

JSU Greeks give back to community



Courtesy JSU Greek Life

Jacksonville State University's Greek organizations sponsored the 1st Annual Greek Fair on the Jacksonville Square on Saturday. The event included games and prizes for children in the Jacksonville community. Above: Colin Casey participates in the Softball Toss, monitored by member of Kappa Alpha Order, Chris Cook. The booth was sponsored by JSU Greek chapters Kappa Alpha Order, Delta Sigma Theta, and Omega Psi Phi.

By Rosalind L. Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

The Jacksonville State University Greek community recently held their annual Greek Week activities. This is the first Greek Week in a while, since the organizations did not organize the event last year due to scheduling conflicts.

Jacksonville State University's Greek community currently consists of 16 organizations, representing three distinct councils, the National PanHellenic Council, the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council.

"During my freshman year we had Greek Week," said Jenny Wentworth, the Panhellenic representative of the Greek Week committee, "and I remember that it wasn't really structured and it wasn't well publicized."

One of the major goals of the committee included making sure that organizations knew about Greek Week and that it created more unity among the different Greek councils.

"We are really excited about Greek Week activities this year, since we didn't have them last year," said Wentworth. "My

favorite event so far has been the Greek Fair, because we were able to provide events for the children in the Jacksonville City."

This year's Greek Week activities focused on giving back to the Jacksonville community and faculty and staff members of JSU's campus.

Greek Week began with a Greek Fair that took place Saturday, which focused on providing games and fun events for the children of the Jacksonville community.

Children participated in face painting booths, ring tosses, the duck pond, and other special events for prizes. JSU's Greek organizations sold tickets for \$0.25 a piece and raised about \$250.00. The proceeds from the fair will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Jacksonville.

"I think it is the purpose of Greek organizations to help out the community and each organization has different philanthropies and I think that we want the community to know that we want to help out," Wentworth said.

On Monday, the various Greek

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Racing to a tie? Presidential contest could easily end up even

Northwestern journalism students say they deserve all those A's

contest could easily end up even say they deserve all those A's

By Helen Kennedy
New York Daily News (KRT)

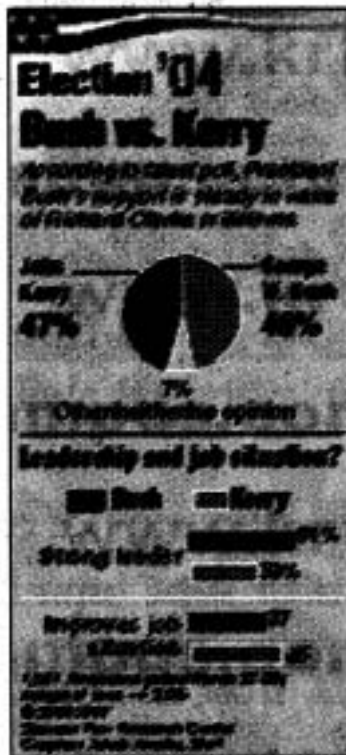
WASHINGTON — In 2000, it was a recount. This time, it could be a tie. Yes, get ready for the horrifying possibility that this election could prompt a worse constitutional crisis than the last one did.

Four years after the electoral mess in Florida, the nation remains deeply polarized and polls in the swing states show a very real chance of an Electoral College tie.

"It's not as unlikely as most people might imagine," said Electoral College expert Michael White at the National Archives. "There are only about 16 states in play this time, so it doesn't take much figuring to get to a tie."

To win, a candidate needs 270 of the 538 electoral votes. The way the states are leaning, there are several scenarios under which both George Bush and John Kerry end up with 269 — one electoral vote short.

In that case, the House of



easy. The simplest scenario is this: If all the states except Louisiana vote the same way in 2004 as they did in 2000, it's a tie.

Another scenario, plausible because polls are neck and neck in all four states, projects that two Al Gore states — Wisconsin and New Mexico — flip to Bush, and two Bush states — New Hampshire and Ohio — flip to Kerry.

Presto, it's even-steven again. Come November, people may start getting nostalgic for a simple 36-day Florida recount.

The states that might swing it:

OHIO
20 electoral votes
2000: Bush won by 165,019 votes
Current poll: Kerry 46 percent; Bush 44 percent

No Republican has ever been elected without carrying Ohio, but the jobs crisis could hurt Bush here.

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By Robert Becker
Chicago Tribune (KRT)

Although high grades have some academics concerned about grade inflation, students at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism offer a simple explanation: They deserve them.

A's accounted for 56 percent of the undergraduate grades during the just-completed winter quarter at Medill, according to an internal university report.

"When you come to a school like Northwestern, everyone's a perfectionist anyway and is intelligent," said Kellie Mitchell, a freshman from Kansas City, Kan., who received three A-minuses and a B her first quarter.

But the avalanche of A's has the Medill faculty and administrators concerned. Medill Dean Loren Ghiglione has set up a committee to study the matter and is even talking about reviving the nearly extinct grade of C.

Ghiglione said at a meeting with Medill faculty there was a consensus to "try to reintroduce this notion: To get a C at Medill is not a horrible thing."

Grade inflation is hardly unique to Medill or Northwestern. Other top schools, including Princeton and Harvard, have wrestled with spiraling GPAs, experts say.

At the University of Chicago, 65 percent of the graduating undergraduate class of '03 earned general honors, meaning the students

finished their careers with a GPA of at least 3.25. That's up from 50 percent of the graduates in 1989 earning general honors. The increase has prompted university officials to consider raising the threshold for general honors.

Meanwhile, grade creep has continued, albeit more modestly, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where 46 percent of undergrad grades were A's during the spring

2002 semester. That's up from 42.4 percent during the 1999 spring semester.

The rise in grades at schools around the country has sparked soul-searching, debate and administrative consternation.

Education officials decry the "Lake Wobegon" effect, where suddenly all students are now above average, and the grade of C has been con-

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Kerry indecisive about running mate

By Rosalind L. Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

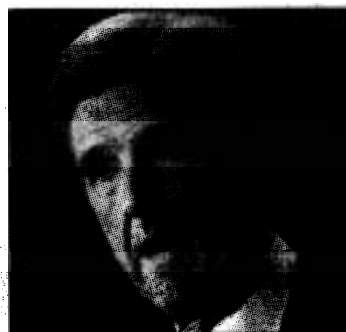
Democrats across the nation are anxiously awaiting current senator and democratic presidential candidate, John Kerry's decision for a 2004 presidential election running mate. Rumors have surfaced, pairing Kerry with potentials as various as former democratic candidate, John Edwards, Iowa governor, Tom Vilsack, and senate colleague, John McCain.

According to a report in the New York Post, Kerry "is looking to name a running mate

early, by the end of May, to help raise money, build momentum and serve as an attack dog."

One thing that has become evident is that Kerry is not rushing into his decision. In selecting a running mate, Kerry must choose based on his major issues and the type of candidate that would be more beneficial for the Democratic Party, according to AOL.com political analysts.

A poll that is currently being conducted by AOL.com asks, "What quality is most important in Kerry's running mate choice?" The popular opinion



John Kerry/(KRT)

on this Web site poll currently lists **experience**, geographic appeal, and personality as the top qualities the running mate should possess.

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Tigger accepts the call

JSUPD drug dog, official member of force



The Chanticleer/Erin Chupp

On Thursday, April 1, 2004, Jacksonville State University's Police Department awarded, Tigger, the JSUPD golden retriever, with a badge. This act made Tigger an official officer of the JSUPD force.

By the numbers:

Price of a gallon of gas in San Francisco:

\$1.90

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Baseball:
April 6 - Birmingham Southern 6, JSU 4
Friday - at Eastern Illinois 1 p.m.

Softball:
April 3 - Eastern Kentucky 12, JSU 3
April 4 - JSU 10, Eastern Kentucky 2
Friday - vs. U. of Tennessee-Martin 3 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Xi Delta: Thanks to our great Greek Week partner, Delta Chi! We had such a great time this week with all of you. Sister of the week is Amy Walker. 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.

College Democrats: The College Democrats will present speaker, Danny Jones from Alabama Arise, a political action and lobbying group, at Merrill Building, RM 208 on April 12 at 7 p.m. Mr. Jones will speak about Alabama Arise agenda, landlord tenant laws, payday loans and other topics.
Contact: Constance Brewster, jsu8684d@student-mail.jsu.edu or Nadine, ngmz@bellsouth.net.

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.

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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 stephddeese@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 Alumni Scholarships are also available. The department will hold a scholarship board on April 2. **Contact:** Captain Shackelford, 782-5601.

Panhellenic Council: Thank you to everyone that attended the 1st Annual Greek Fair this past Saturday. We raised over \$200 for the Jacksonville Boys and Girls Club. Good job to all of the chapters that participated in Greek Week! **Contact:** Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.

Student Government Association: SGA and K98 Present: "Fuel" on Friday, April 9 at 8 p.m. in Pete Matthews Coliseum. Tickets on Sale Now and at the Door. **Contact:** Jennifer Mince, 782-5495.

Sigma Nu: The men of Sigma Nu would thank Alpha Omicron Pi and Phi Beta Sigma for a great Greek Week. We had fun! Hope everyone has a great week. Study hard and keep those grades up!

Greeks: promote healthy fun

from Greeks, page 1

council pairings continued Greek Week activities by participating in the Penny Drop competition and providing a Faculty Appreciation barbecue during lunch hours.

"We had a lot of participation from our Greek members and the faculty," said Megan Radison, assistant director of Student Life.

The organizations have been working together to promote the community and campus through philanthropy projects and a focus on unity.

"I have had a lot of fun seeing the Jacksonville community come out and our Greeks working with the community and small children," said Radison, "because those could be future JSU students and potentially future Greek students."

The Penny Drop, which began on Monday, was conducted to raise proceeds for the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Greek Week, however, is not just about community awareness and philanthropy. JSU's Greek community is not afraid of a little competition.

The week continued with a Greek Olympics on Tuesday



Courtesy JSU Greek Life

Delta Zeta members look on as children in the Jacksonville Community are entertained at their duck pond booth.

that consisted of games such as Dizzy Izzy, Little Talladega, a Melon Toss and Tug-O-War. Little Talladega, which Radison felt would prove to be most entertaining, consisted of team members racing around Paul Carpenter Village while riding children-sized three-wheelers.

"Some of the fun activities are messy and some are dirty, but it has been really fun to see our Greek members get out there and have fun together," said Radison. "We formed teams this year, so that across the councils Greeks were working together for a common goal."

Other events that took place during Greek Week included the Greek Talent Show, a presentation by another organization, Sigma Pi, which hopes to come

to the campus next year.

The organizations also came together to hold a Voter Registration Drive because it has been a major programming concentration of the National PanHellenic Council.

The activities of Greek Week will come to an end today with a Greek Awards Ceremony, where chapters and members will receive awards. The awards will include Greek Woman of the Year, Greek Man of the Year and other chapter awards.

Overall, things have been looking up for Greek Week this year, by combining community service, unity and healthy competition into a week of organized fun.

from Poll, page 1

NEW MEXICO

5 electoral votes
2000: Gore won by 366 votes
Current poll: Kerry 44 percent;
Bush 43 percent

Bush and his team have lavished visits on New Mexico, but Kerry only made a brief primary

est state in 2000 and has since lost more than 80,000 manufacturing jobs.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

4 electoral votes
2000: Bush won by 7,211 votes
Current poll: Bush 45 percent;
Kerry 39 percent

Bush's only Northeast victory in 2000, the state has lost nearly

Current poll: Kerry 48 percent;
Bush 45 percent

Dems aren't too confident, but say they don't need Florida if Kerry can bag Ohio and Pennsylvania.

PENNSYLVANIA

21 electoral votes
2000: Gore won by 204,840

Sigma Nu: The men of Sigma Nu would thank Alpha Omicron Pi and Phi Delta Sigma for a great Greek Week. We had fun! Hope everyone has a great week. Study hard and keep those grades up!
Contact: Dave Chambers, 435-9809.

Tau Sigma Lambda: Congratulations to Josh Boyd on a successful Junior Recital Thursday night! Thanks to the sisters of Delta Zeta for Saturday's Bowling for Dollars- we had a great time and it was a huge success! Good luck to Jeff Webb, Jason Sanders, and Joseph McElrath on the tasks before you. **Contact:** Jason Hallberg, jmhallberg1@hotmail.com.

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.

Zeta Tau Alpha: Congratulations to our newly initiated sisters. Good luck to everyone during Greek week! We look forward to working with Sig Ep. Thanks to Stephanie Deese for a great formal Saturday night! Have a great week. Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Heather Moore, heathern16@hotmail.com.

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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

- April 1 – Brandon Dewayne Westcott, 18, of Birmingham was arrested for liquor-minor in consumption occurring at Hwy 204 and 21
- April 1 – Nathan Daniel Patterson, 21, of Gadsden was arrested for DUI occurring at Hwy 204 and 21
- April 1 – Christan Dalton Brannon, 18, of Birmingham was arrested for liquor-minor in consumption occurring at Hwy 204 and 21
- April 1 – Robert Morton Smith Jr., 23, of Anniston was arrested for DUI occurring at Hwy 21 and George Douthit
- April 1 – Clifford-Claren Ward III, 23, of Wilmington, Del. was arrested for open container occurring at Hwy 21 and George Douthit
- April 2 – Bradley Duncan Klinner, 23, was arrested for DUI occurring at Hwy 21 and Clinton Dr.
- April 2 – Jeremy Ray Price, 19, was arrested for liquor- minor in possession occurring at Pelham Rd and Clinton Dr.
- April 2 – Weldon Monroe, 41, was arrested for DUI occurring at Church Ave and Thomas Ave.

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.

ished visits on New Mexico, but Kerry only made a brief primary appearance.

WISCONSIN

10 electoral votes
 2000: Gore won by 5,704 votes
 Current poll: Kerry 46 percent;
 Bush 43 percent
 Wisconsin was the third clos-

Bush's only Northeast victory in 2000, the state has lost nearly 18 percent of its manufacturing jobs in the past two years.

The wild cards:

FLORIDA

27 electoral votes
 2000: Bush won by 537 votes

2000: Gore won by 204,840 votes

Current poll: Kerry 45 percent;
 Bush 44 percent

Bush has visited Pennsylvania more than any other state, showing how key he considers the Keystone State.

The Chanticleer would like to congratulate all the award winners at the Department of Communication's annual awards banquet.

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Grades: University questions student motivation

from **Grades**, page 1

signed to the academic dustbin. They say that since schools have started treating their charges more like consumers than students, the focus has shifted to customer satisfaction from education.

"The rise of the consumer in higher education . . . has set up an expectation in the minds of students that, given the effort and the cost incurred, they're entitled to minimal satisfaction grade-wise," said Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Some faculty members say the rash of high grades also has had an adverse impact on learning.

"When they can go into a class and know they can get a B-plus without lifting a finger, the motivation is gone," said Stuart Rojstaczer, a professor of environmental sciences at Duke University who has studied grade inflation.

While anecdotal accounts of grade inflation abound, comprehensive statistical studies examining the matter remain as rare as a failing

grade.

But a new study by U.S. Department of Education researcher Clifford Adelman steps into that void. Surprisingly, Adelman finds little change in grade distribution over the decades. Adelman, who tracked the academic careers of thousands of students through their college transcripts, found that A's made up about the same proportion - about 31 percent - of total undergraduate grades at highly selective colleges in the 1980s and the 1990s.

But at Medill, inflation has been real.

According to the survey, grades in the A range make up 56 percent of undergrad grades in the winter quarter, while B-range grades account for 42 percent. Two percent of the grades were in the C range, although no student received a grade below C-plus, according to the survey.

By way of comparison, A-range grades accounted for only 33 percent of undergrad marks in 1994.

Grades on the Evanston campus have crept higher since the 1980s. A November 2000 study reported that the average undergraduate grade

point average had risen to 3.32 in the fall quarter of 1998 from 2.99 in the fall of 1982.

Medill's Ghiglione says there are a number of possible factors underlying the leap in top grades, including the school's competitive and talented students, and small classes, which allow for close interaction with the faculty.

Ghiglione also said the school offers students opportunities for improving grades through extra work, such as rewriting assignments.

"We might restrict the amount of extra credit that might be available in a class," he said.

Noting the slight dip in high grades since the faculty began discussing the issue last quarter, Ghiglione said, "I hope now that we've really begun to focus on it, we'll have even more improvement."

But students say they're not sure anything needs to change.

"In my experience, I don't feel I've ever received a good grade when I've done poorly - or the reverse," said Ally Freeman, a Medill junior from Omaha.

Kerry: Will choose wisely

from **Kerry**, page 1

Barbie Adler, president of Selective Search, a Chicago matchmaking company, stated to the Dallas Morning News that, "since John Kerry is very, very serious, his running mate



Judge throws out broadcaster's suit to restore Moore to bench

By The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - A federal judge dismissed a Christian broadcaster's lawsuit to have Roy Moore reinstated as chief justice.

U.S. District Judge Truman Hobbs rejected Kelly McGinley's claim that her federal due process and voting rights were violated when the non-elected state Court of the Judiciary removed Moore from office for ethics violations.

Hobbs issued only a one-page order Friday in declining the suit by McGinley, who hosts a radio talk show in Mobile.

"It's an unconstitutional process," McGinley said Monday of the Court of the Judiciary. "He should have been tried by the Legislature."

Her attorney, Jim Zeigler of Mobile, said he would "prayerfully consider" whether to file an appeal with the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"The legal options for restoring Judge Moore to the

bench are getting slimmer and slimmer," Zeigler said in a statement issued Monday. "It will probably take political action by Alabama voters to return Judge Moore to office."

The 11th Circuit previously upheld a ruling against McGinley in another suit involving Moore and his Ten Commandments monument. McGinley claimed in that suit that the removal of the 5,300-pound monument violated the First Amendment by establishing a "nontheistic religion" or faith.

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ual, since John Kerry is very, very serious, his running mate should be a bit more human."

Some democrats, however, are very concerned that Kerry lacks urgency in his selection of a viable running mate.

According to political analysts, an early pick would allow Kerry to boost fundraising and to help fight off attacks from the Bush administration.

Several potential running mates for Kerry have surfaced in the media. One pairing, of John Kerry and John Edwards, has received positive and negative support.

According to Knight Ridder Newspapers, the last team of senators to successfully win the White House was John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson in 1960.

While some democrats fear that it would be too risky to place two current senators on the same presidential ticket, others believe Edwards' strength could add a needed contrast to the dynamics of Bush and Cheney.

Many feel that Kerry and Edwards together would provide a needed balance. Still others look to a pairing of Kerry and senate colleague, John McCain.

According to AOL.com political analyst, Michelle Cottle, in March, McCain told "Good Morning America," that he would entertain running with Kerry as vice president on the democratic ticket.

However, McCain may not be the type of running mate that Kerry is searching for. Other names that have emerged in the media as possible running mates include Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico and Iowa Gov., Tom Vilsack.

According to the Boston Herald, a democrat with close ties to Kerry stated that, "There's great chemistry between Kerry and Vilsack. They really hit it off."

Whether this chemistry will spark and compel Kerry to choose Vilsack as his running mate remains to be seen.

Kerry intends on keeping his



John Edwards/(KRT)

Media reports speculate that current Senator, Edwards will be a potential Kerry running mate.

prospective candidates for running mate very secretive. Some democrats feel that an early pick would give Kerry big headlines as big dates and venues approach.

All in all, Kerry's search continues. Selecting a running mate is a very serious consideration and democrats want



John McCain/(KRT)

Some democrats are hopeful that senate colleague, John McCain, will join Kerry on the presidential ticket.

someone that will support Kerry and not harm his agenda.

"There is an art to selecting a vice president who is interesting enough to help you on the trail, but in no way prompts voters to ask, "So why isn't he running the show?" said Cottle.

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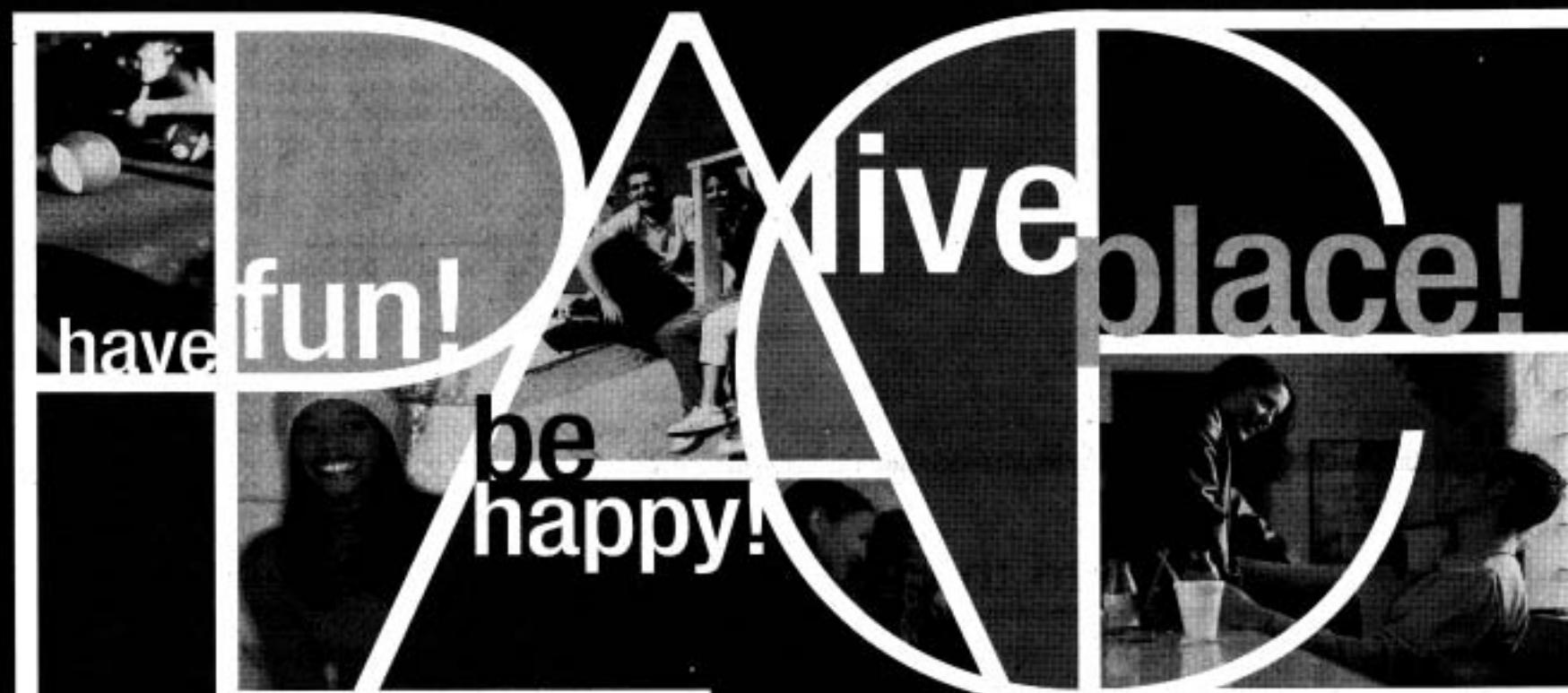
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OPINION

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IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“Are you going to the Fuel concert? Why or why not?”

— Compiled by
Erin Chupp
Photo Editor



Tommy Barclay
Junior
Business Management

“I’d rather go home and see my mom for free than pay money to see Fuel.”



Jessica Bobo
Senior
Nursing

“I’m excited that my friends are

Finding cures for an SUV, oil-addicted nation

Knight Ridder/Tribune News
appeared in *Miami Herald*

The main culprit behind today’s record price for a gallon of gasoline in the United States isn’t OPEC, or the Bush administration, or Congress. The real cause of gas-pump sticker shock is American consumers’ addiction to the automobile and the lifestyle that it allows.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is simply taking advantage of the addiction. Congress and the Bush administration, like other legislative bodies and administrations before them, are aiders and abettors to our oil dependence.

We Americans believe that we are entitled to own big cars and have cheap gas, too, and to have all the freedom that these accouterments imply. We have long commutes to work from sprawling suburban homes and scoff at the

idea of mass transit. Rarely has a president or member of Congress had the temerity to challenge Americans’ love affair with cars.

This is why more than half of all vehicles sold in the United States last year were gas-guzzling sport-utility vehicles or oversized pickup trucks. Congress, with the support of President Bush, has refused to impose sensible fuel-economy standards on these behemoths, which

would increase their fuel efficiency and reduce pollution. Now that it costs upward of \$50 per fill up, some drivers are demanding that Congress and the White House do something to reduce gas prices.

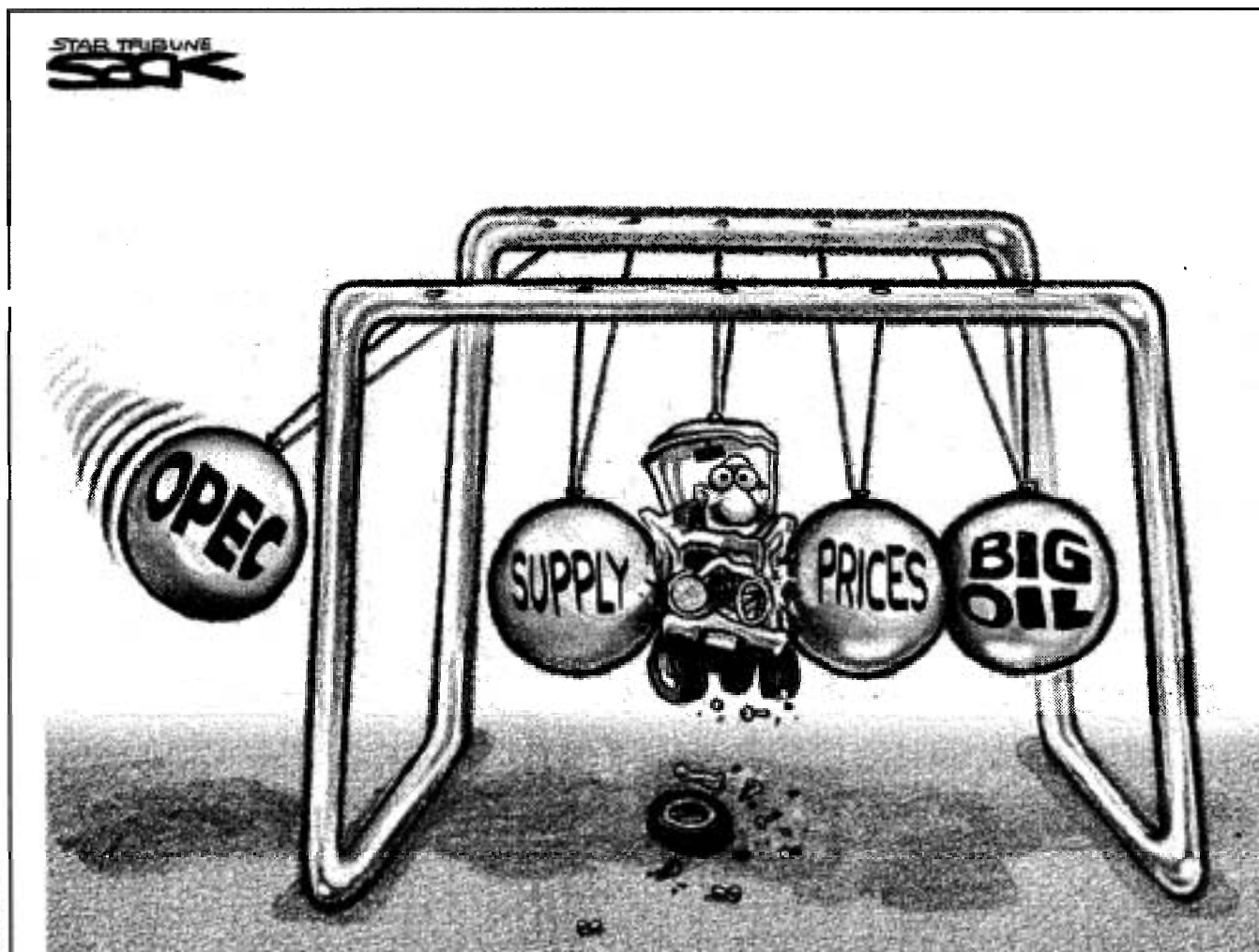
In response, the Bush administration and the presumed Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. John Kerry, are trading potshots at each other’s energy policies. But neither has a meaningful

new idea. Kerry suggests a temporary halt to rebuilding the nation’s Strategic Petroleum Reserve to force OPEC to lower its prices. That would be unwise. President Bush wants the Senate to adopt his energy bill to allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other U.S. territory now off-limits to drilling. That’s not a long-term solution. To his credit, Kerry is pushing for alterna-

tive energy sources and more conservation efforts. Real leadership requires a recognition that America’s insatiable appetite for fossil fuels helps to create sprawl, pollutes the environment, contributes to the decay of our urban centers and often influences our foreign policy to cozy up to repressive regimes.

Rather than seek to lower gas prices, Congress should impose tougher fuel-efficiency standards. It should increase tax incentives for owners of hybrid and electric vehicles and, most important, hike the federal gas tax, with the proceeds funding mass-transit improvements and alternative-fuel research.

Permanent higher pump prices would begin to curtail Americans’ oil dependence and spur consideration of other options. When U.S. consumers talk, political and business communities listen. That’s how we got into this mess. Now it’s time to push consumers in a more-sensible direction.



"I'm excited that my friends are going and that SGA has done such a great job. It's very cheap for such an awesome band."



Heather Hildreth
Freshman
Secondary Education

"No, because it's too much money to pay for a college student."



Jeff Veach
Sophomore
Undecided

"No. Fuel blows."

urban homes
and scoff at the

direction.

Cell phone privacy: Listed, like it or not?

Knight Ridder/Tribune News
appeared in *Philadelphia Inquirer*

Are you choosy about whom you give your cell phone number to? It may come as a shock that, by year's end, anybody and everybody might have your number.

Not only that, you might have unwittingly granted permission for that to happen. In a matter of months, many cell phone companies hope to work out the technical details permitting them to list millions of numbers in an electronic 411 directory.

They're promising to protect phone users' privacy. But an industry guarantee alone may not be sufficient.

So before the directory is launched, Congress needs to

air fully a number of proposals aimed at safeguarding cell phone users' private information, as well as their numbers, if they choose to be left alone.

Creating a wireless directory would be a major change for phone customers. Maybe the only people to welcome such a directory would be the 7.5 million Americans who rely exclusively on cell phones. Right now, their numbers are out of reach, while landline phone users can be found in the White Pages.

Conduct a caller-in-the-street survey, though, and you'd probably find many millions of wireless users who aren't eager to share their numbers.

That's because, for many cell phone users, one of the

technology's chief virtues is that the only calls they receive are calls they've invited. Their cell phones are available only to family, friends or business associates to whom they give the number.

And then there's the money factor: An annoying phone call on a landline wastes only your time and patience. A nuisance cell phone call could also waste precious minutes of your allotment and end up costing money.

The familiar ads remind us "they're your minutes," and say we should be able to keep them. Well, the commercials might just as well say it's our money, so we should be able to decide whether to keep it.

Any cell phone directory

should offer customers the right to exclude their name and number. But unlike the White Pages, there should be no fee to remain unlisted.

That's the thrust of proposed legislation offered late last year by a bipartisan group of lawmakers. The Wireless 411 Privacy Act deserves a hearing, and the sooner, the better. It's before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where new chairman Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, would find this a popular cause among millions of consumers.

Industry officials working on the directory aren't keen on having Congress step in. They contend phone companies are taking steps to keep data private, and will allow customers to opt out of the

listings.

Deep in the fine print of major phone carriers' agreements, though, is wording that permits listing names and numbers in a directory. Didn't read the fine print amid the excitement of acquiring that nifty picture phone? Probably not. If it's left up to customers to opt out of any directory, many are going to miss the chance and end up in a directory against their will.

It's significant that the nation's largest carrier, Verizon Wireless, pledges it won't include its 36 million customers in a directory. Congress should ensure that all cell phone users' wishes on this issue are respected.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Issue 26 of *The Chanticleer* had a letter from a young lady who is in charge of publicity for the SGA. In the letter she said: "my budget." With the tone of the letter taken into consideration I just have to ask:

Who's money is she speaking of?

As a student, is some of that money mine? I had an experience last semester where I had written to *The Chanticleer*, and found my own words echoed back at me from the other side, by a spokesper-

son from the SGA while my letter was never printed.

So who's money is she speaking of? I will let the SGA use my words if they lack some of their own, but, I'd like to draw the line at cash.

Larry Welch

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FORWARDING THE MESSAGE OF THE HOLOCAUST

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer Photo Editor

Can you imagine being woken up at 4 a.m. by the sound of a beating drum, and when you stumble out of bed, squinting your eyes, you go to the door and hear the worst news of your life?

"They told us to be ready within one hour, and to assemble right in front of our houses, and we could only take whatever we could carry ourselves," Max Steinmetz said. Steinmetz, who was forced to leave his Transylvanian home, is a survivor of the Holocaust.

He spoke to a crowd of over 400 people Thursday evening in the Ernest Stone Theater, many of them high school students.

Every detail was real to those in attendance, but one could not put himself in the shoes of 79-year old Steinmetz. Inside each head, imaginations were running, trying to imagine how you would feel if you were in a labor camp at the age of 13.

A few of the students tried to capture their feelings on paper, when the winners of the "Imagining the Holocaust" writing competition read their works aloud.



The Chanticleer/Katja Sunnarborg

Max Steinmetz at the far left taking part on Kaddish, which is a prayer recited after the death of close relatives, with some of the members of Temple Beth-Al in Anniston. Steinmetz spoke to over 400 people last Thursday in the Ernest Stone Theatre, many of them high school students.

Amelia Bass from Coleman Middle School said her teacher assigned the topic as a paper and that she really got into it. "I thought it was a horrible, horrible act," Bass said about the Holocaust.

Speaking into the microphone slow and with poise, Bass could probably relate better than others because she is about the same age as Steinmetz when he was sent to the concentration camp.

Steinmetz was forced to walk to a railroad station with many other Jews. They were met by German SS and a freight train that would soon become their living quarters for the next three days, with only one bucket of

water and a slice of bread.

"There was not enough room for everybody to sit down or to stand up," Steinmetz said.

When they opened the train doors he was in Auschwitz, one of the most infamous concentration camps. Steinmetz remembers being shoved off the train and being put into lines. Dr. Josef Mendal, "the angel of death," stood in front of them.

With the point of his stick, Mendal selected the Jews to either move to the right or to the left. At this point they did not know the meaning of the two groups, or even why they were there.

Steinmetz vividly recalls the two-piece suit the Germans gave him after his shower, white and blue stripes with a yellow star of David on his left chest and his back. "My name died at that moment," he said, "I was referred to as 7241."

Later that night, still very confused, Steinmetz finally had the opportunity to ask another prisoner some questions. He asked him what the foul stench in the air was, and the man asked him where the rest of his family was.

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Can you imagine it could happen again?

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



Are we reminded enough about all the things that should never happen again? Think about it. Last Thursday I attended, for the first time, the annual Holocaust Commemoration at the Stone Center theatre. I listened Max Steinmetz telling his story, how he lost his family and was the only one to survive the concentration camps, including Auschwitz. I listened but I couldn't comprehend. How can you even imagine something like that? How can you possibly understand what any of the survivors went through?

I was deeply affected by the Holocaust Commemoration and it made me proud to think that, at least, our school and community cares. Still, do we think about it enough? Are we doing everything we can so it would never happen again? Do we really see the whole picture of this horrible act? Do we acknowledge that it happens everyday all around the world to different kinds of people because of the color of their skin, the religion they believe in, or just because they are innocent bystanders?

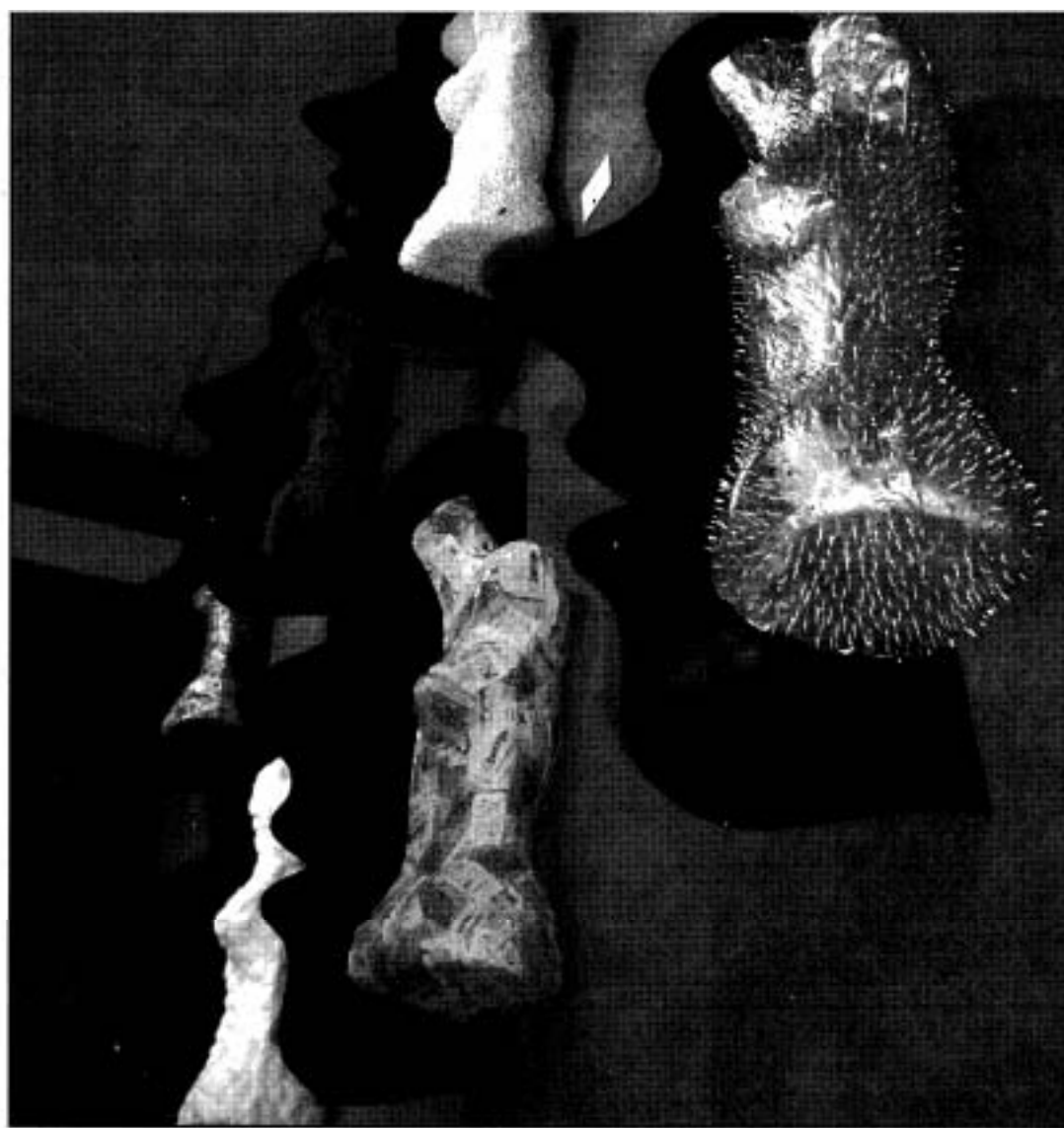
Just the other night, I

Student art on display





The Chanticleer/Erin Chupp



At the right "Some Women Are" series by Elizabeth Baxter (Ceramics/Mixed Media) and above "Dog Bite Action Sequence" by Scotty White (oil and acrylic on canvas, collage and wood panel) are just few of the art works displayed at Hammond Hall art gallery during April.

This years BA and BFA Senior Show has been split into two exhibitions. First one started on March 30 and it will last until April 9. The second show begins April 13 with opening reception at 7 p.m. and it will end on April 29.

Lou Reed

Animal Serenade

★★★

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Lou Reed is a legend. Actually, beyond a legend, Lou Reed is an icon. As the leader for '60's into '70's art-punks The Velvet Underground, Reed defined himself as Andy Warhol's muse, his inspiration, his iconic banana peeler. But one problem has dogged Reed throughout his career; he's a jerk. He's an unabashed, walking, talking, Noo York cliché. He's a F***-you-my-friend



Courtesy Warner Brothers

have-a-nice-day jerk. That said, Reed's latest live release, "Animal Serenade" does not deserve to be released under his name. He'll ruin his reputation.

"Animal Serenade" is by no means the first live release in Reed's catalogue, but as an encapsulation of his career, from the Velvets to his solo stuff, it's the best. Throughout the two disc set from L.A.'s The Wittern theatre Reed is funny,

clever, and musically brilliant and damn near likeable as a person. Who would have think it? Lou Reed, the fans man.

Although the first disc features a stirring rendition of "Men of Good Fortune," a playful "Smalltown" and a searing, soaring "Venus in Furs" which is more sinister than the original, the majority of the good stuff is saved for the second disc.

The introduction of "Sunday Morning" draws only a slight cheer from the crowd, and what follows is a song that *feels* exactly like its title. It feels like a lazy weekend morning, sitting on the porch, reading the news paper over coffee. While that's not necessarily exciting for many Lou Reed fans, it's nice to see his sensitive side.

Reed then saunters into

funked up rendition of "All Tomorrow's Parties" which features an unrecognizable drumbeat that turns the song from a lament for yesterday into an actual party. It's unsure if this was the intent, but the song does lose a little of its edge. This problem manifests itself again in the nine minute rendition of "The Raven," Reed's homage to Edgar Allan Poe. It's lengthy, pointless and altogether out of place amongst the more upbeat set list. Reed jokes when he introduces the poem that "you may have been forced to read this in high school...torture." Well he's not far off. His re-writing of the classic poem is the only thing on the two discs that dips below average, and yes, it does border on torture. Skip.

The saving grace of the album, if it really needs one, is

the final two songs. "Candy Says" is re-worked by Reed's backing band and session player Antony takes lead vocals away from the great one. Reed jokes that he never sang the song very well anyway, but just the thought of him sharing his stage is astounding, especially considering his history of band abuse.

The closer, fittingly, is "Heroin," Reed's best song from The Velvet's era. The slow verse/fast chorus/slow verse technique drags until the final chorus when the song breaks into a gallop, the audience claps along with the rapidly increasing beat, and Reed growls out the final words as if he's having all together too much fun, which, in retrospect, is maybe what he needed all along.

innocent bystanders:

Just the other night, I watched a movie called "Veronica Guerin." This movie is about an Irish journalist who challenged some of the most powerful underworld drug lords in Ireland. Only after she was shot to death, some changes were made and people woke up and realized that there really was a problem with drugs. Whether it is one innocent person, or millions of people, it shouldn't go that far to make us realize the problems in our society. Why does somebody always have to lose their life in order for us to change things?

What makes me humble in front of people like Steinmetz or hearing a story, like that of Veronica Guerin's, is the way they lived on even after everything, including their dignity, was taken from them. Steinmetz lost his house, his family and his name, all in that order. I don't know about you, but after everything else had been taken away from me, including my freedom, and then even considered a person, but a simple number, would probably crush me. How would I go on, what would I have faith in after that?

Veronica Guerin lost her life because she wanted to make a difference. She lost her family and a life with them, because she cared about everyone in her community. In the end she did make a difference, but it cost her everything. Ireland rose to the barricades and demanded changes be made, but not until Guerin was shot six times. She had to die, before people believed her.

We should be aware of how lucky we are. We are lucky because we can live as who we are, we are referred by our name, we have our families around us and there is nobody we should be hiding from. I couldn't imagine living as Steinmetz did for a period of time. But if I were constantly reminded about the madness of this world, I know it would be easier to appreciate everything I have, all the time.

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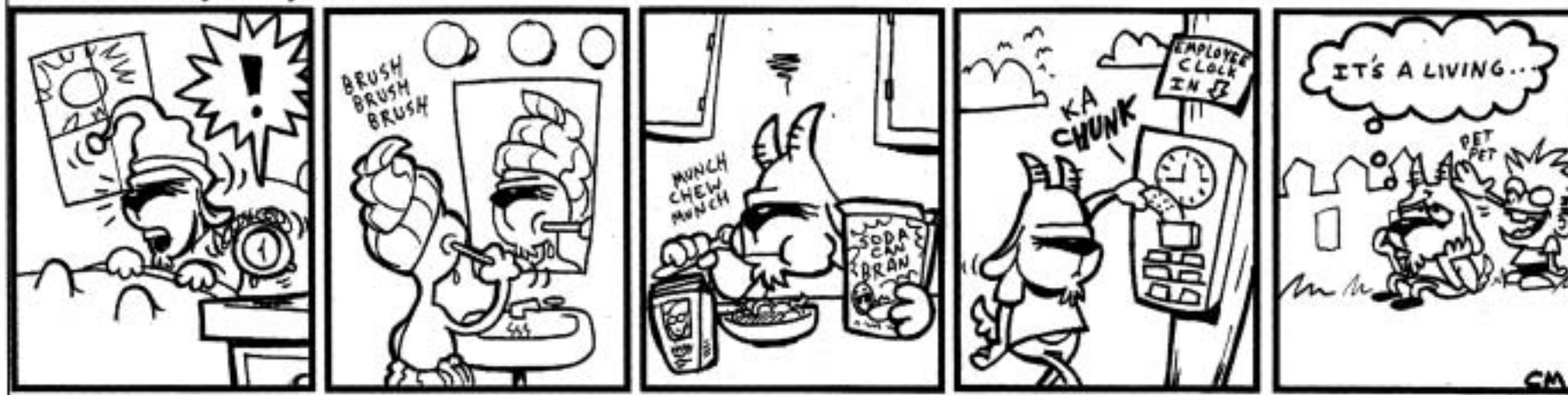
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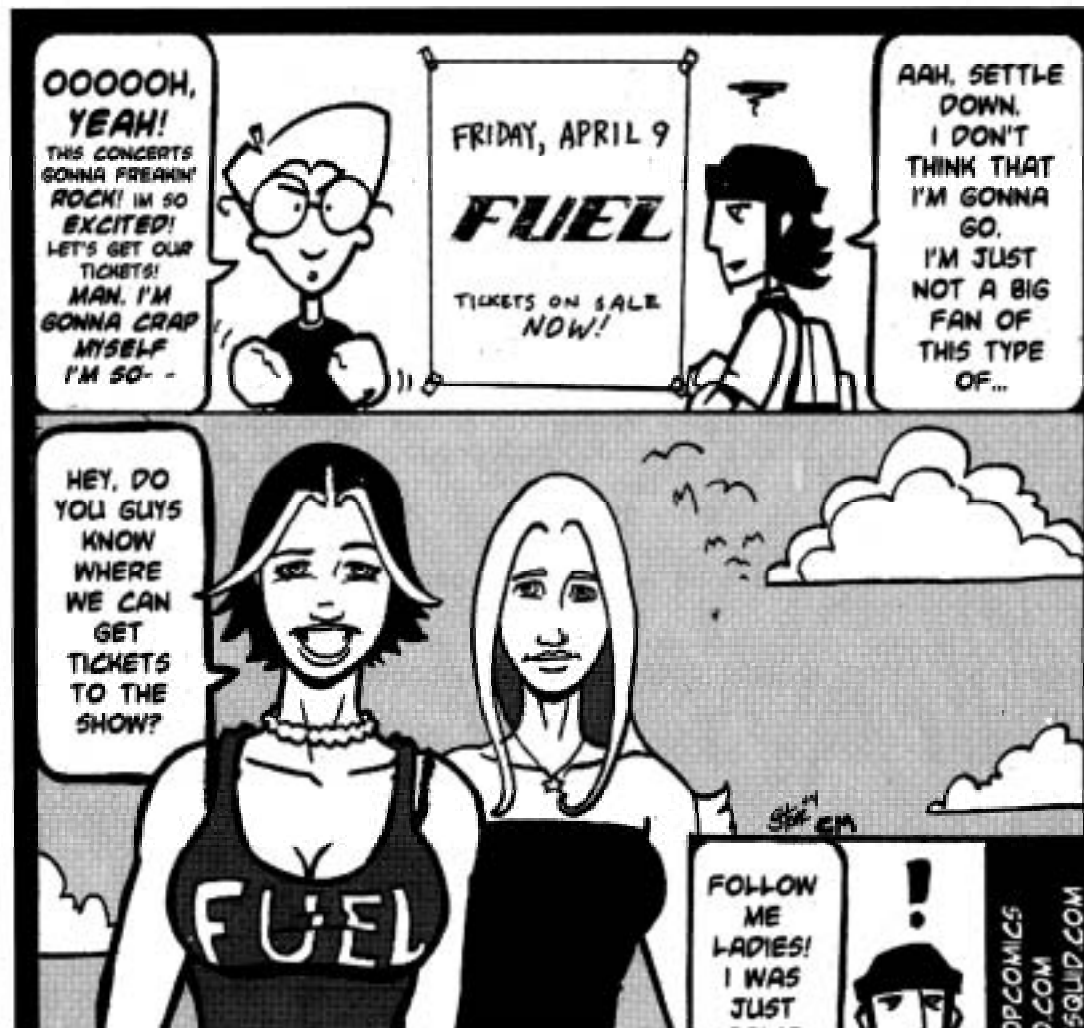
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Funny Bone



Pet 'N Zoo by Corey McDaniel



Beating Around the Bush by Corey McDaniel & Bryan Stone



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After Steinmetz told the man that he and his brother were pointed right, but his parents were pointed to the left, the Hungarian prisoner said, "That's what you're smelling, they're burning your parents."

"He has the effect of bringing it alive for me," said Dr. Russel Lemmons. Lemmons is a JSU professor and a German historian. His 5-year old daughter, Lauren, lit six candles at the beginning of the service, one for each million who died senselessly during the Holocaust.

Mr. Steinmetz carried himself confidently on stage. His voice only slowed and quivered once when he spoke of his first return trip to the camps just three years ago. Otherwise, his meter continued along as if the audience was riding on a train that very night with him.

"It's not as easy as it appears," Steinmetz said afterwards. He said his children encourage him to keep telling his story and that it's easier to

speak when he feels there is a receptive audience. He felt like he could have told stories for hours, but time ran out on the evening.

Since its founding 22 years ago, Dr. Steve Whitton has played a major role in the Holocaust Remembrance committee. Dr. Whitton is an English professor at JSU. Not only did the evening activities speak to him spiritually, but also he said he was affected deeply during Mr. Steinmetz's talk.

Whitton pulled up some carpet at the end of the third row in the theater. He said he was affected when he turned around and saw the number of people there and the attentive looks on their faces. With that he felt wonderful, like the message was reaching people, especially students.

"It's very important for me to see so many people here because it's our responsibility, those of us who are still alive, to spread this message," Steinmetz said.

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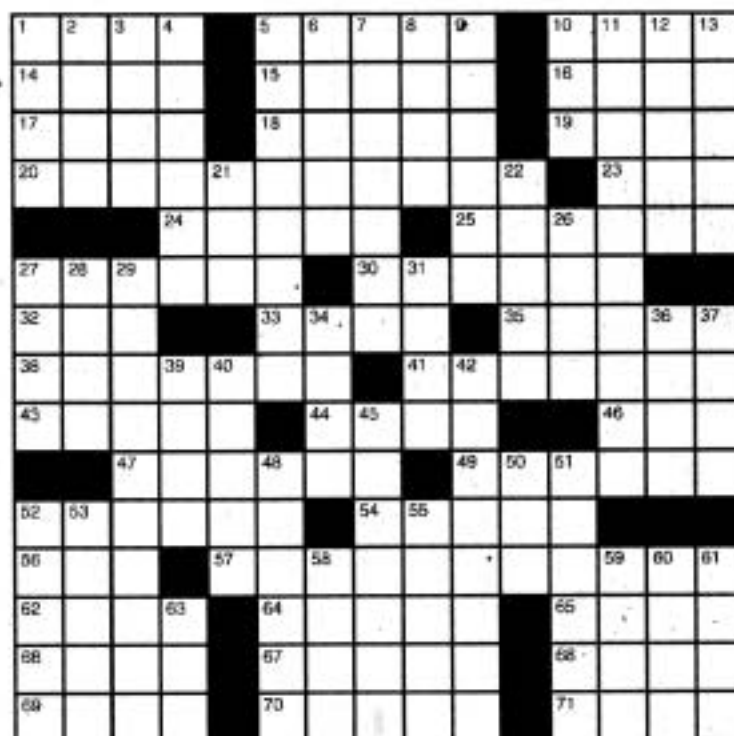
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 32 Santa ___ winds
 33 "Annie Get Your Gun" star
 35 Rolls dem bones
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JSU drops two to EKU, wins third

Oleman's return to the mound sparks Gamecock winning fire in final game; team still chasing NCAA single season home run record

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The week started with a lot of talk about the softball team at Jacksonville state chasing the single-season home run mark in the NCAA. With all that power, there was an outage on Saturday, as JSU dropped both ends of the doubleheader to eastern Kentucky 12-3 and 10-6. A rejuvenated Gamecock squad then took the field Sunday and took it to the Colonels 10-2.

Game one was a model of consistency for the Colonels. EKU managed to score two runs in each of the first three innings, then exploded with six runs in the fourth to take game one 12-3.

EKU's Jennifer Norris ripped a two-run single to start the fourth inning fireworks, and Kelsey Anderson blasted a three run shot to right center field to cap the inning. Anderson would also pick up the win in the game, pitching a complete game, giving up eight hits and three runs.

Sorry! The Chanticleer Sports Section would like to apologize for several mistakes which ran in last week's section. The baseball story, golf story, and track and field stories were all from staff reports. The softball story was written by Mike Vaughan II.

JSU's Katy White picked up the loss, being chased in the second inning. Janae Bonin attempted to quell the attack, but EKU pounded out twelve hits in the game to down the Gamecocks.

The hitting star of the first game was Daniella Pappano, as JSU's number three hitter liked that number, going 3-for-3 with a

homerun, the lone homer for JSU to four for EKU.

In game two, EKU took a 1-0 lead into the top of the second inning, when the Colonels again put a six-spot on the board. Three straight singles from Anderson, Amy Mayrhofer, and Jennifer Christiansen loaded the bases and Diana Barreras delivered the first run with a

base hit that plated Anderson. Norris soon followed with a bases clearing triple, and the rout was on.

EKU would plate two more runs in the third and another in the fifth to tally

10 runs. JSU scored two in the second on a Melinda McDonald single, one in the third, and one in the fifth. JSU scored two in the seventh on a Katie Czaja two-run homer, but it would

not be enough to avoid the sweep.

A fiery post game pep talk and the return of a team leader sparked JSU on Sunday, as they took the game to the visitors early and often in the 10-2 win.

Breezy Oleman pitched for the first time since early March, and went the distance, taking a one-hitter

into the seventh. Her win improves her to 6-0 on the season.

The Gamecocks blasted out of the game early, scoring five runs in the bottom of the first inning. Rachael Countryman added to her all-time JSU home run lead with a three-run shot to deep, deep left center, and was soon followed by a two run pop by Jessica Ford. Countryman's homer scored Megan Jezerski and Pappano, while Ford's tater brought in Bonin.

Pappano provided an air show of her own in the Gamecocks' five run fourth inning, as she drove out an 0-2 change to right field and over the fence.

The Colonels came back to score two runs in the top of the fifth inning, after an error by JSU's Becky Carpenetti before game's end would break up the shutout bid for Oleman.

"I knew we had it in us," said Coach Jana McGinnis after Sunday's victory. "We were very down, and could have easily tucked our tail between our legs and quit, but we gutted it out, and Breezy gave us the spark we needed."

"When someone comes in and beats you like that, you

"I knew we had it in us. We were very down, and could have easily tucked our tail between our legs and quit, but we gutted it out, and Breezy gave us the spark we needed."

**• Jana McGinnis
JSU Softball Coach**



The Chanticleer/J.Wilson Guthrie

JSU softball is heating back up after Oleman's return to the mound. JSU will be on the road for a weekend series.

just come back ready to annihilate them, growled Ford after the game. "Coach said to make them remember this game at (OVC) tourney time."

Jacksonville State record returns to OVC action this week as they travel for a weekend series.



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Sports

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Does America's favorite past time need a chemical boost?

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



I really think that the NCAA Tournament was one of the best that I have ever seen. I think that finally the best team won. After UCONN's comeback win against Duke Saturday and their sound whipping of Georgia Tech, they are the best team this year.

But now that March has come to a close and April begins, Americans traditionally turn their attention to their favorite past time – baseball. I watched some of opening day Monday, but I will be honest, like a lot of other people I was wondering who, if any of these players, were taking steroids.

I wonder if I am the only one with that question lingering in the back of my mind. But I know that I am not. Then I start to think about my favorite players back in history, like McGuire, Sosa and Dale Murphy. Were these people taking steroids? And is it a result of a cry for more action in a sport that, after the strike, had been dwindling?

I don't know. It seems like the Commissioner of Baseball and the player's union are trying to protect people. Why are they protecting illegal drug users? And steroids cause nothing but problems. It's not

JSU gets nine late to beat SEMO

From staff reports

Jacksonville State scored nine runs in the bottom of the eighth inning and a single run in the bottom of the 10th to rally for a 15-14 victory in the rubber match of a three-game series against Southeast Missouri Sunday afternoon at Rudy Abbott Field.

Robby Goodson, who entered the game in the seventh inning with the Gamecocks trailing 14-

5, pitched 3.1 innings and allowed only one hit to get the win on the mound. The senior from Vicksburg, Miss., also provided the winning run for Jax State with a solo home run over the right centerfield fence on the first pitch in the bottom of the 10th inning.

"This is just a great feeling and a good game to be apart of," said Goodson, who also had a three-run homer in the eighth to start the rally. "I didn't expect to pitch that long, but I had good control and velocity and we

kept scoring runs."

Goodson (1-0) finished the day 3-for-4 at the plate with a single to go along with his two homers. On the mound, he recorded five strikeouts and earned his first victory of the season.

JSU took an early 3-0 lead after scoring a run in each of the first three innings. Danny Civello and Bobby Hicks each recorded sacrifice flies in the first two innings while Austin Stein solo homered off the scoreboard in right field to put

the Gamecocks on top by three runs.

The Indians, however, responded with a three-run fourth inning off four hits.

Jax State reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the inning when a ground out by Matt Ruckdeschel scored Hicks, who tripled earlier in the inning.

The Gamecocks' lead was quickly erased as SEMO sent 13 batters to the plate in the top of the fifth. The Indians scored nine runs off only two hits as JSU committed two errors and walked in two baserunners to make the score 12-4.

Jax State added a run in the bottom of the sixth inning before SEMO pushed the lead to 14-5 with two runs in the top of the seventh.

Goodson came in to record the final out of the seventh inning and began the JSU rally in the eighth with his three-run shot that also scored Hicks and Ruckdeschel.

Following the three-run homer, the Gamecocks got RBIs from Jake Ball (one-run single) and Clint Carroll (two-run single). Ball also scored when Hicks hit into a double play for the first two outs of the inning to make the score 14-13 SEMO.

Civello tied the game by drawing a bases-loaded walk to

make the score 14-14 after eight innings. The bases-loaded walk represented the second of the inning for the SEMO pitching staff.

After a scoreless ninth inning, Goodson needed only one pitch to win the game.

"This type of game really gives us a boost that should carry over to future games," said JSU head coach Jim Case. "It tells us that no matter what, we have a chance to win any game. I am very proud of the way our guys never gave up and kept playing hard."

Ruckdeschel also had a strong day at the plate for Jax State. The senior went 3-for-6 with two singles and a double. Hicks went 2-for-4 with a single and a triple while Stein singled and homered to finish 2-for-4 and keep his 16-game hitting streak in tact.

The Indians were led by Frankie Montiel, Ernie Bracamonte and Gary Gilbert, who each went 2-for-5 at the plate. Gilbert (0-1) was stuck with the loss on the mound.

The win improves JSU's overall record to 12-14 with a 5-1 mark in the Ohio Valley Conference. SEMO drops to 12-15 overall with a 3-3 league record.



Brian Booth pitches in a JSU game earlier this week. JSU improves their record to 5-1 in the OVC this week and 12-14 overall.

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users? And steroids cause nothing but problems. It's not like they are sitting back at a party and hitting a joint. No, they are forcing a needle in their arm and shooting horse hormones into their body.

And it is not like the players in question were not great players before it was alleged that they used steroids. McGuire and Canseco were the bash brothers in Oakland. They were hitting 40 home runs then. So was the fact that they were getting old, a reason they could have used steroids?

And now for Barry Bonds. I really never have liked the man as a baseball player. But he is a great baseball player. And now there are allegations that he used steroids. He has been a consistent hitter for a long time. Did he need that performance booster to give him the edge? To get him over the hump of being a good, solid player, to the great range?

Are the people who are crying foul for steroids—the fans—really the people who caused these players to turn to such drastic means of performance enhancement?

Nope. They sure are not. But I will tell you who they are. They are the people who have been cheated and cheapened. The little boys, who wanted nothing more than to one day be like McGuire or Sosa, experience of the home run race is forever tarnished. They can look back and say to their sons 'Yea I saw that, but you don't want to be like them, you don't want to cheat.'

Sometimes I feel like those little boys. I feel cheated. The moment that I was about to get back into baseball, the minute that I thought I could rediscover those same feelings that I had as a child, they are torn away. All I have are the memories of trading baseball cards when they were 59 cents a pack and had that horrible bubble gum with them. But those memories are pure and unstained, the way baseball should be.

releases 2004 football schedule; no D-IA team, only ten games

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The Jacksonville State athletic department released the 2004 Gamecock football schedule this week with a new face and a familiar foe highlighting the agenda for the defending OVC titlists.

JSU will host the Emporia State Hornets in the season opener September 4th at Paul Snow Stadium. ESU competes in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association—regarded nationwide as one of the premier athletic conferences in the NCAA Division II. "They called us, wanted to come here, and wanted to play us," said JSU athletic director Jim Fuller. "Any time someone wants to go that distance, and be a division lower, they have something in mind."

Game two will feature a trip to Chattanooga, Tenn. to

face former foe UT-Chattanooga on September 18th. The 'Cocks and the Mocs haven't squared off on the gridiron since the 1983 season, when UTC downed JSU 13-6 in Chattanooga. JSU hasn't defeated Chattanooga since a 24-6 triumph in 1975, and UTC holds a 23-6 all time edge in the series. Incidentally, 1983 was also Coach Fuller's last year with the Gamecocks, adding more motivation to the game.

The OVC schedule features the toughest games at home, with the only winning record for the road team being a Sep. 25th road game at Eastern Kentucky, who finished second to the Gamecocks in 2003.

Murray State then visits Jacksonville on the second of October. MSU was the only team to defeat JSU in the OVC last year, with the loss coming on a late TD and a

score in overtime.

The Gamecocks then hit the road again on Oct. 9th, as they travel to face the Skyhawks of UT-Martin, a team JSU defeated handily at home, and shouldn't be much stronger this year, as they have won only one OVC contest in the last three years.

Tennessee State then comes to JSU for Preview Day on the 16th, followed by a road contest at Tennessee Tech the following Saturday before the Gamecocks take Oct. 30th off.

The open week gives the gamecocks two weeks to prepare for this year's homecoming opponent, the "Evil Empire II" of the Samford Bulldogs. The 'Dogs will be smarting from the loss at Birmingham last year, and making them the Homecoming game will definitely add sparks to the rivalry.

The regular season concludes with a road trip to Eastern Illinois on Nov. 13th followed by Senior Day against the Southeast Missouri State Indians on Nov. 20th.

When the Chanticleer asked AD Fuller about the lack of a DI school on the schedule this year, and he said it came down to the calendar. "We tried everything we could to get a game," he said. "It came down to one less weekend to play this year, so the division I teams didn't have as much open space as they did last year."

I also noted that it is a ten game schedule instead of the common eleven game one. "It would have to fall from the sky," commented Fuller on the prospects of adding an eleventh game. "I don't see that happening right now and we're happy with a ten game schedule."

Valley Conference Player of the Week honor

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The home office in Brentwood, Tenn. announced Monday that JSU's Robert Goodson had won the OVC co-Player of the Week for the week of March 28-April 5.

A senior from Vicksburg, Miss. by way of Mississippi State, Goodson helped guide JSU to a 3-1 record on the week, taking 2-of-3 from Southeast Missouri State and a win over Alabama State as well.

Goodson finished the week with a .625 batting average. He also tallied three homeruns, scored six runs, pounded out 12 RBI and had an unbelievable 1.313 slugging percentage after hitting five extra base hits.

Goodson entered Sunday's game against Southeast Missouri State facing a 14-5 deficit and some mop-up work, but pitched 3 1/3 shutout innings, and hit two homeruns, the first driving in three runs, and the second on the first pitch in the bottom of the tenth inning. The decisive blast cleared the right field wall with room to spare, and brought a roar from the home crowd.

Goodson and the JSU baseball team travel to Eastern Illinois this weekend for a three game OVC series.

Palmer and Brenneman get Eagle Owl

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Jacksonville State held its annual senior banquet this week at Leone Cole Auditorium, and the highlight as always is the naming of the male and female Eagle Owl award winners. This year's worthy recipients were Jennifer Brenneman and C. R. Palmer.

Brenneman, hailing from Minier, Ill., is set to receive a degree in Biology/Chemistry, with a 4.0 grade point average. A four-year starter for the Gamecocks, she played in 115 volleyball matches during her career and is the all-time career digs leader with 1,096. She led the Gamecocks' strong defense in

2001 and 2003 in digs and also tallied totals of 831 kills and 107 service aces over her court time.

"I think it's a perfect way to finish her career here," said volleyball coach Rick Nold, who coached Brenneman for her final two years at JSU. "It recognizes how hard she works both on and off the court, and it also represents what each of us strive for each year here."

Brenneman had worthy competition. Other nominees for the female award were Kelly Nye, who set the JSU all-time three point record in women's basketball, and Tera Ross, the outstanding softball pitcher who passed away in a car wreck in December.

Palmer is a right-handed pitcher from

Douglasville, Ga., and is a 2004 captain of the Gamecock baseball team. He leads the staff with 55 career appearances and has started 29 games. He has a career record of 13-11 as of the time of the award.

He also has been named OVC player of the week twice, and was named to the OVC Academic All-Conference team. Both he and Brenneman are members of the JSU Scholar Athlete Hall of Fame.

"It's a tremendous honor for him to represent our baseball team and this athletic department," said baseball coach Jim Case. "He not only gets it done on the field, but in the classroom as well. He's a quality person, a good citizen, and it represents what he is as a person."