Educators may have to pay more for health benefits

Employees receiving health insurance benefits through PEEHIP may see substantial increases in their premium rates

By Constance Arnold Avila
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

In the near future, Alabama educators, including teachers and staff at elementary and secondary schools, community colleges, and Jacksonville State University may have to pay more for their health insurance.

Dr. Cynthia Sneed and Dr. John Sneed, both JSU accounting professors, have coauthored “The PEEHIP Funding Crisis in Alabama,” a study which looks at how the Alabama’s Public Education Employees Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP).

This plan has been touted as one of the best insurance plans in the country, that can keep from becoming too much of a burden on the already struggling Alabama budget while preventing a cut in benefits.

Dr. Cynthia Sneed was concerned about the rising costs of providing this one-of-a-kind program as well as keeping it affordable for recipients. According to Dr. Sneed, state employees, who pay nothing for single coverage, currently pay $169 per month for family coverage while PEEHIP participants, who pay $2 per month for single coverage, currently pay $134 per month for family coverage.

This amounts to PEEHIP families paying 26% of their $620 premiums. Dr. Sneed said that PEEHIP family coverage will only be minimally affected ($134 per month to $155) but that, to keep costs reasonable for the state, individual workers should share the costs of coverage by paying approximately 25% of their premiums.

Two dollars per month would go up to $60.50 per month, saving “the state about $47 million per year.” Her findings also indicated that by “charging each retiree only 25% of their premium ($l 50) for about 25,000 retirees” per month,” Alabama could save another $18 million each year.

Dr. Maureen Newton, a JSU see PEEHIP, page 2

Kerry, his life and political views

Inside the minds of presidential hopefuls

By Rosalind L. Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

Voters in seven states made their mark on the Democratic nomination on Tuesday night. Days before the Feb. 3 primaries, political analyst and reporter, Tom Oliphant, stated in the Boston Globe a very positive outlook for senator, John Kerry.

“Carrying the day for Kerry is more than just another liberal democrat, while other candidates like Howard Dean claim, according to AOL.com political analysis, to represent the “democratic wing of the democratic party.”

After winning five states on Feb. 3 at an important and crucial moment, Kerry addressed his supporters saying, “Now we will carry this campaign and the cause of a stronger, fairer, more prosperous America to every part of America. We will take nothing for granted; we will compete everywhere – and in November, with your help, we will defeat George W. Bush.”

Over the past few weeks, after crucially important wins in cities. He received a B.A. in political science at Yale University in 1966 and graduated from Boston College Law School in 1976.

His background as a navy lieutenant and U.S. senator has proved favorable among his fellow democrats.

Some of Kerry’s major contributions as a senator have included his work to reform public education, address children’s issues, strengthen the economy and encourage the growth of the high tech New Economy, protect the environment, and advance America’s foreign policy interests around the globe.

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Back in 1954, a Supreme Court case called Brown v. Board of Education changed America and its school operation. It all started when a young black girl was unable to go to a nearby school for only white children.

But on May 14, the case was ruled that the “separate but equal” law was unconstitutional because it singled out people just by the color of their skin and violated the 14th amendment rights.

This is where America’s civil liberties were truly able to take off, and since then we’ve accomplished school integration, more involved with campus life, fellow students, and campus faculty and staff.

Cultural celebrations are set up during periods of minority history, which include the current Black History Month, Hispanic American Heritage Month, Asian/Pacific American Week, Native American Month, and even Women’s History Month, which is during March.

During these times, educational and entertainment events are scheduled, such as last week’s free bus trip to Atlanta for Martin Luther King Week where speeches were made by some of Atlanta’s government officials, two of whom were African American females.

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in the Boston Globe a very positive outlook for senator, John Kerry. “Carrying the day for Kerry probably means winning four states; a viable opponent will probably have to win two,” Oliphant said of the Feb. 3 primaries. In the end, Kerry managed to carry five of those seven states.

Many candidates have been at the forefront of the democratic race to the presidential nomination but John Kerry seems to be living in the limelight the most. Kerry a veteran of the US senate and Vietnam, boasts that he have several leads in the case against current president George W. Bush.

Kerry has begun to emerge among the other democratic candidates as the stronger candidate, but where does he stand on the important issues that matter to most Americans.

Sixty-one year old Kerry was born in Denver, CO and raised in Boston, MA among other foreign policy interests around the globe.

Kerry has continued to receive endorsements from various public and political names across the United States. Among the most recent of these endorsements was Michigan Governor, Jennifer M. Granholm.

Granholm stated, “Michigan needs John Kerry in the White House because John Kerry will deliver the national leadership the people of Michigan expect and the country needs.” Granholm went on to endorse Kerry’s understanding of what and national security are second to none, making him the best Democratic candidate to take on George Bush, take back the White House, and get America back on track.”

According to Kerry’s campaign Web site, www.johnkerry.com, Kerry “will give every American access to the health care plan that the President and Members of Congress already have. John Kerry has the

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UPD receives second accreditation from CALEA

UPD only one of seven departments in the state to be accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies

By Dannis Lusk The Chanticleer News Editor

On Sunday, University police officers responded to a report of criminal mischief occurring at the east parking lot of JSU’s Panhellenic House.

Several Panhellenic house residents reported that their vehicle tires had been slashed. Some of the victims’ vehicles had two tires slashed, while others just had one.

“The incident was reported to JSUPD on Sunday morning around 9:30 a.m.” Corporal Neil Fetter stated. “It apparently occurred overnight from Saturday night and into early Sunday morning.” According to JSUPD at this time they have several leads in the case including possible eyewitnesses.

According to Jacksonville City police reports, seven victims also reported similar incidents occurring on the same night in the parking lot of Jacksonville Place Apartments to city police officers.

Currently JSUPD is investigating the incident in conjunction with Jacksonville City Police. A total of approximately 12 vehicles were vandalized around the Jacksonville City area, and several reports have surfaced around campus of similar vandalism occurring over the last few days.

“As far as we know there were only those two incidents that occurred in Jacksonville during that same time frame that resulted in damage of property,” stated Investigative Sergeant, Sean Giddy of the JSUPD. “Each incident had the same M.O and same damage, a blade into the tire.”

According to JSUPD, eye

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social work professor, agreed with Dr. Sneed that an increase in co-pays might unfairly burden families and anyone with chronic health problems, making the increase regressive.

However, Newton felt that while the current co-pays were reasonable for singles, an increase in co-pays coupled with a deduction on them might be a better option than increasing everyone's premiums. Newton and Sneed stated that they both seek meaningful tax reform and acknowledged that any solution might just be a temporary fix.

"We can't continue to punish individuals for problems related to the state budget," stated Newton. She went on to add that "because Alabama is below the national average in teacher and faculty salaries," raising premiums or decreasing benefits "might encourage teachers and faculty to move to other states with higher salaries and equal benefits."

"Some are willing to accept lower salaries because of our benefits," Newton said. "Also students should be concerned. Health insurance premium increases risk tuition increases to cover salary increases," she added.

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witness accounts report that juvenile males riding bicycles down the Chief Ladiga trail possibly committed the vandalism. "This can be classified as a crime of opportunity," Fetner stated.

A crime of opportunity is generally classified as one where the criminal recognized the opportunity to commit a crime. This particular incident of criminal mischief could be classified as a crime of opportunity due to the fact that police believe the juveniles traveled the Chief Ladiga trail by bicycle.

Both locations, Jacksonville Place apartments and the Panhellenic house, are directly accessible from the trail.

Many of the victims thought that someone had let the air out of the tires of their vehicles as a prank, but upon trying to re-inflate the tires that there were slits in the tires.

At the present time JSUPD states that most possible scenarios point to the juvenile males committing the vandalism acts. JSUPD feels very strongly that they will be able to identify the group of males who they believe committed the vandalism acts.

Cambrey Jordan, one of the victims and a resident of the Panhellenic house was just having a regular morning, when she discovered that her back passenger tire had been punctured.

"I was getting ready for work when someone told me that I needed to come outside," stated Jordan. "UPD took our statements and they helped us all change out to our spare tires. They were very helpful."

According to Jordan, she received about $150 worth of damage. The total damage estimates reported by JSUPD totaled about $1300. The Jacksonville City Police reported about $1010 of damage occurring at Jacksonville Place apartments.

When asked if she felt less safe after the incident, Jordan stated, "It does make you think. I wonder if I am going to come out of the house and my tires be slashed again."

Many of the victims, however, expressed their gratitude and appreciation for JSUPD's handling of the matter. JSUPD is continuing to investigate the matter and work with eyewitness accounts they have received.

"All of the counts will be considered third degree and each incident will be charged individually," stated Giddy. Currently the incidents are being considered random acts of criminal mischief. JSUPD believes that the incidents were committed by a group and targeted areas conveniently located off of Ladiga trail.

If the criminals are juveniles they could face several consequences depending on their individual situations. If the juveniles have prior offense records they could face time in juvenile detention or other consequences.

If anyone has any information regarding either incident occurring at the JSU Panhellenic house or Jacksonville Place apartments, they are encouraged to contact the JSUPD at 782-5050.
JSU Today Show: Watch JSU Today every Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. on TV24. If any communication students would be interested in gaining TV production experience, please contact Stephanie Deese. Contact: Stephanie Deese, 782-6187 or stephdeese@aol.com.

Peer Educators: Counseling and Career Services will be sponsoring a “JSU Peer Educators Interest Meeting” on Feb. 9th and 11th, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Rm 303 TMB. This meeting will describe a JSU Peer Educator, their duties and responsibilities. If you are interested becoming a Peer Educator, please make plans to attend one of these dates. Contact: Fred Mays, 782-5475.

Phi Eta Sigma: Eighty-eight $1,000 awards and thirty-one $2,000 scholarships are available nationally to members of Phi Eta Sigma for undergraduate study. Five scholarships of $5,000 each are available nationally for graduate study. JSU members of Phi Eta Sigma are invited to apply. Local deadline for applications is Feb. 23. Contact: Rufus Kinney, 782-5467. (for applications or questions)

ROTC: The Gamecock Battalion would like to thank everyone that attended our annual Military Ball at The Barn last Saturday night. We all had a great time! If you are interested in receiving an Army Scholarship or would like more information on the ROTC program contact Capt. Shackleford at 782-5601. Contact: Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.

Sigma Nu: We would like to congratulate the newest member of our candidate class “Footlong.” Brother of the week: Drew Wagner for his uncharacteristic display of responsibility Saturday morning, making sure we were at the LEAD Institute. Saying of the week: “Why Tater? WHY NOT?” Contact: Dave Chambers, 525-6490.

Sarah Adams, 782-5647. Because of an error in a previous article, we have not as of yet received the correct spelling of our new member’s name. Thanks for the correction, Drew. We’re glad you are here.

Society of Professional Journalists: Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Rick Bragg of Jacksonville, will visit today. Bragg will speak at 6 p.m. tonight on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. The public is invited to attend. Contact: Katja Sunnarborg, 782-8192.

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

Zeta Tau Alpha: Congratulations to all our new members! We love you all! Thanks to Elizabeth Johnson for all your hard work on recruitment. Thanks to Sigma Phi Epsilon for a fun mixer! Great job, Rebecca Gardner for putting it all together. Go Gamecocks! Contact: Heather Moore, heathern16@hotmail.com.

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CAMPUS CRIME

Jan. 28—Matthew Craig Ramsey, 19, of Decatur, AL was arrested for minor consumption of liquor occurring at Daugette Hall.

Jan. 28—Charles Cory Blass, 18, of Huntsville, AL was arrested for minor in possession of liquor occurring at Daugette Hall.

Jan. 28—Nicholas R. Parkinson, 19, of Atlanta, GA was arrested for possession of marijuana and eradication occurring at Daugette Hall.

Jan. 28—Joshua Michael Rose, 18, was arrested for minor consumption of liquor occurring at Daugette Hall.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Sallis 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 782-7071, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

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GOLD'S GYM
How to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft

Easy precautions and tips to follow so that identity theft won’t happen to you

By Malcolm Thomas
The Chanticleer Contributing Editor

Cpl Neil Fetner and Sgt. Carl Preuninger of Jacksonville State University’s police department talked to the Sociology Club last week about identity theft that occurs right here on campus.

Fetner discussed many ways to keep your identity safe. Cutting up your credit cards, checking credit reports annually, and cutting up or burning bank statements are some of the ways to prevent identity theft. Being careful about whom you give your credit card numbers too is also important.

“Everyone has the potential to have their identities stolen from them,” explained Fetner.

There are two ways, account takeover and application fraud, for criminals to steal your identity. According to the Web site www.privacyrights.org, account takeover occurs when a thief steals your identity by using existing credit account information and he or she buys products and services using either the actual credit card or the account number and expiration date.

Application fraud, also known as “true name fraud,” consists of using social security numbers and other identity specific information to open new accounts in another person’s name.

“There are many ways for thieves to get your personal information. One specific way is by ‘dumpster diving,’” Fetner stated. Dumpster diving occurs when social security numbers, drivers license numbers, un-shredded credit cards and other items containing personal information are obtained through digging in residential or business trash receptacles.

Another way for criminals to steal your identity is by stealing mail from unlocked mailboxes. They can steal credit cards, credit card and bank statements, pre-approved credit cards, investment reports, insurance statements, tax information and benefit documents.

Identity theft can also take place from personal information given to individuals posing as loan officers, landlords, and employers.

The privacy rights Web site also talks about shoulder surfing, which is looking over a person’s shoulder with either binoculars or a video camera, at ATM machines and phone booths is also a very real threat to your identity.

According to JSUPD another good idea would be to minimize the personal information that you carry with you. They advise people to limit the amounts of credit cards, social security number information, birth certificates or passports carried in purses or wallets.

Reducing the amount of information that is “out there” can be done by removing your name from the marketing lists of reporting bureaus by calling 1-888-SOPTOUT.

Doing this you will limit the number of pre-approved offers from credit card companies. When tossed in the garbage, these types of offers are a potential target to identity thieves who use them to order credit cards in your name.

“When you go to a restaurant and pay with a credit card or debit card, make sure you hand your credit slip to the waitress/waiter,” said Fetner. “If you leave or don’t leave a tip on the slip, be sure that you put the exact amount you want to give and put dashes on the outsides of the numbers so that “whoever” can’t put an extra one before the number or a couple extra zeros behind it.”

To check your credit reports to see if someone has stolen your identity, there are numerous Web sites you can explore. Some of these include www.TransUnion.com and www.Experian.com. There are many ways to protect yourself from identity theft. One easy way is to reduce the amount of credit cards that you actively use to a minimum, and to keep a photocopy of all your credit cards, bank accounts and investments.

Another good way to protect yourself is to never give out your social security number, credit card number or any other personal information over the phone, by mail or over the Internet unless you have a trusted business relationship with the company and you initiate the call.

Take extra precautions to protect yourself and others. If you have any questions, concerns or if you have been a victim of identity theft yourself, contact the JSUPD at (256) 782-5050.

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Courage to take on special interests to get health care costs under control. He will stand up to big insurance and drug companies that impede progress. And John Kerry's health care plan takes care of our most vulnerable citizens by covering every child and preserving and strengthening Medicare.

He also has plans to repeal the tax cuts made by Bush for the wealthiest Americans and closing corporate loopholes. On education, Kerry opposes the private school voucher and will fund the No Child Left Behind Act.

Kerry has also taken a stance on social security, shooting down the ideas of social security privatization and proposing "payroll tax holiday" to exempt workers from the first $10,000 of income from social security taxes.

He endorses the woman's right to choose regarding abortions and supports the passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

Kerry continues to stand firm on his belief in equal rights for all Americans.

"We need to guarantee equal rights and civil rights and say that, here in America, workers have the right to organize — women have the right to choose — and justice belongs to everyone regardless of race or gender or sexual orientation," Kerry stated in a speech.

Kerry is a big environmental supporter and he states on his Web site that his goals for minority students.

One scholarship available is the Hispanic Scholarship program, which a student may be eligible for with a 2.5 GPA.

"Our main goal here is to support all students of color," says David Zeigler, Director of Multicultural Services. "We want to see all minorities and their cultures recognized." This, Zeigler feels, is the program's most noted achievement.

"We're able to set up more programs now to promote minority cultures and provide education about them as well as entertainment," Zeigler continued. "We hope to see more students of color get involved this way."
Everyone’s seen them and if you haven’t, well I’m really sorry. And if you missed the Super Bowl, I feel really sorry for you because you missed seeing The Miss Janet Jackson’s right breast.

Although I, and the two other guys that I was watching the game with, was pleasantly surprised to see one of her goods, it seems some politicians, parents, other viewers and, most importantly, the Federal Communications Commission were not. The FCC launched a formal investigation Monday because FCC Chairman Michael Powell said he did not believe the exposure was an accident.

What gets me is all the ruckus over the incident. 1.) Every female has breasts and if you or your child (who should have been in bed by halftime) have not seen them by now, you should. 2.) Politicians have no reason to be upset over the event because they have interns who do dirtier things than expose a breast. 3.) And the FCC Chairman Powell seems to be a little too money-hungry for chasing after the fine that will follow this accident. And it was an accident.

One really funny part of this whole thing is that TiVo, the digital video recorder, reported the halftime occurrence was the most replayed moment of all TV moments the company has ever measured. Additionally, there was a 180 percent ratings spike at the time of the exposure.

So there you have it, I’m not the only one who enjoyed the halftime show. The halftime show wasn’t that cool anyways. In comparison to past shows (with the exception of Shania Twain’s crap last year), the show was boring. I enjoyed seeing Aerosmith and Kid Rock (because they actually sang) rather than watch Janet, Nelly and Justin lip sync (poorly) to past hits.

Aside from Aerosmith and Kid Rock, Janet’s boob was the best part.

And this whole “vulgar” incident isn’t the first in live television. At the 2003 Golden Globes, U2’s Bono used the F-word during the live NBC broadcast. There was also a semi-nude interpretive dancer who stormed Bob Dylan’s stage at the 1998 Grammy’s.

Janet’s boob isn’t the first inappropriate thing television viewers have seen. Besides, there’s no better show on earth than the Super Bowl to show a boob at. Whether it was an accident or not, it was pure entertainment.
What CBS didn’t want you to see

By Rick Mercier
The Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star

For many Americans, the commercials that air during the Super Bowl have become as appealing a part of the spectacle as the action on the gridiron. But this year, viewers won’t get to see what may have been the best ads submitted to CBS for the big game.

CBS canned a 30-second spot sponsored by the liberal online activist group MoveOn. The commercial, which won a celebrity-judged competition for the honor of being MoveOn’s Super Bowl ad, depicts children performing a variety of blue-collar jobs: washing dishes, collecting garbage, working on an assembly line. The tagline near the end of the commercial asks, “Guess who’s going to pay off President Bush’s $1 trillion deficit?”

The network also spiked a commercial submitted by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. That ad featured scantily clad women and suggested that meat-eating might contribute to impotence.

Of course, CBS has no problems with commercials that objectify women or that are about impotence. You’ll see many such commercials during the Super Bowl.

What makes both the PETA and MoveOn spots unacceptable, says CBS, is that they’re advocacy advertising. But the network will be airing an ad that shows, according to AdAge.com, what would happen if “other types of manufacturers made products similar to tobacco, like ice cream bars embossed with glass shards.”

That sounds a lot like an advocacy commercial to me. The difference, CBS argues, is that anti-smoking ads are non-controversial because everyone agrees smoking is bad for you.

But doesn’t everyone agree that massive budget deficits are bad, too? Don’t reputable economists agree that they pose long-term threats to the economy? Isn’t there bipartisan support for dealing with the exploding deficits? And didn’t the current fiscal mess begin after President Bush took office and pushed through massive tax cuts?

If there’s a controversial aspect to the MoveOn commercial, it may be that it downplays the magnitude of the looming debt crisis. According to the Congressional Budget Office’s most recent estimates, the deficits from the Bush years could wind up totaling a lot more than $1 trillion.

Even Fox’s Bill O’Reilly couldn’t see any problem with the MoveOn ad. “I was surprised that CBS turned this down. It’s not offensive, makes a legitimate point politically,” said the conservative television commentator.

CBS seems to move the bar that it uses for determining what’s controversial. Last year during the Super Bowl, the network aired White House ads linking drug use to support for international terrorism, a claim that certainly generated a fair amount of controversy.

During Sunday’s championship game, CBS aired White House commercials promoting anti-drug efforts. But as innocuous as the ads may seem, some of the Bush administration’s tactics in fighting the drug war are nothing if not controversial — just ask Supreme Court justices Stephen Breyer, Anthony Kennedy and William Rehnquist, who loath the White House’s zealous support of mandatory-sentencing laws.

MoveOn and its supporters believe there’s something fishy about CBS’ vetting of commercials. They point out that the Republican-controlled Congress, after a veto threat by Bush, recently approved loosening of an ownership cap that sets limits on the total national TV audience any one network can reach. The online group cites Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who said CBS and Fox would have had to sell stations they’d already purchased had Congress, at the behest of the White House, not raised the cap from 35 percent to 39 percent of all households.

“Why did they pick 39 percent?” MoveOn quotes McCain as asking rhetorically on the Senate floor. “So these two conglomerates could be grandfathered.”

It’s true that CBS and Fox lobbed heavily for the rule change. It’s also true, as the Center for Responsive Politics has documented, that of the nearly $14,000 in soft money contributions CBS made during the 2000 election cycle, 98 percent of it went to the Republican Party.

MoveOn, on the other hand, does not enjoy such warm relations with CBS: in fact, it helped organize grassroots opposition to increasing the network ownership cap.

It’s quite possible that MoveOn wasn’t really a victim of political payback. It could just be that CBS’ interpretation of its own standards are a little shaky. Nevertheless, MoveOn raises some important big-picture questions. To wit: Why do we let a few corporations control the airwaves, which, after all, belong to us, the public? Why do we allow big money to continue to play such a huge role in our political system? And, last but not least, could there be a relationship between these two things?

To see what CBS won’t show you, visit www.peta.org/feat/superbowl and www.moveon.org/cbs/ad.

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Features

Cookie season is here

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer Photo Editor

Girl Scout cookie season is here. They will soon have their booths set up around town and you will have to try hard to go into Winn Dixie and get fruits and veggies, but ultimately you will have a couple bucks after shopping for a treat. Everyone has a favorite, from Tagalongs to Trefoils.

Girl Scout cookies are a tradition like the fair or parades. One troop in Oxford, however, is a little more on the non-traditional side. This year when you buy cookies from Sallie Shipley’s troop you will be supporting a 17-day trip to the South Pacific.

This troop, comprised of seven girls in grades 7-12, made a goal to raise money for this trip two and a half years ago and will finally depart this June. They have been working hard doing car washes, yard sales, window washing and many other individual sales.

“Cookie sales is a major, major part of our fundraising activities,” said Shipley. “For every 300 boxes they sell, the council will give them $100 toward their trip.” Their destinations include Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Erika Jones is in 10th grade and is excited about seeing the kiwi bird, which is native to Australia. Martieka Montgomery can’t wait to see the famous Glowworm Grotto in Fiji. The caves are completely dark and only lit by glowworms.

All of the girls have been learning about the places they will soon visit at their troop meetings each Monday night at Faith Baptist Church in Oxford. They have to learn to get ready for things like 90-degree weather in Hawaii and then going to Australia during their winter months where it will be 50 degrees.

“One thing I’m most looking forward to is New Zealand because it is so multi-regional,” Shipley said. It’s a good thing that they have an itinerary and tour guides to meet them at each place. Not only will they be changing time zones, but they will be crossing the international dateline as well.

The tour, given by EF Tours, will include round-trip airfare, accommodations, daily breakfast, entrance fees to attractions and services of a tour director. It was decided to take this tour to explore areas of the world where none of them (seven girls and seven chaperones) have ever been. This trip will also be thrilling because none of the girls have been out of the country before.

The Girl Scout motto is “be prepared,” so how will they pack for a trip of this kind? Shipley’s advice to the girls was to “pack your favorite pair of blue jeans and a good pair of tennis shoes.” She promised them that everything they needed would fit into one suitcase. That seemed a little harsh to a group of teenage girls.

Shipley’s husband Mike who stands in as assistant leader also had a tip for the girls. “If you can put your make-up in a soap dish you can take it.”

Sharilyn Pettus quickly responded, “How many soap dishes can I bring?” Not only is she worried about packing, but this is also her first time flying. Shipley explained that it is unique that they are taking this trip. EF Tours is usually only taken by school groups.

The Girl Scouts, throughout America, have had a hard time keeping the middle and high school age girls involved. “We lose girls a lot of the time at this particular age,” said Shipley. A program called Studio 2B has been created to help this.

“Studio 2B is trying to come up with other ways to keep girls interested in scouting. This Girl Scout Council is looking for college age girls to lead this,” Shipley said. It is a program that is more accommodating to the busy lives of teenagers.

There are mounds of information online to discover more about Studio 2B and how you can take part. Maybe a trip like this could be in store for you!

As troop leader Shipley is doing a wonderful job at promoting Girl Scouts to her troop of this age group. This won’t be her first trip with the girls, only their first international one.

What should I do with my life?

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

My sister gave me a book to read last week called “What Should I Do With My Life?” written by Po Bronson. Now that is a question very familiar to me and somehow I don’t feel I’m alone. That question comes up too often and there never seems to be any answers to it.

It seems to come up especially when we are at a turning point in our lives, and when there are choices to be made. Will my whole life be different if I make the wrong choice? What will be that wrong choice and how will I know?

The point of the book is to show people that we are not alone with these questions. There are others who have faced them and taken the roads that have felt good at that time. Some of these people later have realized that the choices they have made somehow helped them to become what they are now. Some, on the other hand, are still helplessly looking for that right road.

Our choices have gotten us where we are now. Each of us have a particular major and want to have a career. I am a communication major, concentration on print journalism. I talk. I have noticed myself

Surprises dominate the Oscar nominations

By Philip Wuncth
The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

Surprises dominated the 76th annual Academy Awards nominations with notable names for movies including "Lost in Translation" and "The Godfather." The daughter of "The Godfather" chieftain Francis Ford Connolly is the third Coppola’s best-director nomination for "Lost in Translation" was a history-making victory. The daughter of "The Godfather" chieftain Francis Ford Connolly. She is the third

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The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" lead the pack with 11 nominations. However, the academy president Frank Pierson announced that "Cold Mountain" was a more likely choice than Jude Law's reticent soldier. But Law was left out in the cold, being deemed a possible nominee for "The Last Samurai," but Kidman was considered a certainty as "Cold Mountain's" wistful Southern charmer.

A reaction against "Cold Mountain" grew in recent weeks, but Kidman seemed a more likely choice than Jude Law's reticent soldier. But Law was later out of the cold. The Civil War epic also failed to dominate the technical categories, as expected.


But there were plentiful reasons to celebrate. Sofia Coppola's nomination also signals the first parent-child duo in the directing ranks. The nominations reflect the global appeal of films as well as the peaceful coexistence of independent and mainstream movies. "Lost in Translation" was the only indie nominated for best picture, but "In America," "Monster," "21 Grams," "Whale Rider" and "Thirteen" dotted other major categories. Sadly, the heartfelt "The Station Agent" emerged as the indie answer to "Cold Mountain," being similarly left out in the cold.

Travis

12 Memories

★★½

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

There is a strange, transatlantic phenomenon where things that are absolutely huge in Britain somehow fail to make a dent in the American subculture. Witness soccer and the metric system as examples. Well throw into that mix Britpop; it tried, it really did. As good bands like Oasis and Blur were and still are, they never experienced the success stateside that they did in their native countries.

1999 heralded the emergence of yet another successor to the Brit-pop crown, Travis. Riding to semi-fame on the strength of the ridiculously infectious "Why Does It Always Rain on Me?" the four young Scots, true to form, followed in their predecessors' footsteps and faded into obscurity, this time on the strength (or lack of strength) of their post-breakout album "The Invisible Band." A more prophetic album title has not been seen since; they just simply disappeared.

But a strange thing happened on the way to the unemployable rock star status; Travis grew up. "12 Memories," Travis' fifth release is as dark and introspective as their previous work was sunny and fun. Clearly, serious issues have become a concern for chief songwriter Fran Healy. The first two tracks, although featuring sugary harmonies atop softly strummed guitars, both have dramatic undercurrents. "Quicksand" is a Beatlesque pop song which travels along sweetly enough until it gets to the line, "It makes no difference to me, It's just the sound of another rock star bleeding." Travis has rarely sounded this candidly cynical. On the second track, "The Beautiful Occupation," Healy just flat out comes out and says it, "I'm too cynical, I'm just sitting here wasting my time."

Herein lies Travis, and indeed Healy's main plight with the rock and roll world. In 1999 they were on par with, and maybe even ahead of Coldplay. Both bands had just released their breakout albums and both albums sounded like early Radiohead blueprints. But Chris Martin and Coldplay went home, evolved, and came back with "A Rush of Blood to the Head," one of the finest albums in recent memory. With that album came the fame in America that so many British bands have struggled to attain.

Travis on the other hand did not evolve. The first single on "12 memories" addresses the very problem. "Keeping up appearances/ Keeping up with the Joneses" is the first line of "Re-offender," the strongest song on the album. For Healy, the Bono's, Chris Martin's and Thom York's of the world are his Jones', and he's constantly trying too keep up with their songwriting as well as their political stances.

"12 memories" is as dark, distant and patient record as Travis has ever made. The Buds/Blair hating "Peace the **** Out!" is reminiscent of late period Lennon, when he was still trying to say something dangerous and profound. While Beatlesnatching is not unusual among British bands, their leanings are rarely this adventurous, or accurate for that matter.

But for all their good intentions, Travis still stumbles occasionally. No 30 year-old songwriter should ever attempt a song titled "Mid-life Crisis," and in doing so describe hitting your third decade as a "nightmare." It's just not convincing.

The downfall in every other Travis release. particularly "The Invisible Band" was a lack of depth for the entire album. On "12 Memories" most of the early tracks are agreeable, however when the album gets to "Mid-life Crisis," the ninth track, all you can think is "Oh, no. Here we go again."

While Travis has certainly developed emotionally as a band, they have a lot of work to do if they are to catch up to the commercial success of Coldplay, or the critical success of Radiohead. Only time will tell is Travis have enough staying power. It's a tough mountain to climb, but at least their heading in the right direction.
Beating Around the Bush
by Corey McDaniel & Bryan Stone

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Weekly horoscope Feb. 9-15

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Before midweek, a close friend or lover may acknowledge your recent actions, support or accomplishments. For many Aquarians, unique forms of unexpected proposals. Serious long-term intentions will require discussion. Friday through Sunday, family finances may be temporarily strained. Avoid excess spend-
Sloopyd News

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - A camel on the run stopped traffic on a southern Sweden road in the middle of a snowstorm, police said Sunday. But it took some convincing by drivers before police finally went to the scene.

"We were somewhat doubtful at first," said police spokesman Sten-Ove Fransson in Skoeve, 260 kilometers (162 miles) south of Stockholm, of Friday's incident. "But then more people called, so we were finally convinced that there really was a camel gone astray on the road."

Before police arrived, friends of the camel's owner came and led it back to a stable, where it has been kept while awaiting a home in a new barn.

Owner Anneli Arvidsson said in a telephone interview that the 22-year-old camel might have wandered off because of the absence of his usual companion, a horse.

"On Friday, the horse had been taken inside the stable and the camel was left alone in the pasture, which probably made him feel lonely," she said.

CLAYTON, Mo. - Police in the St. Louis area are calling it the case of the "Clown Bandit."

A man created a comedy of errors as he broke into a liquor store earlier this week. The crook was seen on surveillance video stealing booze. But just off camera, he slammed face first into a door. Then he lost his balance, slipped and fell.

He also grabbed some cigarettes and a magazine, police said, and began his own goods. But he couldn't get out the window where he came in so he threw all of the stolen items out the window. The liquor bottles then broke.

The man went away empty-handed, police say. The stolen goods were valued at $30.

CONWAY, Ark. - The party game wasn't the only thing taboo.

Three men were arrested on felony charges after a game of Taboo went awry at a Conway home.

Officers were called to the home Sunday after two men threatened others with guns because they were losing the game, in which one teammate gives clues about certain subject matter, but using certain words is taboo.

One of the people in the apartment told police the men were yelling and cussing and threatened them with handguns.

Officers searched a car at the scene for weapons and found hypodermic needles and drug paraphernalia.

The men, aged 21 and 23, were arrested on suspicion of felony aggravated assault. A 24-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of felony possession of a controlled substance and felony possession of drug paraphernalia.

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If your birthday is this week ...

Complete all financial proposals, property applications or funding documents before the end of February. Over the next few weeks, authority figures, although emotionally vague or temporarily unavailable, will require clearly defined facts, reliable paperwork and detailed records. Don't hesitate to be forthcoming. Projects finalized over the next two to three months will be quickly established as permanent. After mid-June, watch also for a fast series of romantic or social proposals. Love relationships may experience a powerful wave of renewed attraction. Enjoy quiet encounters and subtle overtures for your affection.

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Aries (March 21-April 20). Forgotten debts, past workplace errors and lost documents may reappear. Monday through Wednesday, watch for key officials to demand new dedication and loyalty. In the coming weeks, business obligations and daily duties will steadily increase. Provide detailed paperwork and complex descriptions of your efforts. After Wednesday, social timing is vital to new friendships. Expect minor disputes, canceled plans and last-minute reversals. Stay focused.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Early this week, long-term relationships begin several or avoid difficult subjects. Past financial or business disputes need to be resolved. Ask loved ones for special permissions, revised expectations or new acceptance. Later this week, respond quickly to revitalized vitality in the lower back, ribs or abdomen. Over the next four weeks, fitness will steadily improve. Stay involved.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Deeply felt romantic ideals may be revealed over the next few days. After Tuesday, expect loved ones to request added compliments or public displays of trust. Some Geminis will experience renewed sensuality and a returning faith in long-term commitment. Stay open to

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Beginning-Tuesday and lasting three weeks, work duties and family obligations will compete for equal attention. Although business relations are complex, loved ones need your honest support and continued dedication. Muddle through and wait for reliable change. Before mid-March, others will rely heavily on your example. Later this week, watch also for a sudden increase in social invitations and group events. Stay balanced; friends will expect fast promises.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Loved ones may discuss home renovations or shared family goals. Over the next nine days, committed relationships may move to a new level of security, intimacy and trust. Unattached Leos can expect unique passions, sudden invitations and powerful romantic overtures. After Thursday, watch also for unusual messages from distant friends or isolated relatives. Relocation and job change may be a key feature. Offer encouragement and wait for further announcements.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Vague contracts, revised duties and moody officials may create strained communications. Although consistent rules and permissions will eventually be forthcoming, expect temporary delays. At present, private power struggles and misinformation are strong influences in the workplace. After Friday, romantic passions will dramatically increase. Expect quick overtures from potential lovers and a series of exotic invitations. Trust your instincts. Attractions are deeply felt.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Unfinished relationships may reappear and demand resolution. Late Monday, watch for unique requests from friends or
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down here to get a consolation prize. I think that’s the main reason they kept on fouling.” “We knew they would come out on fire,” said Nye about the SEMO run to cut the lead from 21 to six. “I guess they had a strategy, but it didn’t work, because we kept hitting shots when we needed to. It’s like studying for a test, and we aced it.”

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BATON ROUGE, La. - The Jacksonville State indoor track and field team placed in the top 30 of seven events at LSU’s Purple Tiger Invitational Saturday.

A fourth-place finish in the long jump by sophomore Anna Armstrong and a 13th-place finish by the women’s 4x400-meter relay team highlighted the event for the Gamecocks.

JSU head track and field coach Heath Dudley said the team benefited from competing in a national event, which featured more than 800 participants.

“Coming into this event, we knew it was going to be a great meet for these freshmen to see what it takes to get to the next level,” said Dudley. “We had some great performances, like Anna, who broke her own school record in the long jump.”

Armstrong, who set a school long jump record at the previous meet with a leap of 17 feet, eight inches, broke her own record with a 17-foot, 11-inch jump on Saturday. That distance earned her fourth place in the event.

Other finishes for Armstrong at the meet included a 28th-place mark in the 60-meter hurdles and a 48th-place finish in the 60-meter run.

The Jax State 4x400-meter relay team, consisting of Armstrong, Edisha Brown, Stephanie Jones and Amber Hardy also had a strong performance with a time of 4:09.86 and a 13th-place finish.

Other strong performances for JSU included Jones with a 200-meter dash time of 27.37 seconds, Hardy with a 60-meter hurdles time of 9.47 seconds, Shakeia Gooden with an 8.47-second performance in the 60 meters and Andre Arnaud with a long jump of 17'04 and a 60-meter dash time of 8.07 seconds.
**Sports**

**Women hold first spot**

By Mike Vaughan II
Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State entered the week on fire, winning their last four and eight of the last nine. Neither opponent this week could slow the Gamecocks down, as they blew through Southeast Missouri State 95-83 and Eastern Illinois 80-60 to reclaim a share of first place in the OVC and move to 13-5 overall, with a 7-1 OVC record. It also continued the win streak, which now stands at six going into the weekend.

The first opponent of the week was Southeast Missouri State. While SEMO jumped out to a 5-0 lead on two early buckets inside and a free throw, JSU used a 24-5 run to capture a 24-10 lead with 10:14 left in the first half.

The Otahkians mounted a comeback as they pulled to within nine with 5:46 to play in the first, but the shots just wouldn’t fall for SEMO as they went to the locker’s trailing 22-41 at the half. JSU’s defense held the visitors to just 24.4 percent from the field in the half, including only 8.3 percent from long range. On the other hand, JSU enjoyed 53.1 percent shooting early on.

Coming out of the locker’s the visiting squad found their spark and played with intensity. SEMO used run after run to chip away at the Gamecock lead and pull back into the game. With 8:40 left on the clock Southeast’s 15-5 run trimmed the lead to nine, 50-59.

Southeast couldn’t pull any closer as JSU hit three key three-pointers and drained their shots at the charity stripe in the last seven minutes to hold off the comeback. The game’s final minute took 22:46 of real time as the two teams combined to shoot 29 free throws down the stretch. On the night the teams attempted a combined total of 85 shots from the charity stripe.

Shanika Freeman again led JSU’s scoring charge with 24 points, while the recently-screaming Kelly Nye added 16, and Freddrika Embry tossed in 15. No one would post double-digit rebounds, as four ladies grabbed six rebounds apiece, including Kaja Fuess. Nye had seven big assists for the game.

**IM basketball winding down, raquetball ends**

By Amado Ortiz
Chanticleer Staff Writer

...We really beat a good team tonight,” said Embry after the game. “We have to keep it up, play one game at a time, and keep the intensity going.”

“Their coach is really competitive,” said Coach Dave Dogostino. Regarding the

“...They didn’t come all the way...”
By Amado Ortiz

IM Team Racquetball wrapped up this week with Delta Chi defeating Sigma Phi Epsilon 4-2. Delta Chi was led by Matt Duncan as he played #1 singles and went undefeated in the tournament.

Alpha Omicron Pi defeated Zeta Tau Alpha 3-1 in the Women’s Division. Courtney Goldenberg and Allison Pierce led AOPi.

The basketball leagues are starting to heat up as playoffs are less than a week away. Juco’s defeated AOPi 42-19.

“They played good and were real aggressive. We just want to defend our title,” said JUCO Julia Troxtel.

AOPi wouldn’t be denied all week as they beat last year’s champ Phi Mu with pressure defense 12-10.

Wesley Foundation defeated Alpha Xi Delta 28-15.

Phi Mu defeated Zeta Tau Alpha 40-14.

Alpha Xi Delta defeated ZTA 35-6.

Sig Ep and Delta Chi and played a two-game series with Sig Ep winning in convincing fashion 53-26. Sig Ep would fall short in the rematch as Jeremy Sims hit a fade-away jump shot with 02 seconds left on the clock to win 40-38.

The game winning basket was set up by Delta Chi head coach Seth Terrell’s defensive set that caused the turnover. Matt Duncan pressured the point and caused a costly Sig Ep turnover.

“This was a big win for us,” said Grant Hackman. “It’s the first time we worked as a team.”

Kappa Alpha jumped on Phi Kappa Phi early and held off a late PKP push to win 46-42.

“Both teams played good. It was a good game all in all,” said KA JD Davis. Davis and Charles Ponder paved the way in the victory as both hit three point shots all night.

PKP charged late using a press to get back in the game. KA would make their free throws at the end of the game to preserve the win.

Independent Division

North North Workers defeated Boycotters 61-36

Kornerstone Kool Kutters D. Wesley foundation 41-26

Hood Boyz d. Penatrators 51-44

GDI’s d. Kornerston Kool Kutters 60-41

Locust Fork d. SMAK 48-43 in 2OT

By Mike Vaughan II

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State was a team on a mission this week. The mission: avoid the Ohio Valley conference cellar while improving their record. The result: a pair of home wins over Southeast Missouri State 79-64 and over Eastern Illinois 78-73.

Thursday was the first game against Southeast Missouri State since the 1985 season, when JSU defeated the Indians on the way to the National title. Jacksonville State jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead over the first five minutes of the game and the Indians never got within five points the rest of the game. JSU shot 51.7 percent in the first half to build a 33-24 lead at the half.

Southeast Missouri would narrow the gap to as close as 12 late in the game, but an 8-2 JSU run would put the game away, bringing JSU to 10-9 on the year and 3-5 in the OVC.

Carl Brown led the scoring off the bench with 17 points and ten rebounds, while Scott Watson finished with 16 points. Russell Walker added 14 points and James Denson added 13 points and nine rebounds as the Gamecocks improved to 26-1 when shooting better than 50 percent from the field under LaPlante. JSU sank 31-of-58 for 53.4 percent. JSU also had eleven steals to only 5 for the Indians.

“They did a great job of trying to keep the tempo down,” said Coach LaPlante. “In the second half, fatigue helped us on them, as they wore down as we sped up the pace. They were taking away a lot of our first options, and I was pleased we found other ways to score.”

The Saturday game featured the first ever matchup between Jacksonville State and Eastern Illinois. JSU shot well, but had to overcome a plague of late fouls to pull out the game 78-73.

The Panthers, who have lost seven in a row, are now 3-15 overall and 1-7 in the OVC while JSU improved to 11-9 and 4-5 in the conference.

Eastern Illinois took a 23-15 lead with 8:45 left in the first half after Andy Gobczynski sank a 3-pointer from the left side, but Jacksonville State fought back to tie the game only five minutes later.

Carl Brown sank a free throw with 4.03 left to tie the game at 72-72. Eager sank a pair of treys and Denson added another 3-pointer during the run as JSU finished the game 8-of-19 from behind the arc.

The two teams battled through three lead changes and five ties in the first half as the game was tied at 33-33 at the intermission.

In the first 10 minutes of the second half, there were seven ties and neither team led by

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Men still climbing in OVC ranks

Men take two at home against SEMO and Eastern Illinois to break .500 in OVC play for the first time