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## JSU learns at Collegiate Legislature

By Olivia Fadul  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Last Thursday, 31 Student Government Association and Freshman forum members from Jacksonville State University walked into the Montgomery State Capital with a positive attitude. "Bada Bing Bada Boom, JSU is in the room," shouted members of the JSU delegation as they entered the 10th annual Alabama YMCA Collegiate Legislature.

This year the school took part of a tradition founded by 1996 JSU SGA President and alumni, Emily Hawk-Raley and Michael Musselwhite, an alumni of Auburn University.

At the two and a half-day event, JSU participated in a

hands on higher education event that models state Legislation and Robert's Rules of Order.

Collegiate Legislature allows students to draft and debate bills of their choosing. Students from JSU that took advantage of the opportunity to write and present bills were current SGA president, Chris Cook, members of Freshman Antonio Davis and Olivia Fadul, and JSU senators Jonathan Taylor, Jesse Swiney and Brian Snead.

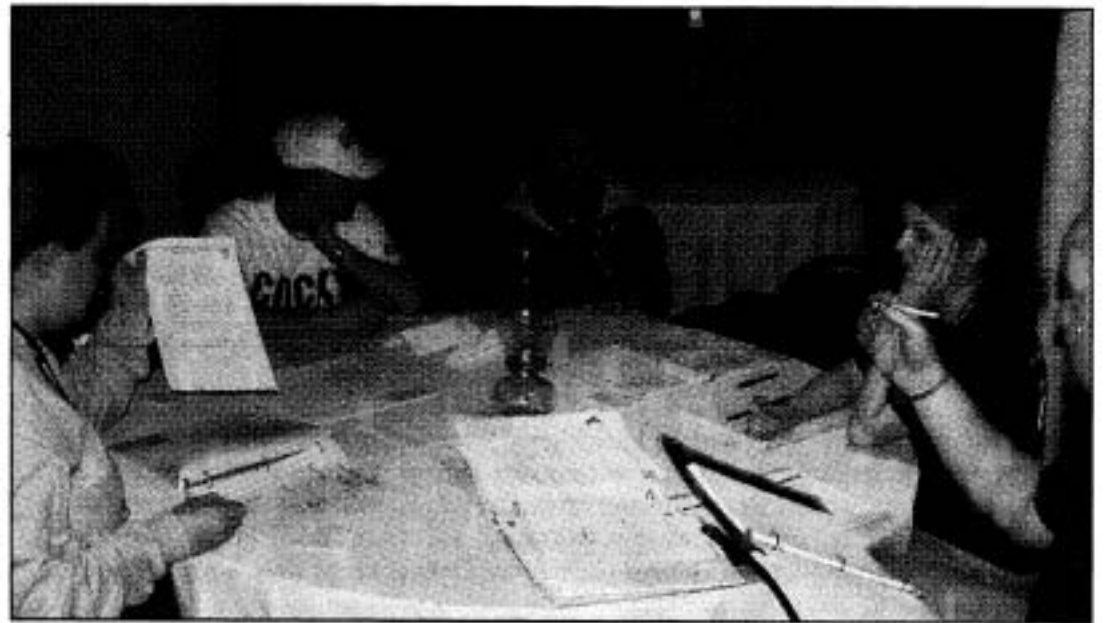
In their early years, Hawk-Raley and Michael Musselwhite had a dream. Their dream started out as a single legislative body in a small Montgomery court room, but now their dream is popular and has become a reality that is

now a bicameral model legislation.

This year 150 college students from 9 different Alabama schools came to the event. Those students received an opportunity to debate mock bills in the State House of Representatives and in the capital auditorium.

During the first night, JSU students broke into House and Senate committees. The House committees were Public Safety, Government Procedures, Human and Animal Rights, and other miscellaneous committees. In the Senate the committees were Education, Economics, and Medical Concerns.

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Special to the Chanticleer

Members of the Jacksonville State University Collegiate Legislature delegation discuss bills and coordinate issues concerning the event. This year was the 10th anniversary of event which was originally founded by JSU alumni, Emily Hawk Raley and Michael Musselwhite an alumni of Auburn University.

## JSU Today to host its first Student Government debate



## Jacksonville State honors Dr. David L. Walters In renaming of Music department

By Audrey Hykes  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Dr. David L. Walters, a nationally known band director and competition judge, was deeply honored on Feb. 13 by Jacksonville State University and its music community. JSU will be naming their department of music after him. A thirty-year band director of the





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JSU's student-run television show, JSU Today on TV24 will hold its first-ever candidate speak and debate today at 3:30 p.m. on Channel 9. The candidates for the Student Government Association will talk about their goals, abilities, and reasons for running. The show will also feature a small run-off type debate between SGA hopefuls Mardracus Russell and Brian Snead who are contending for the office of Vice President of Student Activities. From left to right: Mardracus Russell; Allison Crow, candidate for Vice President of Organizational Affairs; Amado Ortiz (JSU Today host); Emily Williams, candidate for SGA president; Misty Cassell (JSU Today host); Alison Pierce, candidate for Vice President of the Student Senate and Brian Snead.

**-Tune in today at 3:30 p.m. on TV24, Ch.9**

## JSU fraternity house falls victim to act of vandalism

By Rosalind L. Moore  
The Chanticleer News Editor

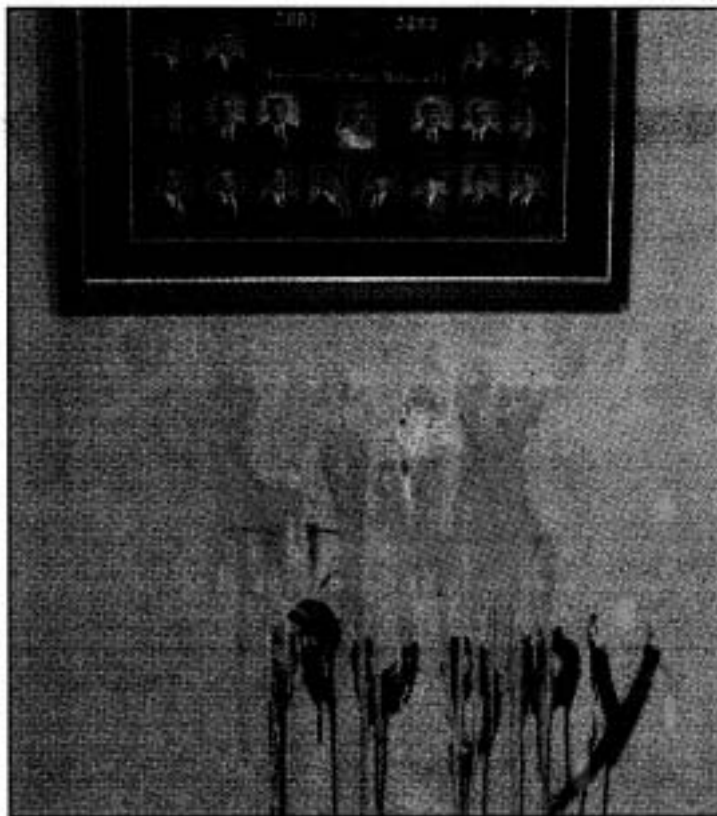
On Feb. 20, early on a Friday morning, the Jacksonville State University Police Department responded to a complaint from the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity house. Allegedly two male JSU students, who have now been named as members of the JSU Rugby Team and JSU Tennis Team, were involved in a act of vandalism.

Brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity woke up to find a large area painted with the phrase "Cock Rugby" in red and yellow paint inscribed under their 2003-2004 composite picture.

According to Sigma Phi Epsilon president, Jonathon Butler, they have not received an estimate of the damage yet, but some of the mess has been cleaned up.

"The two guys were visiting with one of the brothers," stated Butler, "and not thinking that they would do anything like that, he left them

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A member of the JSU Rugby Team and one member of JSU's Tennis Team are suspects in connection to an incident at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house where the phrase "Cock Rugby" was painted on the wall under the chapter's 2003-2004 composite picture.

### By the numbers:

Number of fans at Tuesday night's basketball game:

**3,372**

### Gamecock Scoreboard:

#### Men's basketball:

Feb. 19 - JSU 80, TN Tech 59  
Feb. 24 - JSU 71, Samford 51  
Saturday - vs. TN State, 7:30 p.m.

#### Women's basketball:

Feb. 21 - JSU 66, Austin Peahy 64  
Feb. 24 - JSU 69, Samford 61  
Tonight - at Savannah State, 7 p.m.



Courtesy of JSU/Steve Latham

JSU honored former Marching Southerners Director, Dr. Davis L. Walters, by renaming the Music department after him. He is seen being congratulated by JSU Dean, Dr. James E. Wade.

of music after him. A thirty-year band director of the Marching Southerners at JSU until 1991, the music department unanimously seemed to agree that it should be named for Walters, who developed the Southerners into one of the best marching bands the South has to offer.

"Walters came to JSU in 1961 and took over the Marching Southerners and really helped to develop their sound," said Dr. Legare McIntosh, head of the music department. "They have a really unique sound. Of all the

bands in the country, theirs is a very unique sound. It's a very lush, almost symphonic sound." the Marching Southerners, as well as the Marching Ballerinas, in 1956, and Dr. Walters perfected both organizations and

Sherry Kughn of the JSU news bureau writes that John T. Finley founded and established

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## Nader enters race for White House

**ELECTION 2004** Democrats worry what issues Nader's presence will create  
Part 4 in Presidential Series

By Rosalind L. Moore  
The Chanticleer News Editor

Ralph Nader, who ran for president in 2000 as a Green Party candidate, will enter the 2004 race for the White House as an independent candidate, advisers announced to Fox News on Friday. As the primary race heats up between democrats John Kerry and John Edwards, some feel that Nader's presence in the race will be detrimental for democrats.

Some are wondering what effect, if any, Nader's entry into the race will have on democratic campaigns, particularly as Kerry and Edwards both try to attract independent voters. Nader's 2000 presidential run is blamed by some Democrats for sloping a close election in favor of George W. Bush.

Nader told reporters in his announcement that he is entering the presidential race to "challenge the two-party duopoly" that is allowing



(KRT)/Ralph Nader

Washington to be "corporate-occupied territory."

According to a CNN.com report, Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe, appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," called Nader's decision "very unfortunate." But he said he believes the candidacy "will be different from 2000."

Nader's first task will be to get his name on the ballot of the 50 states. On his Web site, www.votenader.com, he calls ballot laws that may hinder his attempts to be placed on all 50 states, as "draconian" and "absurd". Federal ballot access laws for federal elections con-

sist of several different laws. Some of these laws impose strict signature requirements, while others have stringent collection times.

In Nader's presidential announcement at the National Press Club, he emphasized his goal to dispel corporate naysayers, temper large and unpatriotic corporations and give voters "a broader opportunity to vote for whom they want."

He criticized the Bush administration for what he considers "playing politics with national security." Nader criticizes Bush and the Democrats on his Web site stating that "the Bush Administration and the Democratic Party, in varying extremes, are putting the interests of their corporate paymasters before the interests of the people." According to Nader, his campaign "the people rule."

Some of his major support issues will concern making healthcare universally avail

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made them the exemplary programs that they are today.

Kughn's article (which is on the JSU Newswire) also informs us that Walters is from New Bern, NC, and that he played the trumpet in high school. After graduation, he joined the Navy and studied music

in the U.S. Navy School of Music in Washington, D.C. He later received his bachelor's degree from Miami University, and then went on to get a master's degree from Florida State University. He continued his graduate work in St. Louis, MO at Washington University.

In 1971, JSU presented Dr. Walters with an honorary doctorate. As well as being a remarkable band director and gifted musician, Walters is known as a thoughtful, considerate man with an amiable personality.

"He possessed a spirit of quiet calm that he could pass on to everyone and really help students to grow," McIntosh asserts. "Dr. Walters was not only a band director; he also taught theory and trumpet, and trained many musical educators and band directors. He's affected countless numbers of people."

As a result, JSU's music

department is growing significantly, and at present has 250 music majors and offers a variety of music programs and organizations. A new building will eventually be constructed across from the alumni house, which will be a concert hall.

According to McIntosh, it will most likely not be named for Dr. Walters, as his name is exclusively for the Department of Music, although his name may be considered if the building does not receive a financial donor.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Alpha Xi Delta:** Thanks to the wonderful sister of Zeta Tau Alpha for a great Crush Party last Friday night! We all had a great time! Sisters of the week are Jenny and Crystal and new member of the week is Alicia. Have a great week and Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.

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

**Counseling and Career Services:** Counseling and Career Services will sponsor a "Balancing Your Debt" workshop, Feb. 26, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. If you have credit card debt, student loans, etc. and are tired of "juggling" and "borrowing from Peter to pay Paul" this workshop is for YOU! Please make plans to attend. **Contact:** Linda Shelton, lshelton@jsucc.jsu.edu.

**International Student Organization:** International Week will be held from Feb. 29 - Mar. 6. The events are as follows: Sun.- Soccer @ Germania Springs, 1 p.m., Mon. and Tue.- Silent Auction at the International House, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wed.- International House Event at 9 p.m., Thursday- Pizza Party, Roundhouse, 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., Friday- Game Night, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., Patterson Hall, Sat.- International Taster's Fair at Leone Cole, 6 p.m. **Contact:** Debbie Russell, 782-5674.

**JSU Ambassadors:** Are you interested in helping at campus events and recruiting students to JSU? Apply for JSU Ambassador! Applications are available at the Visitor Center and are due on MARCH 1. Thanks to Peer Counselors, Mentors, faculty, staff and students that helped make Preview Day a success. **Contact:** Tracy Phillips, 782-5260 or phillips@jsucc.jsu.edu.

**JSU Cheerleaders:** Jacksonville State University cheerleading tryouts will be April 16-18. Tryout applications must be turned in by Feb. 27 in order to be eligible for tryouts. You can pick up an information sheet and application at the JSU Athletic Department. **Contact:** Brittany Ishee, bishee@jsucc.jsu.edu.

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

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

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tact Stephanie Deese. **Contact:** Stephanie Deese, 782-6187 or stephddeese@aol.com.

**Panhellenic Council:** Thanks to everyone that attended Panhellenic movie night last Wednesday! Remember that International Badge Day is March 1, so wear your letters proudly! If you are interested in going Greek call the office of Student Life at 782-5491. **Contact:** Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.

**Phi Mu:** Congrats to all the newly elected JSU officers of Collegiate Legislature! Thanks to all the sororities for a great movie night. We had so much fun! Golf anyone? We need teams to compete in our annual golf tournament benefiting Children's Miracle Network. See a friendly Phi Mu face for details. **Contact:** Allison Crow, allisn1182@aol.com.

**Sigma Nu:** Congratulations to our newest Candidate "X". Thanks to Alpha Xi Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha for their support at our BBQ. Brother of the Week: Jeremy Guthrie for recruitment excellence. Saying of the Week: "Those who know how will always have a job, those that know why will always be their boss!" Dwight Eisenhower. **Contact:** Dave Chambers, 525-6490.

**Sociology Club:** NEED A JOB? If so, come to Brewer Hall on Mar. 3 at 1:30 p.m. for our annual Career Fair. Everyone is invited. Graduating seniors, don't forget your resumes. **Contact:** Dr. McCain, 782-5350 or hmccain@jsucc.jsu.edu.

**Up 'Til Dawn:** Up 'Til Dawn is a fundraiser project created to raise money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Individuals or organizations are encouraged to form a fundraising team. It is a great service for anyone who wants to make a difference in a young child's life! **Contact:** Angela Martin or Cambrey Jordan, 782-8054.

**Virgin Scribe's Guild:** We are initiating our 2nd Annual VSG Writing Contest. There will be over \$500 in prizes in categories including writing, photography, and art. **Contact:** Shawn Bailey, 237-9840 or jsu1133k@jsu.edu.

**Zeta Tau Alpha:** Congratulations to our senior of the week, Crystal Roden. Thanks to Delta Zeta for accompanying us to all the events last week. We are looking forward to the coming weeks. Thanks to Alpha Xi Delta for a great Crush Party! . . . equals nine great reasons to Go Greek! **Contact:** Heather Moore, Heather16@hotmail.

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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

- Feb. 11- Desmond Allen Sercye, 19, of Chicago, IL was arrested for possession of Marijuana and eradication.
- Feb. 13- Justin Matthew Ball, 22, was arrested for DUI.
- Feb. 13- Matthew Phillip Hicks, 18, was arrested for minor consumption of liquor.
- Feb. 20- Jonathon L. Weldon, 22, of Talladega, AL was arrested for DUI.
- Feb. 20- Ryan Scott Saccucci, 20, of Piedmont, AL was arrested for carrying a pistol without a permit.

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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in the house unattended.”

JSUPD were at the scene of the incident that morning and took reports from individuals about who they thought was responsible for the vandalism. The individuals were found that same morning with paint on their hands and arms.

This vandalism incident is just one of three other incidents which have occurred this year in the Paul Carpenter Village area. According to Megan Radison, Assistant Director of Student Life, she will begin to focus more on educating members of the Greek community about protecting their chapter houses and providing a safer environment for their members.

“I will specifically address the Interfraternity Council this week and send out emails to remind them to lock their doors at night, and not leave non-affiliated students in their houses unattended,” Radison stated.

Radison and Panhellenic House residents have already taken preventive measures in response to a vandalism act which occurred last semester. This included 24-hour dead-bolting and taking better responsibility to lock up house areas.

According to Butler, the two alleged vandals may have been intoxicated at the time of the incident. Currently no charges are being pressed against the individuals. “As of right now, we will them a chance to pay for the damages,” stated Butler. “If they don’t pay by 12 p.m. on Friday, we will press charges.”

“We’re trying to get our guys to be more responsible for the things they do and the guests that they bring into the house,” Butler stated.

“We need to make sure we are keeping an eye on each other in the Greek Community,” stated Radison. “We are looking at every angle to help this situation because protecting our Greek students is protecting our JSU students.”

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Several leaders of the conference this year were JSU students. Amy Yancy served as the Public Relations Director, Allison Pierce was the floor leader of the senate, Cambrey Jordan was the Senate Secretary and Emily Williams served as Sergeant of Arms for the Senate. Mardracus Russell also served as the Delegation Leader (school representative) for JSU.

On Fri. Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m, senate and house groups of the conference had legislative sessions. Students from across Alabama were able to practice proper parliamentary procedure and debate issues.

After a long day of legislation, groups participated in a Casino night. Elections for new officers of the conference also took place on Friday after Casino night.

JSU met behind closed doors to nominate a school for the **Speaker's Cup Award**, next year's JSU Delegation Leader, and Outstanding Delegate Awards. Because of the large representation and JSU's presence as the largest delegation at the conference, JSU Collegiate Legislature participants decided to choose two Delegation leaders instead of one for next year's conference. Jennifer Mince and Jesse Swiney accepted that honor.

On Sat. Feb. 21, Collegiate Legislature delegates from every school met as a general assembly to hear and debate **bills for the last time**.

Students heard a speech by the actual Alabama Speaker of the House, Seth Hammett. The award ceremony took place following Hammett's speech. Next year's officers and leaders were announced and JSU was represented with seven new officer positions. Awards for outstanding bills and Outstanding Delegate Awards were also given out.

Next year seven JSU students are running the show at the Alabama YMCA Collegiate Legislature. Alison Pierce is the new Lieutenant Governor; Emily Williams, President Pro Temp; Mardracus Russell, Public Relations Director; Cambrey Jordan, Conference Coordinator; Allison Crow, Senate Sergeant-at-Arms and Casey Sanders as Senate Chaplain.

For the awards, University of Montevallo received the Speaker's Cup, which JSU was awarded the previous year. Two JSU students, however, did receive individual awards. JSU SGA president, Chris Cook, a junior from Rome, GA received the Outstanding Delegate Award and Olivia Fadul, a freshman, from Huntsville, AL received the award for Outstanding Bill from the House of Representatives. Fadul pushed for Closed Captioning in the movie theaters.

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able, spearheading electoral reform that promotes democracy, a crackdown of corporate crime and abuse, and creating jobs and fair trade.

According to Nader, “The United States needs a redirected federal budget that adequately funds the crucial priorities like infrastructure, transit and other public works, schools, clinics, libraries, forests, parks, sustainable energy and pollution controls.”

He went on to state that “the budget should move away from the deeply documented and wasteful, redundant ‘military industrial complex’ as President Eisenhower called it, as well as corporate welfare and tax cuts for the wealthy that expand the divide between the luxuries of the rich and the necessities of the poor and middle class.”

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Nader supports a single payer health program that provides full medical coverage and comprehensive benefits for all Americans. He wants to end the war in Iraq and provide quality education for all children regardless of socioeconomic status or race.

In his speech to the National Press Club on Monday, Nader told America that he was committed to running a national campaign for president.

“The condition of ‘life, liberty, and the pursuit of happi-

ness’ is that the people must rule, not as a manipulated mirage, but as an authentic coming together of a strong citizenry” Nader said, “from the neighborhoods to the national capital — to end the chronic material and spiritual deprivations that our people should no longer have to suffer.”

For more information on Ralph Nader's 2004 presidential campaign or his political issues visit [www.votenader.com](http://www.votenader.com).

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# OPINION

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## IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“Are you going to the 92J Benefit concert?”

— Compiled by  
Erin Chupp  
Photo Editor



Robert Alvarado  
Junior  
Political Science

“If I stay at school this weekend I would go to enjoy all the music.”



Erin O'Briant  
6th year Senior  
Graphic Design

“No because Brother's sucks.”

# Not by abstinence alone

**Knight Ridder/Tribune News**  
printed in *Seattle Times*

Here's something to cheer: A new national study has found teen-age pregnancy and abortion rates are continuing a decade-long decline, thanks to better contraception and less sexual activity among teens.

The same study showed Washington's teen pregnancy rate fell dramatically between 1988 and 2000, from 109 pregnancies per 1,000 teens to 75. During the same period, the state's abortion rate fell from 47 per 1,000 teens to 26.

Unfortunately, the great news is tainted by President Bush's recent call to double funding for abstinence-only programs in schools.

The declining teen pregnancy rate should send a strong signal to adults that young people are capable of

making sensible decisions about their sexuality when they are exposed to truthful information.

The Alan Guttmacher Institute, which regularly

conducts the teen pregnancy study, determined the previous decline in teen pregnancies was mostly due to increased condom use.

Telling teen-agers there is

only one way to avoid pregnancy, by abstaining from sex, ignores reality. Withholding information from teen-agers also puts those who can't stick to the

wait-until-marriage pledge at risk for unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease. That's a potentially deadly gamble.

Despite contentions by critics of comprehensive sex education, teaching young people about sex doesn't encourage them to have it. Our culture takes care of that part.

Federally funded abstinence-only programs encourage adults to withhold important facts from students. No discussion of AIDS, condom use or other birth-control methods is allowed. That's irresponsible and counterproductive, especially in light of the encouraging decline in pregnancy and abortion rates.

Abstinence has an important role in classroom discussions of sexuality and health. But it should never be a solo act.



# Chinese food: Beyond the beef with broccoli

**By Lenore Skenazy**  
*New York Daily news*

Let's hear it for Chinese food!

After all, that's what Mulberry Street's Museum of the Chinese in the Americas is doing all this year - celebrating the most popular cuisine in the Skenazy household

quick call.

"... and No. 17, right? With the soup."

Sorry. Back to the story.

Right now the museum is chock-full of artifacts from General Lee's, a Chinese restaurant that had a hundred-year run in Los Angeles, catering to the likes of Frank Sinatra and Barbra Streisand

the museum will pay homage to Chinese food closer to home, by featuring one New Yorker's collection of 10,000 Chinese menus.

The only difference between archivist Harley Spiller and the rest of us is that he keeps his stack of menus under his bed, while we generally keep them closer to the phone. Still Sniller

"shrimp cooked in special chef" and "stuffed stuff," he started scouting out more.

Now his collection includes one menu from an 1879 banquet and a 1916 Chinatown menu that looks, he says, "the same as today, except for the prices." These go on exhibit this summer.

Salivating - er, celebrating - the humble Chinese eatery

this business, along with laundering, that allowed Chinese immigrants to thrive here, despite language barriers and rampant discrimination.

At the same time, the Chinese restaurant also became the first place many Westerners encountered, and came to love, anything Chinese.



**Josh Dunn**  
Senior  
Mathematics

*"I didn't know about it, but I don't go to bars."*



**Jared Wade**  
Sophomore  
Graphic Design

*"Yes, I'm going because Snap 9A is playing and they're 'a metal band.' Their drummer is amazing!"*



**Genki Yamada**  
Junior  
Graphic Design

*"No because I never go to Brothers. I'd rather download from Kazaa!"*

year - celebrating the most popular cuisine in the Skenazy household.

Coincidentally, it also happens to be the most popular cuisine in the world, consumed by 30 percent of humanity, according to Jacqueline Newman, editor of the Chinese food magazine Flavor and Fortune. The most popular Chinese-American dish, she adds, is beef with broccoli. Yum. Sesame chicken is No. 2. Excuse me while I make a

Angelic, catching the likes of Frank Sinatra and Barbra Streisand.

But as important as Chinese food is to Californians, to New Yorkers it is beyond important. It is the fuel that greases, as it were, our whole lifestyle. Would we really be a world power if we couldn't leave all the shopping, cooking and bike-careening to the local Chinese restaurant? And still get change from our \$20? No way. Which is why soon

we generally keep them closer to the phone. Still, Spiller came upon his passion the same way most of us did:

"I moved to New York in 1981, and I was alone in my apartment," he says. "I heard a noise at the door, and I was scared." Tiptoeing over, he found a Chinese menu.

"It had squid on it, and I thought squid was only for science experiments!" recalls the Buffalo native. Equally intrigued by typos like

Salivating - er, celebrating - the humble Chinese eatery may seem rather lowbrow for a highbrow institution. But not when you start to think about what those eateries meant to Chinese immigrants.

"Because the Chinese restaurant is ubiquitous," says museum spokesman William Dao, most Chinese-Americans are only one or two degrees away from the restaurant biz. And it was

westerners encountered, and came to love, anything Chinese.

So while a bowl of wonton soup may not entirely bridge the culture gap, it's a start. And, this being New York, it's probably on the way.

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## Letters to the Editor

**Dear Editor:**

I just wanted to comment on how well Jim Fuller is doing his job. He seems to be the kinda guy who would do good on a used car lot because he can shovel bullsh\*t better than anyone.

Like the article in last week's paper about the incident at the basketball game. Fuller said that the band member went about it wrong and that he should have respected the coach enough to move. Also, he dissed on the band for not playing the fight song at half time. I don't believe this man is happy with himself. Also, when he told the paper that 14 out of 16 sports were at a 3.0 or better, he failed to mention that the two teams that were under 3.0 were his men's basketball and football. That should say some-

thing about how badly he wants everyone to think that his teams are perfect.

Don't get me wrong, I commend those players who can play their sport and keep up their grades. My problem is that we as students are paying for sports scholarships with our tuition to players who don't even care about their education enough to keep their grades up. I believe that the university needs to check into everything that the sport's department does here at JSU. Also, if the sports activities are so great here at JSU, why do we have to pay for them? Why can't they pay for themselves? I don't attend games, so why is it that part of my tuition goes to support these activities?

**Terry Wiley**

**Dear Editor:**

In last week's Chanticleer, one of your reporters came to the International House and asked my friends and me about the first impressions and culture shocks we had in the United States. We had a group discussion about and many topics were discussed. During this time I have more statements than just the one that was printed.

If I could summarize what I said about food, it would sound like: "Here (in the JSU cafeteria) everything like the scrambled eggs, the ice cream and the cheese, which is made out of oil, is fake!"

The printed statement in the newspaper said: "Everything is fake!" Therefore, they took my statement out of context and generalized it.

*It was not my intention to hurt or offend anyone or*

*anything. The newspaper statement was not meant like it was printed.*

I am very sorry and apologize if anyone is offended because it is not what I nor other internationals think!

I left my home country, Austria, to become part of this program to get rid of stereotypes and not to create new prejudices.

I hope that many people will participate in the coming International Week and that we can prove to you that we appreciate living in your United States and the opportunities you give to us.

**Marlies Fischerauer**

**Dear Editor:**

I'm writing you because of the misunderstanding that occurred in the last issue of The Chanticleer. I was asked this question: What was a

culture shock you experienced when you first came to the United States? It suggested that I thought people were too open minded, specifically in the area of morality among relationships. I was talking about a specific case that had happened, which stood out in my mind. I did not mean to imply that every American behaves that way, and I'm sorry it came across as a generalized statement. I would like to apologize to those people who got offended. I am very thankful that I have the opportunity to live and study in the United States. I have been positively affected in numerous ways. Jacksonville State University has supported me as well as other international students and made me feel at home.

**Anielka Lacayo**

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# Features

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(Right) Maria, Bernardo and Anita, played by Heather Norton, Christian Fernandes and Judy Holt, on a scene that takes place in the Bridal Shop of the most recent drama department production.

(Below) Maria and Tony, played by Matt Thompon, on Maria's balcony in "West Side Story." This musical that opened last weekend on Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center will be performed also tonight until Sunday Feb. 29. For more information call 782-5648.

Courtesy Jan Rhodes



## Take a risk and surprise yourself with West Side Story

By Katja Sunnarborg  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Street gangs, fighting, black eyes, dreams, dancing, singing, death and love; all are part of that bigger theme in "West Side Story." How many of us have fallen in love, know what it feels like, know what it does to you and when people around you don't understand? It is the harsh reality of this world that wants to shake us out of that feeling and turn it into hate.

This is what the newest production from the JSU Drama department is all about. "West Side Story" opened last weekend with a sold out auditorium for each night and continues tonight until Sunday Feb. 29. This play, which follows the lines of the original musical from Broadway in 1957 and the movie that came out later in 1961, is vivid in color and takes the viewer into the rhythms played out by JSU music departments orchestra directed by Mark Fifer.

ness and deepness it had in it.

My favorite parts of the musical were to see Christian Fernandes and Judy Holt with their characters of Bernardo and Anita on the stage. Together they had chemistry and were able to work together in a way that made me see them as Bernardo and Anita, and not as actors just trying to do their job.

Another part that worked outstandingly on stage, was the entire gang of Jets (it would be too long of a list to mention them all in here). They were funny, sad and angry together and there wouldn't be one single person I would take out of the Jets and replace by another. Judging by the audiences reaction, "Gee, Officer Krupke" performed by the Jets, was everyone's favorite. I couldn't imagine anyone not smiling after that song.

As a whole, this musical performed together by the JSU drama and music department, made me think that maybe the

## What's shocking to you?

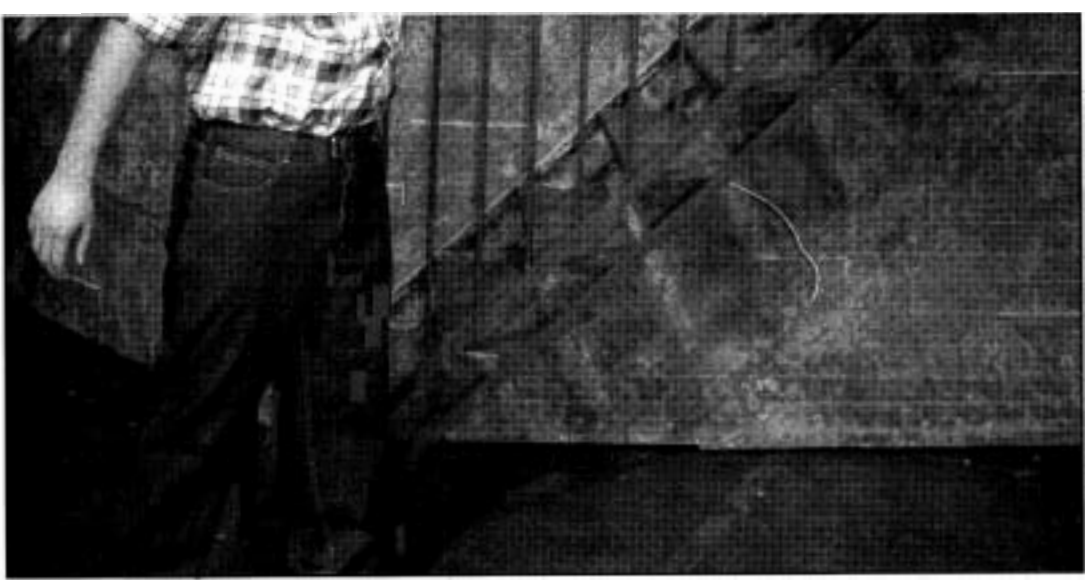
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The Chanticleer  
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This is what I know; Carrie chose Mr. Big, the cast on Sex and the City won an SAG Award, Johnny Depp finally got the recognition he deserved for his performance in "The Pirates of the Caribbean," and yet I am all sad. As a true fan, last Sunday I felt like I had just lost my best friend. I can't believe there will be no more Sex and the City episodes left to air, and the only thing I have to live by is my imagination. I believe I even shed few tears a for that.

But this is not what I want to talk about, since I would rather go on with my life than dwell on my sorrow. There is another thing that kept me bothered the whole week as well. Last week there was a question of the week in *The Chanticleer*, which might have made some people angry, some on the other hand saw it as what it was, funny.

The question was "What was a big culture shock for you when you came to study at JSU?" Several international students were asked this question and their replies appeared in the paper last Thursday. Now first, I would like to point out the phrase "Big culture shock." The question wasn't about the things that you like about



## Experience the International Week

By Erin Chupp

The Chanticleer Photo Editor

Feb. 29 does not come around often and when it arrives this year it will mark the beginning of the International Week 2004. This week, which is run by JSU's International Student Organization, will include daily adventures to experience cultures that are not our own, and taste food that is unique and free.

The ISO has found a way to attract students, but they have other reasons to hope that people will stay and learn. ISO President Amna Jakuovic said they want to show people who the international students really are and what they do when they're not here.

"Being here for two years I've realized nobody really knows a lot about where we're from," Jakuovic said. She recounted how she tells people she is from Croatia and they are always interested but do not know where it is.

Jakuovic said she grew up a lot when she came to the United States for the first time at the age of 14. Entering a New York high school knowing only a couple words in English was difficult, but she doesn't regret the decision to do it. Only a few years later she is the president of a 12-year old organiza-

tion at JSU, working to benefit those venturing out as she once did.

Jakuovic is only one of the 195 international students at JSU, each with a story of their own. The students have seen the American culture and become part of it, and now they would like the opportunity for us to learn a little more about where they have spent most of their lives.

The International Week will kick off with a soccer tournament held at Germania Springs. At 1 p.m. teams will be chosen and a match will occur while barbeque awaits those who choose to participate. Soccer, or football, as international students call it, is what they grew up on. They will share with us what they did growing up while we were shooting hoops.

Monday and Tuesday the International House will turn into a silent auction lead by Sushmita Silwal, who is in charge of ISO public relations. Each day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. students can come in and bid on souvenirs and treasures the international students have brought from their homes abroad. Included will be a mix of figurines, clothes, paintings and more.

Everyone on campus is also invited to Friday night festivities in the basement of Patterson Hall, from 6 until 9

p.m., where there will be games, pizza and prizes for everyone.

The entire week leads up to the largest event, the Taster's Fair and talent show, held on Saturday, March 6. International Programs Coordinator Debbie Russell said this is her favorite event out of the entire year.

The first Taster's Fair in 1992 fed less than 100 people, but last year there were more than 300 people present. Taster's Fair will take place in the Leone Cole auditorium at 6 p.m. the food is free to enjoy, yet donations will be accepted for those who would like to support ISO and their efforts.

At home in Croatia, Jakuovic remembers that her mom made bread every day. She only became aware of microwavable dishes when she came to the States. "We make wine with our feet and here people use their microwave to make food," Jakuovic recalls thinking.

As college students we have become all too familiar with Chef Boyardee and Ramen noodles, but on Saturday you can unplug the microwave and try out an array of different foods while being entertained by an international talent show. For more information contact Debbie Russell at 782-5674.

mytime played out by the music departments orchestra directed by Mark Fifer.

Entering the auditorium in high expectations after seeing the movie about 25 times, I was surprised how much I truly enjoyed the performances on the stage. Not only did the actors surprise me, but also the musical as a whole, starting from the orchestra all the way to the production staff, made an impression on me. Without the detailed scenery, choreography and even lighting this musical would have lacked the liveli-

drama and music department, made me think that maybe the best theatre sometimes happens in smaller arenas. You don't have to travel to New York Broadway to see good theatre or even to bigger cities like Birmingham or Atlanta, because it is right here in our little town called Jacksonville. I wouldn't like to see anyone miss out on this play, not if you want to experience something live and refreshing. So go ahead and take a risk; I'll guarantee you'll enjoy.

## 92J hosts its sixth benefit to promote local music

By Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

The 92J Benefit started out two and a half years ago as a way of raising money for the radio station, but has grown to serve a much more meaningful purpose.

The benefit now is a widely-recognized event in musical circles from Birmingham to Atlanta as one of the best ways to show support for local music and the radio station that promotes it, according to 92J music director Jordan Brewer. "All these bands know and appreciate what this benefit is," he said. "Basically, [the benefit] is a thank-you from the bands to college radio for giving local bands a chance because a lot of commercial radio stations tend to overlook their local bands."

And local bands are where Brewer says every major-market band starts out. "Everybody starts out as a little bar band playing to three or four people in the crowd," he said. "And we've been fortunate enough to have had a lot

of bands play this benefit that have gone on to do great things."

Bands like Birmingham's Adelayda, which has played the benefit a couple of times before, have gone on to make its mark on the music industry. "If people want to see bands that have the potential to move on and do really great things for music, the benefit is a great place to do that," Brewer said.

Tomorrow night's lineup begins with Birmingham's country-fried punk band **Caddle**. The band has performed its hell-raising show laced with Southern humor at several prior benefits. Following Caddle is Nashville-native **Lume**. This Starsailor and Radiohead-like band has been getting lots of national airplay on college radio stations, according to Brewer.

**Rockets to Ruin**, next on the lineup, is a rock-n-roll band with "metal tendencies," said Brewer. Then, Jacksonville "favorites," **Twinnick** takes the stage with an added guitar

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the phrase "Big culture shock." The question wasn't about the things that you like about America, or things that have positively changed you since you came here, it was about culture shocks. We all experience them when traveling to other countries and I find it surprising that somebody would get offended when the question was what it was.

I am an international student myself. Since I arrived to the United States almost four years ago, I have been shocked by many things here. The fact is I, as well as other international students, come from different cultures with different habits and customs. At first some things might seem weird, but after a while you get accustomed to the other culture you're now living in and it becomes your other home. Still it is fun to talk about those things that shocked you when you first arrived.

I'm sure if someone from America or any other country would visit Finland there would be some or many things that would shock them. We like to go to the sauna together, whether it is strangers or family, and we most often go naked. If that doesn't shock you, then how about the fact that we don't like to look people in the eyes and we definitely do not like to be asked by strangers how we are doing. See, every culture is different and whether we like it or not, those things seem funny for those who are shocked.

I'm sure none of those international students regret a day they have spent at JSU. Even though there are things that may feel a little bit weird at first, it is all part of the experience. I am sure their answers were not meant to hurt anybody and they shouldn't have, because they were just responses anybody would make about another culture. Lets be real and remember, that the question was the most shocking thing, not the happiest thing or about those good things that have happened. That is another question entirely.



# WLJS 92-J 91.9FM concert calendar

## Local

- 02/27/04 92J Benefit:  
Twinnick, Ethan,  
All Tomorrows  
Parties and Lume -  
Brother's
- 02/28/04 92J Benefit:  
Caddle, Aerial,  
Snap 9A and Blue  
Epic - Brother's  
Gnat Valley  
Ramblers - The  
Peerless Saloon
- 03/03/04 DJ Crash -  
Brother's

## Birmingham

- 02/26/04 Dale Watson and  
Willie Heath Neal  
- The Nick
- 02/28/04 Alamantra -  
Cave 9
- 03/03/04 Course of Nature  
and Frickin' A -  
The Nick

## Atlanta

- 02/27/04 The Windbreakers  
- Echo Lounge
- 02/28/04 A.F.L., Coheed And  
Cambria and  
Thursday -  
Tabernacle
- 03/01/04 The Hiss - Echo  
Lounge
- 03/03/04 The Church -  
Variety Playhouse  
Starlyer 59 - Echo  
Lounge  
Hobex and The  
Gamble Brothers  
Band - Smith's  
Olde Bar

# Beating Around the Bush

by Corey McDaniel & Bryan Stone



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player and their always-entertaining covers and originals, said Brewer. **Partial Jones**, a modern rock band with a "Fuel-type vibe," will then play the stage with its member lineup consisting of former members of benefit veterans Six and Wayne. Rounding out the night's lineup is the local band **Ethan**. The Dave Matthews-like band was supposed to play last semester's benefit, but had

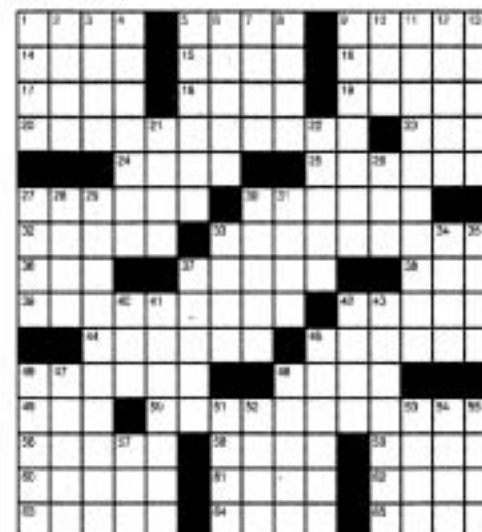
to cancel due to scheduling conflicts. However, Brewer said he is looking forward to the band's performance. "If you haven't seen an Ethan show, you need to," he said.

Saturday night starts up with a Birmingham pop/rock band called **Shelton**. Then **Eyes Around**, a modern rock with an indie twist band from Louisiana, takes the stage. This band recently opened for R.E.M. and has been getting recent airplay on

Birmingham's 107.7 The X. **Crazy Anglos** is a rap/rock/metal band from Atlanta that has been playing recently at Brother's. They are followed by a punk band called **All Tomorrow's Parties**. The final two bands on Saturday are Aerial and Snap 9A. **Aerial**, a "live rave music" band, will be playing the benefit for its second time. It consists of two DJs, two guitarists, a saxophone and a lead singer that "oozes sexuality," according to

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- Energy food, for short
  - Between-meals munchie
  - Grouchy Muppet
  - On the less windy side
  - Carpeting measurement
  - Mariner's malarkey
  - Rich, dark soil
  - Window ledge
  - Mall unit
  - Eye-opener, for many
  - Animation art
  - Arkin or King
  - Stoppers
  - Kitchen ring
  - Forage crop
  - Delete
  - Ring
  - Coop product
  - Cautious
  - Bite the dust
  - Play back
  - Asimov's genre
  - Sibling's daughters
  - Aviators
  - French brandy
  - Walt Kelly's comic strip
  - Nexus of activity
  - Dishwater container
  - Chop'n piece
  - Sentry's order
  - Biblical garden
  - Psychiatrist Alfred
  - Frankenstein's aide
  - Heavy reading?
  - Voting places
  - "Da Ya Think I'm "
  - Like molasses in January
- DOWN
- Math subj
  - Baseball family name
  - Gather in
  - Laments
  - Winston Cup org.
  - Starry hunter
  - Egoist's main concern
  - Fifty percent
  - Keep an eye on
  - Take a load off
  - Morning alarm, for many
  - Come to terms
  - Film epics
  - Run away
  - Jot black
  - Former power grp.
  - Bock or porter
  - Strong inclination
  - DeNiro film
  - Fischer's game
  - Folk wisdom
  - Pierre's pop
  - Holst
  - Kauai garlands
  - Susan of "All My Children"
  - Hr. fraction
  - Lab glassware



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## Solutions



- Autograph
- Small storage rooms
- Nurse
- Cut-price
- Surpass
- Flower of Texas
- won't hurt a bit
- Pet canary's digs
- Object of worship
- Verne's captain
- Had the answer
- Dolores ... Rio

Brewer. "When they played last year, everybody just stood there with their jaws just sitting on the floor," he said. "It was nothing this area had ever seen before." **Snap 9A** will then take the stage and perform its hard-hitting metal show complete with originals, as well as amazing covers by bands such as System of a Down and Pantera.

The benefit is at Brother's Bar and cover is \$5 for ages 21 and up, \$7 for ages 18-20. T-

shirts, stickers, posters and "all that goodness" will be given away at the show. The host, Masa the "Japanese Cowboy," will also be there to perform novelty songs and introduce the bands in between sets.

"The benefit has become a staple of the Jacksonville just as the radio station has been of the University," said Brewer. "For God's sake, it's twelve bands for a dirt cheap price. And this may be your only chance for a spring concert."





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# Sports

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## ESPN and the fall of college basketball heckling

By  
J. Wilson Guthrie  
The Chanticleer  
Sports Editor



Well folks, this has been one of the hardest weeks of my life. On top of the workload that I have in school – three term papers due this week – one of my closest friends in the worlds mother died. She was very much like my mother.

Not to bring everyone down, but hey, that's what I am dealing with. So now I am off to talk about what I was going to talk about this week – cursing at college basketball games.

ESPN has been blowing up the airwaves about Maryland and their @&\*\$ Duke! shirts and how bad that was. Grow up people. They are just words.

I cuss. I have a very filthy mouth. I know when to control it and when I can just let them fly. I personally don't cuss at football or basketball games that I get to attend as a spectator. But for the people that do, oh well.

There are better ways to do that. I understand. But Whup Troy used to be something else that was very vulgar. And to be honest I miss those days. Call me old

# Softball opens 2004 in style

By Mike Vaughan II  
The Chanticleer staff writer

Jacksonville State opened the 2004 season in style this week, even though hearts were heavy as they started it without their teammate and friend, Tera Ross. JSU made sure to get some victories for her, as they defeated Alabama State in a double-header at home, then went to the Alabama state Hornet Invitational in Montgomery and racked up four wins in five games there.

Game one was Tuesday against Alabama State. The Hornets decided to arrive fashionably late, and JSU made them pay for it with a 17-1 victory.

There was a beautiful and touching memorial to Tera before the game, as the team released 31 red and white balloons from the pitchers mound in her honor. Her jersey will also hang in the dugout for the season.

After spotting the Hornets a 1-0 lead in the first inning, JSU stormed back in the bottom half with three runs, as Daniela Pappano drove on one with an RBI double, then Jessica Ford followed with a sacrifice fly. Katie Czaja would single in the third run to end the scoring for

the inning.

JSU again scored three in the second, as Rachael Countryman launched a two-run homer to center, followed by a Breezy Olemann line drive homer that couldn't have been more than nine feet off the ground. JSU now owned a 6-1 lead.

For game one, Pappano would lead the offense, going 4-for-4 with 5 RBI's. Countryman went 1-for-1 with the homer, but she also scored four runs in the game. All in all, the "Fresh Four" newcomers that started the game: Pappano, Czaja, Becky Carpenetti, and Megan Jezerski; went 9-of-13 with six runs scored and 11 of the 16 JSU RBI's. Countryman, Olemann, and Jezerski recorded home runs.

Olemann also started the game and got the win, going the full five innings, giving up only one run, striking out nine while only walking three.

The second game of the doubleheader went much like the first, with JSU picking up a relatively easy 14-2 win.

Starting pitcher Katy White for JSU allowed a first inning run, but settled down to strike out six Hornets over three innings. Emily Espenel would

pitch the final two innings for the save, though she did give up a run.

JSU again scored three in the bottom of the first, as Ford singled home two, and herself scored on an error.

The second inning saw the game get blown wide open, as the Gamecocks scored seven big runs. Pappano would blast a three-run homer to left to start the scoring, to be matched later in the inning by another Olemann clothesline home run, also accounting for three RBI.

JSU could put it in cruise control from there, as many reserves got to see playing time, including Ashley Cling, Beth Howard, and Jezerski.

Janae Bonin led the hitters in the game going 2-for-2, as did Ford. Pappano and Olemann drove in three runs each, as Ford and Carpanetti each knocked in a pair. All four of those batters hit a home run.

Jacksonville State would then go 2-for-3 on the day in the Hornet on Saturday, as they shutout Grambling, 8-0 and defeated Alabama State 16-3 early in the day. The Gamecocks' Jezerski hit a homerun in the second inning to score to runs and gain an early lead over Troy State in their third game of the day, but

eventually took the loss, 7-6.

The Lady Gamecocks scored again in the fourth inning when Ford hit a homerun to right field, making the score 3-0. The Lady Trojans battled back in the top of the fifth when Boyd hit a double to center field to score Traci Mainville. Tamera Howren later tripled to score Paige Foster and Boyd, tying the game at three.

JSU took the lead again in the bottom of the fifth on a homerun from Melinda McDonald that drove in Carpenetti. To even it up, Troy State's Sally Jones hit her first homerun of the season, also scoring Bonnie Belin, who hit a double to start the rally. Mainville singled and eventually scored on a Boyd singles to center field to give the Lady Trojans their first lead of the game. They added another when Boyd scored after getting to third on a wild pitch and coming home on an error by JSU.

Taking the loss for the Gamecocks was Katy White (1-1), who pitched six innings.

In game one, Pappano and Oleman each recorded a double and two runs batted in, while Oleman (2-0) was the winning pitcher with six strikeouts.

In the second win, Pappano

went 2-for-4 with a homerun, while Countryman was 3-for-3 with a single, triple, homerun and four RBIs. Emily Espenel (1-0) was the winning pitcher in the second game for JSU.

Jacksonville State then defeated rival Troy State, 6-5 in eight innings to win the Alabama State Softball Invitational on Sunday after a 10-0 shutout win over the host Alabama State Hornets. The game between JSU and the Trojans was for the Championship of the tournament.

Countryman started things off for the Gamecocks with a solo shot and JSU would continue to score two more runs and take a 3-0 lead. Troy State scored three runs of its' own and the score remained tied at three until the sixth inning when the Trojans took its' first lead 4-3.

JSU's McDonald regained the lead for the Gamecocks by nailing a two run homerun. The Trojans tied the game in the seventh inning to send it into extra innings. With the international tie-breaker, Olemann was placed on second base. JSU would win with Sam Gutierrez recording the game-

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# Women split week; Men make best

gals. And to be honest I miss those days. Call me old school, everyone else does.

People say that things need to change. Some things do. Fraternity hazing, that needs to go. Racial discrimination, that should have never happened. But some other traditions in college need to remain.

I loved it when I would travel to other schools and they would say that we had the rowdiest crowd in the A-Sun. Then when football season rolled around it made me shine even more when people said that Paul Snow was the most hostile playing environment that they had ever seen, let alone played in.

And the band, Hardcorps and all the fans add to that. A group of people, who are always at the basketball games, stand behind players, yell at benches and everything else under the sun that won't get them thrown out. And what is wrong with that?

I thought that was the whole point of the student section. To seclude the students the people that raise the most hell, away from the respectable fans, i.e. the alumni and supporters that give a lot of money.

But the crazed fans do, sometimes go too far. Going out on the court during the game, yelling obscene things (I differentiate from profane and obscene) at players or referees, that just isn't right. That is not what I am advocating, but things in good fun and humor, things that get under the players skin, sure, why not.

So to the loyal fans at JSU: raise hell and have fun. But try to abide by the rules set out by the OVC and NCAA.

# With much spirit week, knock off Austin Peay

By Mike Vaughan  
*The Chanticleer staff writer*

Jacksonville State entered the week on a slide and needed some wins to secure a home court berth in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference playoffs. They were "blitzkreig"ed by Tennessee Tech 79-55 but rebounded for one of the more impressive wins of the season, beating Austin Peay State 66-64.

Katja Fuess hit her first two shots, but no more in the half, to give Jacksonville a 5-0 lead. Before the next Gamecock field goal, every Eaglette starter, except Arleigh Brackin, had scored - and Brackin scored on the next Eaglette possession.

Brackin sank two more three's to have nine points at the half and Andrea Brown completed the scoring burst with two more three's. Her second basket gave Tech its largest lead at 37-22 with 2:18 remaining. Only two long-range shots by Jacksonville State made the score respectable as Tech took a 37-28 lead into the locker room.

Only :13 into the second half, Fuess started with another bucket to cut the lead to seven points at 37-30. However, a 13-2 run by Tech put the game out of reach. Casey Bradford started the run with two free throws and a lay-up. Brackin, Alexander, and Cavin followed with three-pointers.

From there, the Golden Eagles continued to pull away, building the lead to 67-40 following a 30-10 total blitz. Jenna Baltimore's two free throws provided the largest margin at 77-50.

The Gamecocks were beaten in every aspect of the game, as the Golden Eaglettes shot 47 percent from the field, including 11-of-22 from beyond the three-point arc. Tech also maintained their torrid shooting at the free throw line by sinking 16-of-17 chances (94.1 percent).

The defense also held Jacksonville State to 34.5 percent shooting, one of the Gamecocks worst performances of the year. The Eaglettes also out rebounded the Gamecocks 38-32.

Tech's defense limited OVC leading scorer Shanika Freeman to 10 points. She was the only Gamecock in double figures. With Freeman held four rebounds below her

league-leading average of 10+ rebounds per game, Courtney Slaughter picked up the rebounding slack by capturing eight rebounds.

Jacksonville State then hosted league leading Austin Peay, who had won 25 of their last 26 OVC games. They weren't destined to win this one, however, as they fell 66-64.

Ashley Clay scored JSU's first four points of the first half, as JSU opened a 10-5 lead early. The Lady Gobs would counter with a 9-3 run to tie the game at 22-22. Austin Peay then took their first lead at the 4:17 mark of the half, 26-25, and took the lead into the intermission 34-33.

JSU came out in the second half fired up and ready to win, as evidenced by the tenacious defense being played. Kat Fuess created two tie-ups within a few seconds of each other to give JSU possession, and they responded with a 10-2 run to take a 42-40 lead. The Lady Gobs fought back to take a lead, but a 9-1 run gave JSU a 58-57 cushion.

With 1:00 left in the game, Freddrika Embry hit a three pointer to give JSU a tie at 63-63. A Cobie Carlisle lay-up gave JSU a 65-64 lead, then a Freeman free throw would put JSU up by a deuce.

Austin Peay had one final shot, but Courtney Slaughter contested the shot and it bounced away harmlessly for the win.

Slaughter led the way for the Gamecocks with 19 points and seven rebounds, both career highs. Freeman also reached double digits in scoring with 15 points on the night. Clay also scored a career high six points in the victory.

By handing the Lady Gobs just their second conference loss of the season, JSU moves into a tie with Southeast Missouri for third place in the OVC Standings. Jax State owns the tiebreaker over SEMO after downing the Otahkians 95-83 on January 29.

The victory gives JSU a 15-9 record with a 9-5 mark in the OVC. The 15 wins match a school record at the Division I level. The victory also guarantees the Gamecocks a winning record for the 2003-04 season as the Gamecocks travel to Savannah State today for a noon contest. They will then host Tennessee State this Saturday at 5pm to close out the regular season.

# With make best of short week

By Mike Vaughan II  
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Jacksonville State enjoyed a stretch of seven days with only one game this week, as Tennessee Tech provided the only opposition. Austin Peay was scheduled to be the other opponent on Saturday, but the game was moved to earlier in the season to accommodate APSU's Bracket Buster game this week for ESPN. The Gamecocks took advantage of that, and an injured Tech team to go 1-0 on the week.

Even though injuries limited the performances of Tennessee Tech starters Willie Jenkins and Milone Clark, the Golden Eagles were not able to overcome their absence against conference foe Jacksonville State at Pete Mathews Coliseum Thursday night. The Gamecocks rode the hot shooting hand of forward James Denson to take an 80-59 victory over the Golden Eagles. JSU improved to 12-13 and 5-9 in the OVC while Tech falls to 13-11 on the season and 7-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Cameron Crisp scored eight of Tech's first 11 points to build an 11-2 lead less than three minutes into the game. However, the Gamecocks nibbled away at the lead until Scott Watson's three-pointer forged a tie at 28-28 with 5:52 remaining. Will Moore's jumper gave Tech the lead until Abdou Diame's two free throws provided the second tie. After trading baskets, Watson's second three-pointer created the third tie at 35-35 with 2:01 remaining. His third trey of the half provided the only lead change of the game and sent Jacksonville State into the locker room with a 38-35 lead.

The Gamecocks came out in the second half and gave the ball to Denson. He responded with ten of his 18 second-half points and Jacksonville had a 51-43 lead with 13:12 remaining. Antjuan Koger hit a three pointer and Leigh Gayden sank two three throws to pull the Golden Eagles within three points. From there, the Gamecocks went on a 21-6 run to stretch the lead to 72-54 with just under four minutes remaining. The teams traded free throws down the stretch to reach the final score.

Denson led the Gamecock attack with 20 points. He was joined in double figures by Scott Watson, who scored 19 points built on five three pointers; Trent Eager, with 12 points; and Walker Russell, who finished with 11 points. Russell, the conference leader in assists, was credited with 13 assists in the game as he recorded a double-double. As a team, Jacksonville State shot 57 percent (28-of-49) from the field and 48 percent (12 of 25) from three-point range.

Jacksonville State hits the court again hard this week with a game on Saturday against Tennessee State. Game time is tentatively set for 7:30pm. With JSU in seventh place currently, every game down the stretch is important for tournament seeding purposes.



# Baseball takes Alabama at home

By Amado Ortiz  
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Senior, Scott Smith hit a two-run walk off homer over the left field fence in the bottom of the ninth inning, his second homer of the night, to lead Jacksonville State (1-0) to a 4-3 come-from-behind win over Alabama (2-2) in the season opener in front of a record crowd of 2,463 fans at Rudy Abbott Field, Wed. night.

JSU's Josh Forrest (1-0) tossed the top of the ninth inning to earn the win, while Alabama's Wade LeBlanc allowed two hits in the bottom of the ninth to suffer the loss for the Crimson Tide.

"This was a great win for our baseball program against a quality program," said JSU head coach Jim Case after running his career record to 2-1 vs. Alabama. "Alabama played a good game, but you have to give credit to our guys for hanging in there and giving ourselves a chance to win.

Justin Meier limited Jacksonville State (1-1) to one run over 6 2/3 innings and J.C. Holt went 3-for-5 with two runs and a stolen base as second-ranked Louisiana State University (4-1) defeated the Gamecocks 6-1, in the opening game of a three-game set.

Meier (1-0) record eight strike-outs to earn his first victory of the season for the Tigers. Bobby Wynns (0-1) took the loss, as he worked five innings, allowing three earned runs and two walks while adding eight strikeouts.

Jacksonville State broke a scoreless tie in the top of the third inning when third baseman Clint Carroll delivered a sacrifice fly, scoring center fielder Jason Horn as the Gamecocks

took a 1-0 lead.

The Tigers countered with three runs in the bottom half of the third inning and added two in the seventh. LSU went on to win 6-1.

Jax State was led by Bobby Hicks who had a pair of hits. Robby Goodson, Scott Smith, Danny Civello and Horn each also had a hit as JSU finished the game with six.

LSU pounded out 14 hits and took advantage of three Jacksonville State errors. Mestepey (2-0) picked up his first win at Alex Box Stadium since May 18, 2002, when he defeated Alabama. The Junior left-hander went six innings, allowing one run on six hits, while adding four strikeouts.

JSU's Danny Andres (0-1) took the loss after working four innings and allowing three earned runs on six hits and one walk. The Tigers (5-1) used a five-run second and two four-run inning in the sixth and seventh to pull away from the Gamecocks.

LSU trailed JSU, 1-0, for the second consecutive day. After Mestepey retired the first two batters of the game on back-to-back strikeouts, designated hitter Robby Goodson drove a 2-2 pitch over the right field wall for his first homer of the season.

Goodson finished the game 3-for-4 to lead Jax State, which finished the games with eight hits.

LSU 19 JSU 1

For the second consecutive day, No. 2 LSU (6-1) exploded for double digit runs, using a 12-run fourth inning to sweet Jacksonville State (1-3), with a 19-1 win in the series finale Sunday afternoon at Alex Box Stadium.

Clay Dirks (1-0) earned his first collegiate victory, pitching



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superbly in five innings of work. The Hernando, Miss. Native gave up one unearned run on four hits while adding six strikeouts. JSU starter C.R. Palmer (0-1) took the game with four runs, three earned, on six hits in 2 1/3 innings. Jax State finished the game with four hits, including doubles by Matt Ruckdeschel and Winston Pearson.

Weekend Preview

Jacksonville State continues its very tough schedule with a three-game weekend series at home against Middle Tennessee State at Rudy Abbott Field. Friday's game is set for 3 p.m.

Blue Racer skipper Steve Peterson is in his 16<sup>th</sup> season and has compiled a 502-404-2 record.

Peterson, a native of Huntsville, spent his playing days at JSU under the legendary Rudy Abbott where he stood out as a catcher. Peterson earned his Bachelor's from JSU in 1973.

When Peterson gets in a jam late in the game he gives the ball to Junior Chase Swing who had 11 saves and allowed only eight of twenty-four inherited runners to score.

Swing, in the Blue Raiders last game combined with John Williams who earned *Collegiate Baseball* National Pitcher of the Week honors on Monday after striking out 12 batters in six innings for the third no-hitter in school history.

Middle Tennessee is coming off an NCAA tournament regional appearance in 2003

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winning RBI, after Jezierski bunted Oleman to third.

Espenel (2-0) was the winning pitcher in game one, while Oleman (3-0) was the winning pitcher in the TSU game.

After a game this past Tuesday against UAB, the Gamecocks don't play again until next weekend, when they host Lipscomb of the Atlantic Sun on Saturday March 6th, and Alabama A&M of the SWAC on Sunday March 7th.

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