang Clan's RZA in charge of his score. It also helped that RZA is a huge fan of the Kung-Fu genre, almost as much as Tarantino himself. But RZA's hip-hop background

doesn't stop him from producing an awe-inspiring, and totally varied, soundtrack. He utilizes every style, from the stripped-down country of Johnny Cash's "A Satisfied Mind" to Malcolm McLaren's haunting slow jam, "About

see Kill Bill, page 6



Karen Elshout/St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Steamed lobster and vodka martinis are two options to serve at a low-carb dinner party.

Party with low-carb food

By Elizabeth Freeman
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (KRT)

You've made it through the crucial first two weeks of your low-carb diet. The bathroom scale is your friend again. You're feeling good about your progress, and decide it's finally time, time for a low-carb dinner party.

Some of your friends have been low-carb dieting, too, but you're not quite sure how many carbs they're consuming these days. Not to worry! The choices are abundant, the recipes are plentiful.

Here are several low-carb menus to consider serving, with varying levels of carbs to mix and match as you wish.

PLAN A: 6 NET CARBS

Drinks: Vodka martinis with olives: no net carbs (subtract fiber and sugar alcohol grams from the carb count to get

net, or usable, carbs.)

Appetizer: Slices of Volpi's Rotola (prosciutto, mozzarella cheese and basil roll-ups; sold at many local markets): no net carbs

Main course: Tequila-lime marinated grilled chicken (see recipe): 2 net carbs

Side dish: Mixed lettuce salad with vinegar and oil dressing: no net carbs

Dessert: Sugar-free chocolate syrup folded into whipped heavy cream: no net carbs, and a peanut butter cookie (see recipe): 4 net carbs

PLAN B: 10 NET CARBS

Drinks: Low-carb beer: 2 1/2 carbs

Appetizer: Steamed shrimp with 2 tablespoons Creamy Garlic Dressing for dipping (see recipe): 1 net carb

Main course: Jerk-Marinated Grilled Pork Steaks (see recipe): 3 1/2 net carbs

Side dish: Caesar salad with

purchased dressing and no croutons: 1 net carb

Dessert: Cubes of sugar-free gelatin (two or more flavors) in parfaits with whipped cream from a can: 2 net carbs

PLAN C: 13 NET CARBS

Drinks: Seven and Seven made with whiskey and diet lemon-lime soda: no net carbs

Appetizer: Crunchy and Savory Almonds (see recipe): 2 1/2 net carbs

Main course: Steamed lobster with melted butter: no net carbs

Side dish: Warm asparagus tossed with vinaigrette: 2 1/2 net carbs

Dessert: Purchased low-carb cheesecake with strawberry sauce (puree 1 pound frozen berries with 1 tablespoon lemon juice and sweetener to taste): 8 net carbs

see low-carb, page 6

comes to myself, I'm freaking out, because I don't have a definite plan for the next ten years in my head.

Right now I am having lot of "what ifs" in my head. What if I am not meant to be a journalist? What if I go back to Finland after I graduate and miss an opportunity here? What if I miss an opportunity in Finland by staying here? What if I'm making all the wrong choices and end up being unhappy all the time? Stupid isn't it, but those questions won't go away.

My mom always tells me to live day by day and not to worry about tomorrow. I am very generous in distributing her advice to others, like I told my sister the other day, but not very good at listening myself; not until this week. Just the other day I got an email from my sister telling me she got a job from Nokia, only one day after we talked on the phone. She finally got a job where she can use all the skills she has learned so far as well as learn new ones. I am ecstatic for her. I also realized that not all things happen in a day - sometimes it takes more time.

So I think I am ready for the real world after all. It is still scary and I still doubt some things, but in the end I have faith that everything will be all right. All the skills I have learned during my four-year stay at Jacksonville State University will be with me wherever I go and I couldn't be more proud of myself for being able to graduate after all the hard work.

But I wouldn't be writing this if it weren't for Danni who gave me the opportunity to be part of the Chanticleer staff. For that I am forever grateful to her. Thank you Roz, Jeremy, Erin and Malcolm for a memorable year and I wish you all good luck for the year to come. Also, all the people who were part of SPJ, Tina, Chrissy and Denton, thank you for helping and supporting me throughout the year. I hope those who have become close will stay a part of my life forever, and to others I wish good luck for the future.

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Nick
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Beating Around the Bush

by Corey McDaniel & Bryan Stone



from **low-carb**, page 5

TEQUILA LIME CHICKEN

Yield: 12 servings

1/3 cup lime juice

1/3 cup water

3 tablespoons tequila

1 tablespoon sucralose (Splenda)

1 tablespoon soy sauce

2 cloves garlic, crushed

12 chicken breast halves

Combine lime juice, water, tequila, sucralose, soy sauce and garlic in a zip-top plastic bag. Add chicken; refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 1 day. Prepare a hot fire in the grill. Drain chicken, discarding marinade. Place chicken on grill, skin-side down. Cook about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Turn; brown the other side. Continue to cook, turning frequently, until done.

PER SERVING: 140 calories; 1.5g fat (10 percent calories from fat); 0.5g saturated fat; 66mg cholesterol; 26g protein; 2g carbohydrate; 1g sugar; no fiber; 274mg sodium; 16mg calcium; 306mg potassium.

Adapted from "500 Low

Carb Recipes," by Dana Carpender (Fair Winds Press, \$19.95 paperback).

LOW-CARB PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

Yield: 12 cookies. Nonstick cooking spray

1 cup chunky peanut butter

1 cup sucralose (Splenda)

1 large egg

1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat a cookie sheet with cooking spray.

Stir together peanut butter, sucralose, egg and vanilla. Drop by spoonfuls onto the cookie sheet. With the tines of a fork, flatten the cookies, making a criss-cross pattern. Bake about 10 minutes, until centers are no longer wet. Let cool completely before removing from the cookie sheet.

PER COOKIE: 128 calories; 9.5g fat (65 percent calories from fat); 2g saturated fat; 18mg cholesterol; 9g protein; 6g carbohydrate; 2g fiber; 8mg sodium; 49mg calcium.

Recipe adapted from www.about.com.

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Club
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and Secret
Machines - Echo
Lounge

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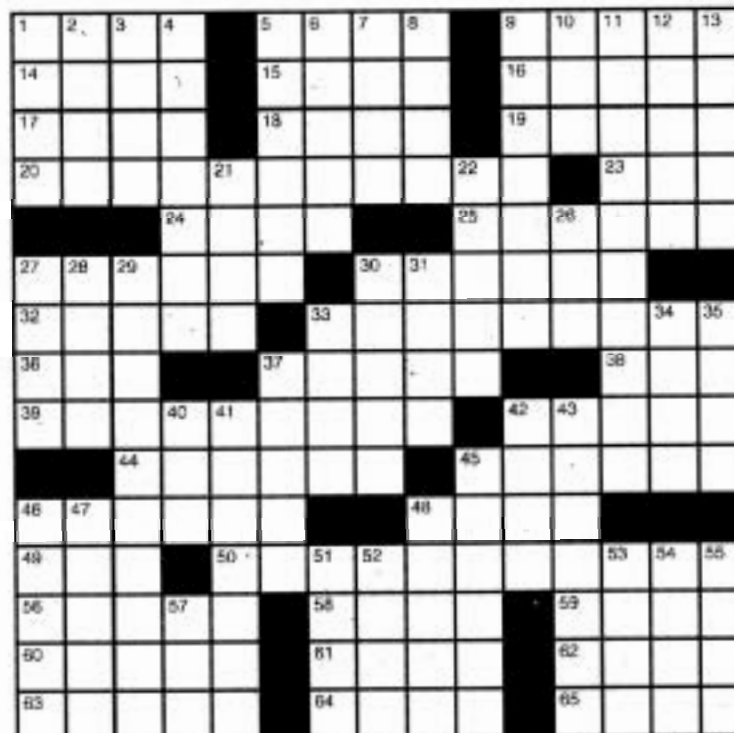
Her" to the surf-pop of
Shivaree's "Goodnight Moon."
But undoubtedly, the star of
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lady herself. In one sequence,
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as radiant as she is deadly.
She's the ultimate contradiction;
a ruthless, trained killer who
knows no other life, and a
vulnerable single mother, who
struggles to carry the burden of
her own past. Not only does
she fight her physical enemies,
she has to deal with her own
inner demons along the way to
revenge and self-discovery.
Revenge can be a liberating
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Sports

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**God willin'
and the creek
don't rise...**

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Well, another year has come and gone. Probably one of the biggest years in JSU sports since Ashley Martin. We have a conference championship in football, soccer did well, as did volleyball. In basketball the teams showed that we can come in and play with the big boys and girls. We lost a friend and one great softball player in Tera Ross.

I have covered everything this year from one of my favorite ball player's funeral, to a bar fight at Brothers. I have definitely traveled my butt off too. I went to all the away football games, save Murray and Kansas. I started writing a regular beat for a major local daily newspaper. I have had a pretty good year professionally.

But since I seldom get to write about my personal life, let me tell you that it hasn't been a cup of tea. Within six months I buried two people whom were very close to me. My mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. I took way to many classes this semester.

Now my mother is two weeks into a six-week course of radiation. She has been cancer free since having surgery. She went through six months of chemotherapy. She lost her brother-in-law. When I think

Softball takes two from SEMO

By **Mike Vaughan II**
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The first game saw JSU score an unearned run in the first inning, to be quickly answered by SEMO, who scored two in the bottom half.

JSU would tie the game in the third, though they did leave the bases loaded, squandering a great opportunity.

No one would score again until the fifth inning, when JSU's Megan Jezierski led off the inning with a walk, moving to second on a sacrifice bunt. Then senior Rachel Countryman knocked her in with a 2-RBI homer, as the Gamecocks took a two-run lead at 4-2.

SEMO put together a two run fifth of their own, capitalizing on three hits in the

frame. One of those was a two-run single that tied the game.

A sacrifice fly gave SEMO a one run lead in the sixth, but JSU put the game out of reach with a two-run seventh inning to give Emily Espenel her sixth win of the season.

On the other end of the Saturday double header, Southeast out hit JSU 9-7, but their four errors proved costly, allowing the Gamecocks four unearned runs in a 6-3 triumph.

JSU took advantage from the start, scoring one in the first inning. Taking advantage of an error to get her to first, Jezierski stole second and advanced to third on a ground out. Countryman singled to left field to score Jezierski.

Again, the teams went scoreless until the fifth, when

both teams put a tally on the board. JSU followed that inning up with a two-run inning in the sixth. The Otahkians should have been out of the inning after retiring the first two batters and allowing one hit, but an out-field let the Gamecocks off the hook, allowing JSU to claim a 4-1 edge. Then in the seventh, two more errors allowed two Gamecock runs.

The third game also went to the Gamecocks, as Katy White picked up her 13th win in a 9-5 victory on Sunday.

JSU led off the scoring in the second with a two-run homer by Countryman. Southeast Missouri came back to score one in the bottom of the inning as Jamie Birk led off the inning bombing one out of the park.

The Otahkians bumped the

score to 4-2 in the third inning, as three consecutive hits scored two runs and chased the Gamecock starting pitcher from the game. The following batter also drove in a run to cap the inning.

JSU then went on a three-inning run as they posted one run in the fourth, two in the fifth, and three in the sixth.

The fifth inning featured two home runs by Gamecock 2B Jezierski and another from Countryman. The sixth inning proved costly, as the three runs were all unearned. An error with two outs and one on base extended the inning, allowing Jezierski another homerun, this time brining in three runs.

Janae Bonin started off the seventh inning for the Gamecocks, as she blasted a shot to left center. All the

Otahkians could manage in the home half was a RBI double, as JSU finished the sweep.

The top performers in the series with the bats were Jezierski, who went 4-of-9 with five RBI and two homers, and Countryman, who smacked two dingers and drove in four. Pitching stars were Katy White, who went 2-0, and Breanne Oleman, who threw nine innings and gave up only five runs while striking out six.

JSU returns to action this week against Eastern Illinois on the road. They return to Jacksonville on April 28th to face Tennessee State in a single game, then play a three game weekend series with Tennessee Tech on May 1-2.

Sig Ep and AOPi take Greek All-Sports; BCM and Locust Fork bring home Independant All-Sports

By **Amado Ortiz**
The Chanticleer News Editor

All things must come to an end, and that includes the 2003-2004 Intramural season. Softball concluded the season with its annual conference tournament at Henry Farms Complex in

had defeated SMAK by a score of 15-14 in the last week of the regular season for softball to gain the #1 seed. However, it was all SMAK as they defeated Locust Fork by a score of 31-7 with Jonathan Barksdale going 4-5 with 4 homeruns.

The Fraternity Match-up featured Pi Kappa Phi vs. the regular season champions Kappa Alpha

Smith ties record with two grand slams

From staff reports

Senior Scott Smith set a school record by slugging two grand slams to lead Jacksonville State (15-19, 7-5 OVC) to a 19-5 win over Eastern Kentucky (8-4) in the final game of a three-game Ohio Valley Conference series Sunday afternoon.

The Cumming, Ga., native slapped his first grand slam in the second inning, a 13-pitch at-bat. He then sailed his second grand slam down the leftfield line in the bottom of the sixth inning to fin-

chemotherapy. She lost her brother-in-law. When I think my life sucks, I look at her and things just don't seem that bad anymore. Thanks for pushing me.

My dad, who my friends refer to as a "ruff looking man", hasn't had it easy either. He never left my mother's side. When I wanted to kill the doctors for hurting my mother, he told me they were just trying to help. He smoked with me right before I had to put my uncle in the ground. Thanks for telling me I am not nuts.

To everyone else who helped me these past two semesters, thanks. I love each and every one of you.

Now to the people who are leaving.

Katja has made me laugh since I knew her. One of the few people who can rival me for being dramatic, something is always going wrong with her layout, or she can't get the cameras to work or something. She cusses whatever is wrong is Finnish or occasionally English. The office will not be the same without her around. I'll miss you a lot.

And Danni. Danni and I have worked together for about eight years. We disagree on pretty much everything. Our writing styles and management styles are on opposite ends of the spectrum. Our senses of humor usually don't match either. I guess I'll miss her a little bit.

So with my famous line, God willin' and the creek don't rise I'll see y'all next year. I will say that I have applied for the Editor in Chief of The Chanticleer. So maybe, if the powers that be see fit this just might be my last sports column. I can't tell you how much fun I have had doing this. Just three semesters ago, I was "the guy after 'the Guy'". I had been drinking when I took the job, and had asked myself several times just what had I gotten myself into. What ever it was, I have had a blast. See you guys next semester.

Jordan concluded the season with its annual conference tournament at Henry Farms Complex in Jacksonville.

The first game of the day featured Pi Kappa Phi vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon. Sig Ep was looking to even the series with Pi Kapp after dropping the first two games and receiving a forfeit win from Pi Kapp due to scheduling problems. Pi Kapp got some unexpected pop at the top of their lineup as Chris Steketee went yard and led the way as Pi Kapp won 13-8.

Alpha Omicron Pi defeated Zeta Tau Alpha in the first semifinal sorority game 6-5.

Hoop Phi (a team compiled of JSU women's basketball team) defeated Wesley Foundation for the Women's Championship by a score of 15-2.

Alpha Omicron Pi defeated regular season champion Alpha Xi Delta by a score of 10-4. This game was almost a complete opposite from the fall when AOPI went into the flag football championship as the #1 seed and got knocked off by Alpha Xi Delta. Alpha Xi Delta was the #1 seed in softball and got knocked off by AOPI.

Hoop Phi won the overall Women's Championship.

ROTC defeated BCM in the Championship game of the Co-Rec league by a score of 12-4.

SMAK went into the Championship Game against Regular season champion Locust Fork with a little revenge on their mind. Locust Fork

vs. the regular season champions Kappa Alpha Order. The two teams played three close games during the season with KA winning all of them by pulling away late in the game but Pi Kapp would not be denied as they jumped on KA early and held on for the victory 24-13. Steketee, Doug White, Ross Nelson, Dave Williams all went deep to pave the way for Pi Kapp.

SMAK won the overall Men's Championship by defeating Pi Kappa Phi by a final score of 28-16.

Congratulations are in order for the All-Sports Champions, Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.

The big winner this year was Sigma Phi Epsilon taking home 3 awards.

Sig Ep won All-Sports Champion, All-Sportsmanship Champion for having the overall best sportsmanship rating for the entire year, and the Sportsman of the Year, Ricky Reynolds.

Alpha Omicron Pi won the Sorority All-Sports Championship, while Ashley Scott from Alpha Xi Delta won Sportswoman of the Year.

Locust Fork won the Men's Conference All-Sports Championship, while Joseph Holler from Boycotters won Sportsman of the Year.

Wesley Foundation won Women's Conference All-Sports Championship, while Cristy Grizzard from Wesley Foundation won the Sportswoman of the Year.

Ford drives herself to work hard; helps drive Gamecocks to great season

By Mike Vaughan II
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I believe this is probably the best backup performance I've had since I started writing profiles here. I was originally scheduled to interview Katy White, but unfortunately she was ill the day we were to speak, so I decided to perform a first. Jessica Ford is the first player I've quizzed that hails from the state of Alabama.

Ford was the 1998 Class 2A All-State Most Valuable Player in softball coming out of Sand Rock. Her senior year, she also received the Gadsden Times Player of the Year, as well as an al-section selection.

She played slow pitch before coming here, playing on 295-300 foot fields. "I came up here the summer of my first year to work with Coach Wisener," says Ford. "My first year was a nightmare for me. At times I was wondering what

I was doing here."

She chose JSU over the other in-state schools because of the coaches. "I came here because I've always known coach McGinnis, because we live like ten minutes from each other," she says. "I'd always come to camps here, and my high school coach played here for coach as well. I've always been a home body, and I live like 30 minutes from campus so its not too far, but far enough I don't have to live at home."

The elementary education major sees a five year plan for herself. "Five years from now I hope to be teaching and coaching somewhere with a stable life," says ford. "Maybe married, I'd like to be married." She also plans to apply in a few states once she leaves here. "Wherever the good Lord takes me, that's where I'll go."

I hated to ask the Tera question, but when interviewing a senior, it's unfortunately unavoidable. "It was tough, because Tera and I were good friends,

and she always had the right thing to say at each moment," says Ford.. "I miss her so much. Just seeing that smile helped, because I could see her smile when I had a bad day and it would pick me up. Sometimes when I felt bad, she would go buy me a card just as a little pick me up because that's the way she was. This is definitely not how Rachael (Countryman) and I planned for our last year to go."

Then it was time for the three-to-an-island question. "Rachael Countryman would be one of those because she's my best friend, and helped me through so many things, and she's just so fun to be around," says Ford. "We always have a great time together. Secondly, if I were in the coaching field, I'd like to have Pat Summitt there with me, just to learn how she thinks in certain situations, and know how she stays so calm. Plus, she'd probably figure out a way off the island." I asked her who would be preparing the food. "Well, none of us

second inning, a 13-pitch at-bat. He then sailed his second grand slam down the leftfield line in the bottom of the sixth inning to finish the game with eight RBI, which also tied a school Division I record.

"When we put it all together, offensively and defensively, we can be a pretty good club," said JSU head coach Jim Case. "We were able to hit the ball early and after the first inning, Bobby (Wynns) settled down and pitched six solid innings."

EKU took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning after Neil Sellers had a RBI double to give the Colonels the early lead, but it didn't last long.

Winston Pearson had a one-out triple to right center and Robby Goodson slapped a two-run homerun over the scoreboard in right field to give JSU a 2-1 lead. Austin Stein followed with a walk, Danny Civello reached after being hit by a pitch before Jake Ball slapped a three-run homer to left field as the Gamecocks took a 5-1 lead.

In the bottom of the second inning, JSU added six runs, highlighted by Smith's first grand slam and a RBI double by Pearson and a RBI single by Civello as JSU took a 10-run lead.

Jax State held an 11-1 lead until the Gamecocks exploded for seven runs in the sixth inning. Bobby Hicks had a sacrifice fly, Jason Horn and Austin Stein each had RBI singles before Smith blasted his second grand slam of the day as JSU built an 18-1 lead.

Pearson finished the day 4-for-5 and scored four times as the Gamecocks' posted 20 hits in the game. Horn and Smith each finished with three hits, while Goodson, Ball and Cory Tucker each added two hits. JSU also finished the game with four homeruns, the most homers in a single-game under head coach Jim Case.

can cook, so I'll take a cook with me, because Rachael sure can't cook, and I can't."

Then I popped my unusual question, as in a stand-up comic champion in the OVC. Again, from a softball player, I got a common response. "Melinda McDonald," says Ford. "She just comes up with these goofy things, she's just goofy, and always funny, and to go with her would be Becky Carpenetti. That girl doesn't take anything, she's a smart mouth, and not afraid to say anything at anytime, and got some bite to back it up."

The to finish, I asked her about her personal goal for the end of the season. "No errors for myself in my position, and I'd like to finish with about a .350 batting average for the season." Then for a preferred team she'd like to play. "I guess the best of the best, why not, because you only get better and tell how good you are by playing the best people."

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