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JSU recieves reaffirmation of accreditation

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools grants a ten-year accreditation with commendations

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

Jacksonville State University was recently granted reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges. This reaffirmation procedure was a process of about 3 years and included the help of Dr. Martha Lavender and Dr. Louise Clark as Co-Directors and approximately 120 faculty, staff and students.

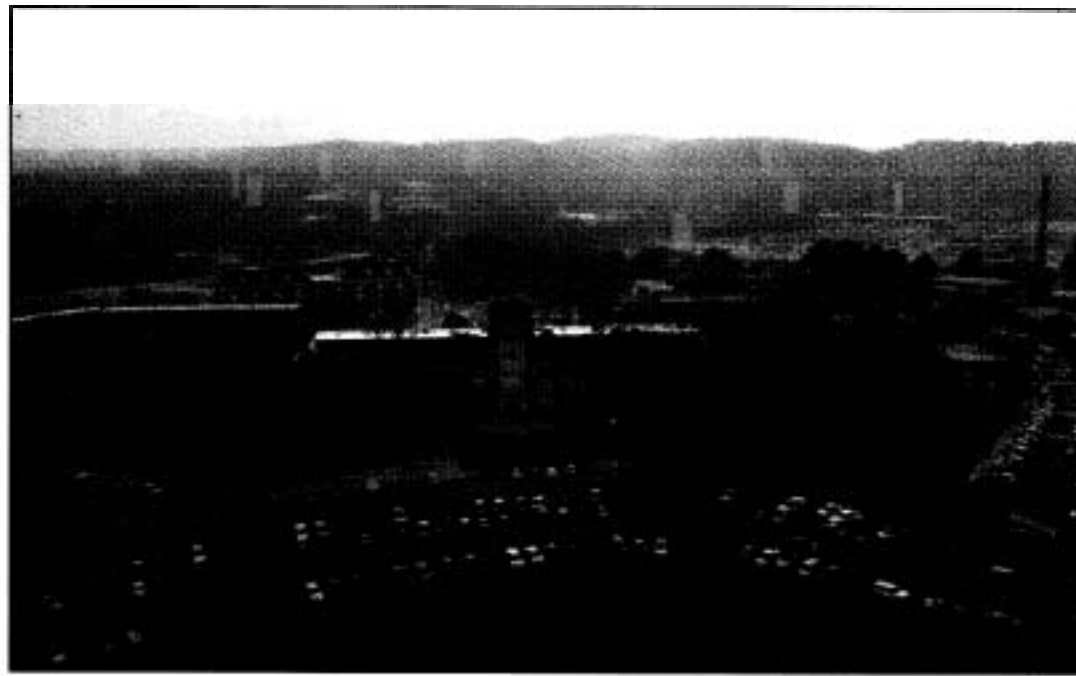
The accreditation process consists of a very comprehensive self-study of the university and a current evaluation of institutional quality. From the study, SACS can make recommendations for improvements in areas like facilities, programs, policies or services.

"We worked with a steering

committee that was representative of faculty, staff and students across campus to actually plan and write the self-study," said Dr. Martha Lavender, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and Co-Director of the self-study. "And then of course to also organize the SACS visit, execute the visit, and conduct follow through."

According to Lavender the administration was very integral in the process and the committees made the job of providing oversight and critique from the departments and are as a much easier task for the steering committee. "Accreditation in itself is a statement to the public that the institution provides quality programs and is committed to continuous improvement," stated Lavender.

The process allows a university to assess their present



The Chanticleer/Erin Chupp

Jacksonville State University recently recieved a reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges. This stamp of approval allows the university to recieve federal funds and tells the public the university is doing a good job and is committed to their overall mission of quality education.

growth and goals in a way that is student centered and beneficial to the university's goals and purpose.

Jacksonville State University received accreditation for a ten-year period, meaning that JSU will not

have to prepare for another self-study until about 2011 or 2012. "Reaffirmation also says something to us internal-

ly," said Lavender. "It's a way of saying that you've done a good job at what you're doing. Its reaffirmation to the people that work so hard here, and when I say that it includes faculty and staff, it also includes students."

A major component of the self-study process focuses on student performance and learning outcomes. Students were also interviewed during the self-study process and played a major role in JSU's reaffirmation.

This reaffirmation says that JSU is doing and is committed to a quality education and also impresses upon faculty their commitment towards a **collective** goal and purpose.

The reaffirmation process is ongoing because the university administration is always

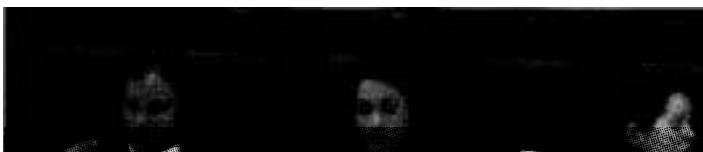
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SGA Senate back to business

By Olivia Fadul
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA Senate is back in

or car decoration into the Homecoming Parade Competition must follow the regulations set in this chapter. In chapter 802.2 it states that



College admsslons and Affirmative Action battle continues In Michigan

By David Runk

tional amendment to ban racial

The SGA Senate is back in session. In Monday's brief meeting some announcements and awards were given out. Only one bill was discussed during Monday night's meeting.

The SGA committees are also running again. Student bill 61, written by Allison Pierce and Tim King and sponsored by the Homecoming committee, also passed. With the passing of student bill 61, new amendments were also made. According to chapter 802.1 all organization who enter a float

Parade Competition must follow the regulations set in this chapter. In chapter 802.2 it states that any organization participating in the homecoming competition that fails to meet the regulations set forth in this chapter will be immediately disqualified by the judges of the event at that time.

In chapter 803.3 it says that each organization will also be required to sign a form upon entry that states that they fully understand and will abide by the regulations set in the bill. 802.4 states that no person will be allowed to ride on any part of the trailer that carries a



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The SGA is back in session for the spring and meets on Monday nights at 6 p.m. homecoming float.

According to the Homecoming committee the new regulations were due to previous wording that was confusing and unclear. The new regulations also give organizations better guidelines about the number of partici-

pants and other issues. According to the regulations participants will only be allowed to ride in the vehicle. In the vehicle there can only be four people, excluding the driver.

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continues In Michigan

By David Runk
The Associated Press

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. – One of the plaintiffs who challenged the University of Michigan's admissions policies has returned from California to lead the campaign to let Michigan voters decide in November whether affirmative action should stay or go in universities and other public agencies.

Jennifer Gratz, who fought Michigan's undergraduate policy in a case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, will serve as executive director of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative. The group wants voters to consider a state constitu-

tional amendment to ban racial preferences at universities and other public agencies.

"We cannot remedy past discrimination with equally discriminatory policies. Trying to right a wrong with another wrong will create a vicious cycle of injustice," Gratz said as the group kicked off a petition drive Monday to get the measure on the ballot. "Our public institutions continue to discriminate."

Gratz, who is white, was a Michigan resident with good grades and other qualifications when she was rejected at the flagship Ann Arbor campus. She eventually graduated from

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New Alabama license provides better security

By Kyle Wingfield
The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Three years before the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks sent states scrambling to strengthen their driver's license systems, Alabama already was eyeing a replacement for its brand-new but ineffective process.

A half-decade's worth of planning lands in billfolds and purses across Alabama next year, when the Department of Public Safety rolls out a new driver's license billed as being among the nation's most secure.

"When you talk about a driver license now, it's literally a passport," Maj. Roscoe Howell, head of the driver's license division, said Tuesday, noting how the licenses are vital when opening bank accounts or using credit cards. "It's the key to everything."

The licenses will have a striking new look, particularly for drivers under the age of 21. The border around their photographs will be a different color from licenses for those of legal drinking age, and the dates of their 18th and 21st birthdays will be printed.

The licenses will be printed on a high-security material that shows scratch marks when viewed under a microscope, busting minors who alter their licenses to buy alcohol or tobacco.

But Howell reiterated that booze-seeking youngsters aren't the state's biggest concern.

To prevent would-be identity thieves and terrorists from forging driver's licenses, the new licenses employ an array of security measures: a full-color, digital watermark of the

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Tum Drab into Fab: Dorm Decorating Made Easy



The Chanticleer/Katja Sunnarborg

JSU residents have many affordable options when trying to make their residence hall room feel like home. Make your apartment or dorm room feel cozier by adding a personal touch, green plants, posters or other decorations. Photos of family and friends or a touch of color can also give warmth to a drab dorm room or aging apartment.



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By the numbers:

Percentage of students who registered for Fall 2003 by Internet:

61

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Men's basketball:

Jan. 8 - TN State 88, JSU 74
Tonight - at UT-Martin 7:30 p.m.
Sat. - at Murray State 7 p.m.
Mon. - vs. Savannah State 7:30 p.m.

Women's basketball:

Jan. 8 - JSU 89, TN State 67
Tonight - at UT-Martin 5:30 p.m.
Sat. - at Murray State 5:15 p.m.

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Michigan: Should affirmative action remain in universities?

Michigan's satellite campus in Dearborn and recently moved to the Detroit suburb of Southgate from California, where she had worked as a product manager.

Michigan philosophy professor Carl Cohen, who first drew attention to the school assigning points to undergraduate applicants based on minority status, was the first to sign the petition at Monday's news conference in Farmington Hills. He was followed by Gratz and Barbara Grutter, a plaintiff who was not accepted to the law school.

Supporters of the initiative say it is needed to eliminate preferences based on skin color and dispel the stereotype that minorities need a helping hand. Opponents complain the proposal would dismantle affirmative action programs and is misleading because the words "affirmative action" do not appear on the petition.

"It will be divisive. It will open old wounds," retired Brig. Gen. Michael Rice, head of Citizens for a United Michigan and former deputy director of the state Department of Military

and Veterans Affairs, said of the initiative. "If it passes, there will be consequences. These consequences will not be good for us."

Rice's group, a coalition which includes religious, civil rights and business leaders who oppose the initiative planed to detail its efforts to fight the petition effort at a news conference Tuesday in Lansing.

Those who want to ban racial preferences in Michigan announced their effort to get the issue on the ballot after the Supreme Court in June decided to uphold a general affirmative action program at the University of Michigan law school, but struck down the undergraduate school's points system.

"We oppose the government essentially assigning characteristics to people and assigning

benefits based upon their appearance, their gender, their national origin," said state Rep. Leon Drolet, a Macomb County Republican who is co-chairing the petition drive. He described the Supreme Court's decision in the law school case as a mistake.

The ballot initiative is backed by the Sacramento, Calif.-based American Civil Rights Coalition. That group is led by Ward Connerly, the University of California regent who successfully pushed that state's Proposition 209 banning the consideration of race and gender in public employment, education and contracting.

Organizers say they hope Connerly will return to the state to support their effort.

Last month, the Board of State

Canvassers approved the petition forms. Supporters of the proposed constitutional amendment need to gather 317,757 signatures by July 6 for the measure to appear on the ballot. MCRI hopes to raise \$4 million to fund the initiative effort, including about \$1 million to collect signatures.

About a dozen opponents of the proposed amendment rallied outside the site of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative news conference, saying it would harm efforts to promote diversity higher education and government.

Luke Massie, with the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action and Integration, and Fight for Equality by Any Means Necessary (BAMN), was among the protesters. He said the amendment would undo the Supreme Court's decision upholding affirmative action.

"This ballot initiative will re-segregate institutions of higher education," said Massie, 34, of Detroit.

Alabama judicial race heats up over freedom of speech

By Philip Rawls
The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama is headed into this year's judicial elections without clear rules on how free candidates can be with their speech, but the chairman of a judicial panel hopes to get new rules before the campaigns get too hot.

The races are certain to heat up, especially for the Alabama Supreme Court because the Christian Coalition of Alabama says it will be back with a candidate questionnaire that has already sparked a free speech debate.

"We're going to go full speed ahead with voter guides for this year,"

Christian Coalition attorney Jim Bopp said Friday.

The chairman of Alabama's Judicial Inquiry Commission, Judge Randall Cole, said candidates may also start getting questionnaires from other groups due to a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

For years, the Alabama Supreme Court had rules that limited what judicial candidates could say, particularly about pending cases. Alabama candidates usually described themselves with terms like "strict constructionist," but they shied away from discussing specific issues like big punitive damage verdicts.

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Chapters 802.5 designates the length of the trailer to no longer than 28 feet and that if

the trailer consists of an inclined slope on the rear that it must be counted in the measurement of the 28 feet.

802.6 it states that there

will be no more than four persons walking beside, in front of, or behind the vehicle and trailer. 802.7 requires that the float decoration from

the bed of the trailer be in accordance to safety regulation regarding power lines. The clarification of the regulations will make competitions easier during the next homecoming celebration.

Senators were also awarded for highest grade averages and senator of the month. Andy Podv received the highest grades average award among the male senators and Chris Smith received that honor for the females

showing will be at 7 p.m. and another at 9:30 p.m. Admission is free. Also at movie night, the SGA is offering a new deal. For \$1, any viewer can get popcorn, coke, and a candy bar of choice.

Currently the SGA is also seeking students for three vacant senate seats. If you

are interested in a senate seat please contact the SGA at 782-5491 or visit 402TMB in the Office of Student Life.

The SGA senate meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. Organization and students comments are encouraged by the SGA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi: AOII would like to wish everyone good luck in the spring and we hope everyone had a great holiday!!! Have a great and safe weekend!!! **Contact:** eerikaleigh@aol.com

Up 'Til Dawn: Up 'Til Dawn is fundraiser project created to raise money for the St. Judes Children's Hospital. We are currently accepting applications for committee members. Interested in participating? Applications due Mon. Jan. 26 by 4:30 p.m. **Contact:** Angela Martin or Cambrey Jordan at 782-8054.

Attention Art Students

Up 'Til Dawn: Up 'Til Dawn is fundraiser project created to raise money for the St. Judes Children's Hospital. We are currently accepting applications for committee members. Interested in participating? Applications due Mon. Jan. 26 by 4:30 p.m. **Contact:** Angela Martin or Cambrey Jordan at 782-8054.

Delta Sigma Theta: We would like to thank everyone for participating in Delta Week 2004 activities. Come by the TMB today and participate in the U-N-I-T-Y pledge in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **Contact:** Marshonntri Reid, dst_kappabeta73@hotmail.com.

Sigma Nu: We would like to congratulate all of our new officers for this year. Dave Chambers, Commander; Drew Wagner, Lt. Commander; Flori Mucaj, Treasurer; Trey Parrish, Marshal, and Brad Sparks, Recorder. We hope everyone enjoys spring rush and have a great year. **Contact:** Brad Sparks, 362-2815.

Alpha Xi Delta: We hope that everyone had a good winter break. We are looking forward to a great spring semester! **Contact:** Jenny Wentworth at 435-5152.

Tau Sigma Lambda: Thanks to all of the sororities for their help in our canned food drive last semester. Special thanks to AOII for contributing the most cans! Congrats to Jason Hallberg, Brain Yarber and Carl Bramblett on their initiation. **Contact:** Sam Ellis, SAMJSU@aol.com.

Student Life: The 2004 Miss JSU pageant will be held on Sat. Jan. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. The winner will go on to represent JSU in the Miss Alabama pageant later this year. We hope everyone makes plans to attend. **Contact:** Terry Casey at 782-5491.

JSU Model Arab League: The next meeting will be on Sat. Jan. 17 in room 216, Martin Hall at 9:30 a.m. The club is open to any JSU student interested in Middle East issues. **Contact:** Dr. Thomas Baucom at 782-5811 or tbaucom@jsucc.jsu.edu.

Interfraternity Council: Join a long line of brotherhood and tradition at JSU! Fraternity Recruitment will be held from Jan. 20-Jan. 23. Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tue. Jan. 20 in the Gamecock Center. Contact the office of Student Life (402 TMB) for an application or with questions. **Contact:** Megan Radison at 782-5491 or mradison@jsucc.jsu.edu.

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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

- Jan. 7- Kimberly Sue Miller, 19, reported theft of a Schwinn bicycle occurring at Dixon Hall.
- Jan. 8- Matthew Taylor reported theft from a public building occurring at JSU.
- Jan. 9- Timothy Alan Hale, 21, of Anniston, AL was arrested for DUI occurring on Pelham Rd. at East Francis St.
- Jan. 11- Francis Archuleta, 29, reported larceny of miscellaneous items occurring at Sparkman Hall.
- Jan. 12- William Robert Hancock Jr., 19, reported harassment occurring at Daugette Hall.
- Jan. 13- Wilson Crosby Abel, 24, of Gadsden, AL was arrested for DUI occurring on Highway 21 and West Francis St.
- Jan. 13- Lakenya Monique Clemons, 21, of Birmingham, AL was arrested for buying and receiving stolen property occurring at JSU.

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.

highest grades average award among the male senators and Chris Smith received that honor for the females. Jonathan Taylor was named senator of the month.

There were also some announcements made at Monday night's meeting. The Miss JSU pageant is scheduled to take place on Sat. Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. Karaoke in the Caf is Jan. 20 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and movie night begins on Jan. 27.

There will now be two showings instead of one. One

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JSU: Self-study reveals university is student friendly

looking for ways to improve present programs and increase institutional effectiveness. Throughout the ten-year time frame the university is held accountable to their programs and recommendations through annual reports or mid-cycle reports.

These standard annual reports are not as detailed but the university has a responsibility to report any substantive changes in programs or other criteria to SACS. JSU keeps an open line of communication with SACS as a measure of accountability and progress. "Accountability is something that Jacksonville is stellar at," Lavender stated. "Even during this period of budget crisis for the state of

Alabama, we have some wonderful leadership that is planning to ensure that our programs are protected and that our faculty and student interests are protected."

The study focused mainly on JSU's institutional purpose which underwent a revision a few years earlier to clarify and simplify the mission statement, on the university's process of self-evaluation, the educational programs, academic support services and the university's organization and governance. JSU also received commendations for its academic support services like tutoring, student programming, ACE and counseling services that SACS felt were very student centered.

Other benefits that the university gains from its re-accreditation include being eligible for federal funds like financial aid. Accreditation is a requirement for any school that receives these federal monies.

Although students may not see the immediate benefits of JSU's re-accreditation, it becomes of great importance when students are competing in the job market or continuing their education with graduate studies. "When students graduate from their selective program and decide to go forward into a graduate program that may be at another university they will want to know if Jacksonville was accredited," stated Lavender.

"Accreditation is kind of like the symbol bearer or the standard that says something about the quality of your knowledge and background."

Students need to be aware of their university and the voice they possess. It is important because it holds the university accountable to their mission and to each student enrolled.

"When we began the self-study our SACS liaison told us to read the criteria and to 'Do what you say and say what you do' and that's the way we approached the entire self-process," Lavender stated. The university is committed to providing services that are student centered and focused on the university's goals and programs.

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state seal, viewable only under a black light;

a technique called rainbow texting that prints different shades of color within a line of text;

another security technique called guilloche in which thin, curved lines form a crisscross pattern along the bottom of the card, with gradient color in the background;

a line of microprinting below the magnetic strip on the back, which contains a line of text when read under a microscope, but forms a solid line when reprinted.

Howell said the licenses will have other, less obvious security features but declined to discuss them in an interview with The Associated Press.

The state recently entered into a contract with Digimarc

Corp. to make the 1.2 million licenses Alabama issues each year. The Oregon-based company will receive \$1.58 per license, with the total cost coming out to about \$2 each saving the state about \$1.50 per license, or \$1.7 million a year.

The licenses themselves, however, aren't the only potential security breach. At least seven of the 19 hijackers on Sept. 11 had fraudulently obtained licenses. And while Alabama trains its examiners to detect phony documents, and conducts integrity checks to ensure examiners aren't selling licenses, Howell said some other states have less stringent practices.

"Hardly a week goes by that we don't have someone from another state that comes to us with a valid license from that state that we determine is a fraudulent license, because of

the documentation that they used to obtain that license in the first place," Howell said.

Other situations also test the system, such as people with multiple drunken driving convictions or speeding tickets. Until states begin communicating better with each other, steps like the one Alabama has taken won't reach their full potential, said Jason King, a spokesman for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrations.

"It's great when one state moves forward and is progressive and builds integrity into its driver's license network, but because licenses are accepted across state lines, the chain is only as strong as its weakest link," King said.

King said he hopes tougher security measures will lead to greater highway safety, too.

"We talk about 3,000 people dying on 9/11 — well, each

year 8,400 people die in crashes involving improperly licensed drivers," King said. "That can't continue."

King was citing a study by AAA's Foundation for Traffic Safety, which found crashes involving unlicensed or improperly licensed drivers killed about 57,500 people from 1993 to 1999, or about 8,215 people a year.

The official death toll in the attacks in New York, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania was 2,976.

Some people might be surprised at the amount of thought and potential risks associated with a driver's license, given its familiarity and size. They shouldn't be, Howell said.

"We're talking about not only national security, but we're talking about the integrity of our economic condition in this country."

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In June 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Minnesota Supreme Court couldn't prevent judicial candidates from announcing their views on disputed legal and political issues.

Because of that case and a similar dispute over a Christian Coalition questionnaire in Alabama, the state Supreme Court's Committee on Rules of Conduct and Canons of Judicial Ethics has been reviewing possible rule changes in Alabama.

The committee chairman, Birmingham attorney Mark White, said the committee hopes to submit recommendations to the Alabama Supreme Court within 30 days. Any changes in Alabama's Canons of Judicial Ethics will then be up to the Supreme Court.

White said his committee understands the importance of providing guidance to candidates as Alabama heads toward the primary election June 1 and general election Nov. 2.

Alabama has three Supreme Court seats up for election this year, as well as many other judgeships.

Keith Norman, executive director of the Alabama State Bar, said he'd hope the committee acts soon and that candidates have clear guidelines before they start campaigning.

During the 2000 judicial elections, the Christian Coalition sent a questionnaire to judicial candidates with items about abortion, gun control, the role of reli-

gious beliefs in making decisions, and other hot issues.

The Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission, which advises judges on what conduct is proper, issued an advisory opinion that said judges would violate the Supreme Court's Canons of Judicial Ethics if they answered some of the questions.

The Christian Coalition sued the Judicial Inquiry Commission. After the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the Minnesota case, the Judicial Inquiry Commission withdrew its advisory opinion concerning the questionnaire. The commission also said it would not file charges against any judge in connection with the Christian Coalition questionnaire.

A federal judge in Mobile ruled that the actions by the Judicial Inquiry Commission made the Christian Coalition's suit moot. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed in a 3-0 decision Thursday.

Cole said the ruling was expected. Now, he said, Alabama's Canons of Judicial Ethics "need to be fashioned so there will be guidelines as to what is permissible and what is not."

Bopp, the Christian Coalition's attorney, was also involved in the Minnesota case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. He said judicial candidates can express their views on disputed political and legal issues, but there are limits.

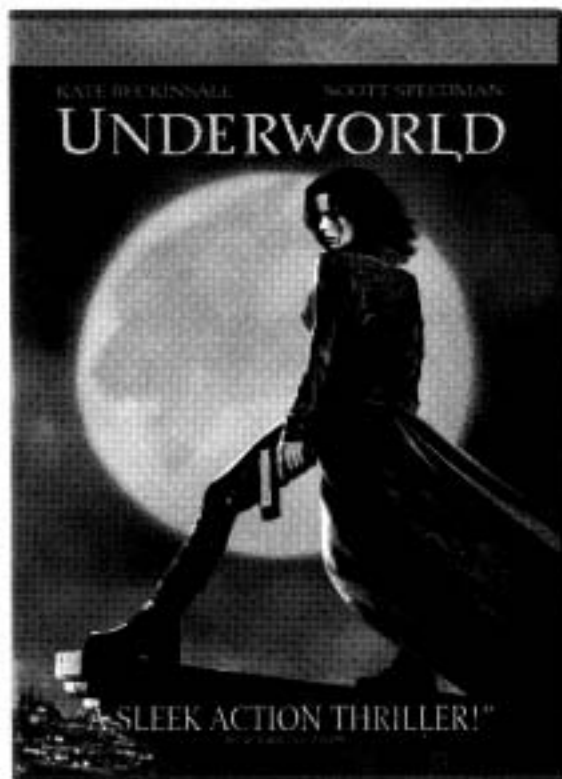
"What you cannot do is ask a judicial candidate to pledge or promise certain results in particular cases," Bopp said.

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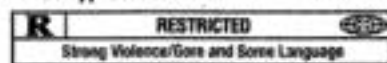


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OPINION

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IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?”

– Compiled by
Erin Chupp
Photo Director



LaKenya Clemons
Junior
Social Work

“I really think Philadelphia has a really good chance since Tennessee got bumped.”



Geoffrey Harrington
Junior
Accounting

“I think it’s anyone’s game, but personally I wouldn’t mind seeing Philadelphia win.”

Is this what I paid that money for?

I achieved a financial milestone in my life this week when I signed for my first car loan in my name. I’ve bought a car before, but at the time I was too young to finance it in my name. I also got a new cell phone this week – also in my name. But with all these purchases, I’ve begun thinking about what we spend versus what we get.

Take for example a bag of chips. You pay \$1.50 for a regular-sized bag of chips, only to get them home and notice that the bag appears to be only half full. Now the company claims on the

back of the bag that the chips “settle during shipping” and that’s why the bag doesn’t look full. My question is, how much more air fits in that bag when they package it than the amount that’s there when I open it after buying it? When I open the newly-purchased bag of chips, I find it is mostly air in there that serves as a pad for the chips.

Let’s also look at the jeans people are spending massive amounts of money on. These “broken in” jeans appear to have already been worn and feature faded spots and sometimes even

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer
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tears or rips in the most convenient places (knees, ass, etc.). People actually pay the \$75 some brand name stores charge for these busted-ass jeans. I really see no point in investing that much money in a piece of clothing that I can’t be sure of lasting past a couple nights in Brother’s Bar.

Speaking of bars, partying out of town is a rarity with me simply because most of the bars in big cities

charge outrageous prices for drinks. You spend an hour and a half getting ready to go out and then drive another hour and a half to the bar. Then, when you finally find a spot to sit at the bar, (which happens to be next to the oldest and skeeziest guy in the place), you order your six-dollar cranberry and vodka. When the bartender finally hands you the drink, you look down to see this itty-bitty plastic cup you normally use to rinse your mouth out with when you brush your teeth, full of what the bartender says is at least one ounce of alcohol. So then

you walk around the bar with your six-dollar shot of vodka and some cranberry juice for an hour until you can find a member of the opposite sex to buy you another. So what if the bar has great “atmosphere?” I really don’t think the six dollars for the drink and the cover charge you paid to get in is worth all that time or effort.

So the next time you pull out your wallet, think about what you’re buying. You may be asking yourself later, “Is this what I paid all that money for?”

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ON A WHIM, BRITNEY SPEARS AND MADONNA FLEW TO TORONTO TODAY FOR A QUICKIE GAY WEDDING.



MR. JACKSON HAS ALREADY ARRANGED A PLAYDATE/ZOO TOUR

JUST FOR LAUGHS THE COUPLE ALSO ADOPTED A CHILD. WHEN THE BUSY ENTERTAINERS ARE ON TOUR THE YOUNG BOY WILL BE BABY-SAT BY LONGTIME PAL MICHAEL JACKSON.



IS IT ME, OR IS THE WHOLE

“IT’S YOU!” SAID LADY/ADD I INTV/EDGTV



Sean Truelove
Senior
Music Education

"It doesn't really matter. I just want to watch the commercials."



Kimerial Weston
Freshman
Finance

"I think the New England Patriots are going to take the title this year."



Michael Wilson
Freshman
Computer Science

"I'm from Georgia and support my home team, so it really doesn't matter. It's a toss up."

MR. JACKSON HAS ALREADY ARRANGED A PLAYDATE/ZOO TOUR IN AUSTRALIA WITH "CROCODILE HUNTER" STEVE IRWIN'S KIDS, ASSUMING ANY ARE STILL ALIVE.



IS IT ME, OR IS THE WHOLE WORLD GETTING STUPIDER AND STUPIDER?



"IT'S YOU!", SAID HARVARD UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR PROFESSOR JESSE VENTURA....

Oops, Britney got married - Or did she?

By Bill Ferguson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

In the midst of all the depressing news of war, terrorism, and natural disasters, it is sometimes a nice respite to hear a story about famous people behaving like idiots and generally embarrassing themselves in front of the whole world. This week it was Britney Spears' turn to provide comic relief to a tense American public as she got married in Las Vegas to a childhood friend and then filed for an annulment just two days later.

Actually this incident was educational for me. Heretofore I was under the impression that annulment

was just a synonym for divorce that was invented by people of certain religious persuasions who wanted to end their marriages but would fall into ill favor with their church if they called it a divorce.

But no, annulment is a real legal process by which a marriage can be terminated without the pesky community property issues that make divorce such a major bummer. It's not hard to see why Ms. Spears would prefer to go this route rather than give half her stuff to her "dear friend" from Louisiana.

But it's not supposed to be all that easy to attain an annulment. In Nevada, a couple has to meet at least one of six possible criteria to

be granted an annulment. Let's take a look at them and try to figure out which ones may apply to Britney's situation.

The participants are related by blood. This one won't work as Britney and her hubby were just good friends. (And I don't want to hear any wisecracks about them being from Louisiana.) Either party was already married. Nope. This was the first marriage for both. In Britney's case it will probably be the first of many.

Either party is under 18. Apparently both are legal adults, and the fact that they were acting like they were 12 doesn't count.

Either party is insane. I guess a lot of guys would marry

Britney if they got the chance, so the guy is in the clear. And Britney is smart enough to know that kissing another woman on TV will help sell records, so she must have something on the ball. Either party is committing a fraud on the other. You could argue that Britney has committed a major fraud against the public by pretending to have talent, but we aren't the ones who married her. The couple did not understand their own actions. This is apparently the only standard that can be applied in this case, and was used as grounds for the annulment.

Obviously that last one would apply if the couple was hammered when they got hitched, and that seems

to be exactly what happened. Britney's people, however, have denied that alcohol is to blame for this incident and have said that it was just a "joke" that went too far.

I guess everyone's sense of humor is unique, but I've never thought the act of getting married was inherently humorous. Of course a lot of funny things often happen at weddings, but the mere act of matrimony itself doesn't give most people the giggles.

Britney Spears, however, has shown us that she herself is inherently funny. She's a goofy person, and I'm sure the laughs will just keep on coming. Just don't make us listen to her sing. Please.

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Features

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Bring a splash of color into your room with bright sheets, pillows and curtains. Don't be afraid to try new things and ideas.

In your bathroom use the same color or theme in decoration to make it a nice place to step into.

The Chanticleer/Katja Sunnarborg



Spring Decorating

Mixing colors and ideas in decorating can transform your (dorm) room into a place with a familiar and relaxed atmosphere. The importance is sometimes to think outside the box and go crazy!

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

A new semester and new possibilities. Some of us move to new empty dorm rooms, some have apartments with rooms of our

can bring that much more character to your room. The more creative you get, the more interesting the place gets. Try new things; change the way furniture is set and go for the crazy ideas.

One thing that always

Besides plants, posters and pictures, an essential thing to have would be a throw rug, especially if you have a tile floor in your dorm room. Not only does it literally keep the room warmer, but

also it makes it a lot nicer to



Dreams change in life

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



My niece just turned nine years old the other day. For three years now she has talked about becoming a doctor when she grows up. She is so sure of her dream, determined to be just that and nothing else.

My mom told me, during my visit at home, that when I was nine years old all I wanted to be was a coffee maker. Not a very ambitious dream for me, but I have to say at least I dreamed of something I was able to accomplish when I was 16 years old working for a cafeteria. My other dreams were to be a flight attendant, policeman, gardener, and eventually journalist.

My dreams changed every year, if not every month and it was hard for anyone to keep up with me. That is why I'm anxious to see what is going to happen in the future with my niece. Does she still want to be a doctor when she is 24, like I am now? Or does she want to be a lawyer or even a coffee maker?

When we grow up our ways of seeing things and thoughts change. It took me long time to realize that what I really enjoyed doing was writing and I should consider studying

move to new empty dorm rooms, some have apartments with rooms of our own. Our own space, with empty walls, gives us a possibility to decorate it in any way we want to. The most important thing, however, is to make it look and feel like it actually is a home away from home.

There are a few things that can make any room more comfortable to be in. If you're not a person who is particularly fond of white empty walls around you, to add feeling, many like to hang pictures and posters on the walls, just to make the room feel warmer. In some cases the more posters you have the better, but in some just few pictures maybe of your favorite band or artist is enough.

Don't forget the importance of fabric in decorating, such as curtains, sheets and pillows. Adding different fabrics and colors together

the way furniture is set and go for the crazy ideas.

One thing that always helps if you're homesick or need the reminder of your loved ones is to have pictures around you. They can be in nice frames, or just taped into the wall, it really doesn't matter, the important thing is that you are able to glance at them while passing by, or look at them when you really feel the need for a familiar face and a warm memory.

An unusual thing that gives warmth to any room is a green plant. Those can be purchased even from grocery stores or places like Wal-Mart, and they don't cost that much, depending upon the size. A green plant may not be easy to keep alive, but when taken good care of, it will look great and last long in any room, sometimes it might even be considered as a pet (not kidding).

Not only does it literally keep the room warmer, but also it makes it a lot nicer to walk through the room. Bathrooms are another place to consider having a bathroom mat in the floor, to cover the cold floor. If you buy the mat with the same color as towels and other essentials such as toilet seat cover or your toothbrush holder, it makes the bathroom that much nicer place to go in the mornings right before the class, or to end the day.

Although candles are not allowed in dorm rooms, they are something that can give fragrance to apartment or house rooms, but also creates relaxed atmosphere. The more candles around the better, but also just one can create miracles in mind. There is nothing better to make an exhausted student relax than a couple of candles, your favorite music in the air and your own bed to lay down on



The Chanticleer/Katja Sunnarborg

One way to make the room feel more familiar and warmer is to hang pictures or posters of your favorite bands or artist on the walls. Here is a picture of a small apartment room that has been made into a cozy room to relax and listen to music.

(or a bubble bath).

Whatever ideas you have in mind, don't forget to include your roommate in your decorating plans. Together the planning is much more fun and can create something out of the ordinary. Still, remember to check with the school before you start painting the walls or taking furniture out of your dorm room, since different schools have different rules.

In the end how your room

looks like is up to you. There are so many ways to make it feel like the room you had at your parent's house, but to also make it something totally different. These are just the basic things to make it feel more like your home away from home and less like school. They are easy and cheap to have, yet they can make all the difference in the world. Try these, or pass around other ideas, and have a great semester in your rooms and outside.

change. It took me long time to realize that what I really enjoyed doing was writing and I should consider studying to be a writer. When I ended up coming to JSU after graduating from high-school and doing nothing for two years, I was happy to realize that JSU had a Communication department and I could finally study the profession I was interested in. It seemed like finally I knew what I was doing.

This is however my last semester here and I'm about to become a journalist with a degree. Something has changed though; I'm not so sure anymore of what I want to become. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad I have been able to go to JSU and I don't regret a day I have spent in our Communication department learning everyday something new. Yet, I feel like maybe this is not all I want to do in the future. Maybe there is something else out there for me.

How many of us really know what we want to do when we grow up? And when is it that we are (as we define) grown-ups? I always admire people who know what they want from life and will do just that. I have never known what I want to become and now I'm in a situation where again I find myself questioning what I want to do when I grow up. I'm thinking of going back to school and studying some more; educate myself now that I still have a change, when you don't know what is going to happen in the future.

When I talked to my niece on the phone to congratulate her, she was telling me about her homework and how school is really not that much fun, except all her friends are there. Who knows, maybe she will turn out to be something totally opposite from a doctor; maybe next year we will hear her saying she wants to be a singer. All I wish for her is that she will find something she loves to do, because that's what we all want in the end.

Damien Rice

O

★★★★★

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

There's an awesome scene in the movie "High Fidelity" where Jack Black's character Barry scolds John Cusack's Rob for playing too much "sad bastard music" in his dusty, old record store. The music in question was a Belle and Sebastian number but that is irrelevant. Rob was listening to the so called "sad bastard music" because he was wading through a down point in his life and he felt that style of music connect-



Courtesy Vector Recordings

ed with him. I make this point because of the forthcoming release of "O", the stunningly beautiful debut album from Irish singer-songwriter Damien Rice. This ladies and gentlemen, is "sad bastard" music personified.

Now, there are a number of ways to gain a buzz in the music industry, despite being a sad bastard. Here are a list of several good ways to gain said buzz; 1) Have Britney Spears show up to your gigs. 2) Win the prestigious Shortlist Music

Prize for Album of the year beating out, among others, Interpol, Cat Power and Bright Eyes. 3) Captivate crowds at festival gigs despite the fact that your music is better suited for a coffee house soundtrack. 4) Have everyone from Jason Mraz to Thom Yorke to Carson Daly call you "the new Jeff Buckley". 5) Don't rest on your laurels.

Damien Rice can safely check off every point on that list as the past few months following the European and now American release of "O" has kept him a very busy man, and with good reason. If the Jeff Buckley comparisons seem somewhat far fetched, they're not, he's that good. Like Buckley at his slowest (think "Lilac Wine"), "O" is the perfect soundtrack for a grown man to cry too. However, it's especially hard to describe a particular song when the title itself is the perfect

adjective.

The opening song "Delicate" is just that. It's as soft and gentle as a warm hug, and it's just as inviting. The second track, "Volcano" sounds like David Gray with strings, while the third track "The Blower's Daughter" is simply stunning. Its soft violin warps around a gently strummed acoustic guitar while Rice repeats the line "I can't take my eyes off of you" until you believe he is the only man in the world in love this much.

The strength of the album comes from the fact that there are no weak songs. While the songs are deceptively simple, they also carry a great weight, making this the male equivalent of Cat Power's "You are Free." "Amie" waltzes with a dark beauty that can't be understated, while "Cheers Darlin'" begins with the vindictive line "Cheers darlin'/ Here's to you

and your lover boy/ Cheers Darlin'/ I got years to wait around for you," sound tracked by the clinking of glasses. It's a sad love-ode to a lover who slipped away too fast, and it will bring back the memory of every ex you ever let go too easy.

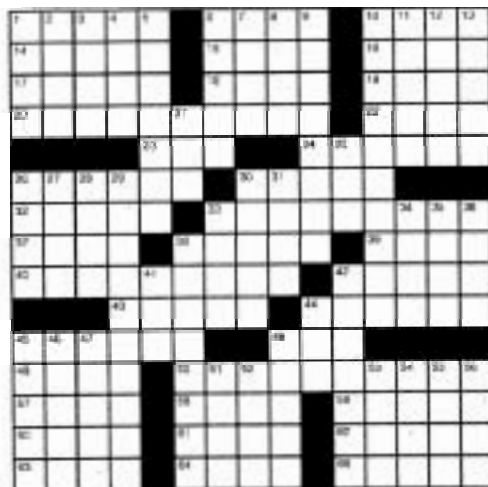
The album continues from one fragile tune to the next and as a result, this is definitely not the album to put on just before you go out on the town. No, this, as John Cusack put it, is "just something you can ignore." An album to put on when your going to sleep, lying around reading Sylvia Plath or just sitting in your room, alone, with the lights off, and preferably drinking. If that's not your cup of Earl Grey, fine, but if you've just broken up with that special someone, please get this album, and save your self thousands in therapy. Just be sure to have a box of tissues handy.

Beating Around the Bush

by Corey McDaniel & Bryan Stone

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 (master chef)
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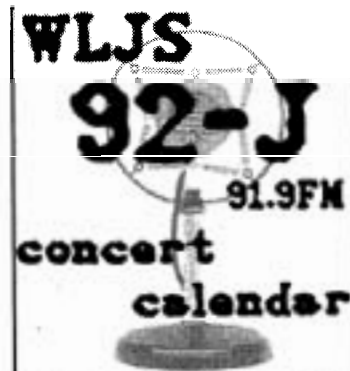
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Horoscopes

By Lasha Seniuk

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Weekly horoscope Jan. 19-25

Aries (March 21-April 20). Early this week, watch for colleagues to publicly challenge policy changes or request new assignments. Business ambi-

ness officials or rapidly expand their workplace influence. Areas strongly affected are complex power struggles, unusual behavior or ethical standards. Stay strong and expect rare political complications by midweek. After Friday, a long-term friend may

Expect sudden social messages and fast romantic demands. Go slow, if possible, and avoid delicate emotional triangles. Loved ones will be unusually sensitive to minor changes. Late this week, watch also for a last-minute job or business proposal. Legal standards and

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Don't ignore the comments, social ideas or opinions of others. At the moment, home and emotional security may be deeply important to friends and loved ones. Find gently expressive ways to explore common ground and all will be well.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Monday through Wednesday, complex work projects may be replaced by potentially rewarding team assignments. Before mid-February, established policies will need to change. Expect sudden reversals and watch for positive ways to

Early this week, watch for colleagues to publicly challenge policy changes or request new assignments. Business ambition is on the rise. Submit applications, apply for loans and clarify workplace roles. By late Wednesday, all will work in your favor.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Respond quickly to renewed income sources or postponed job offers. Before midweek, many Taureans will expand their business duties, group influence and daily authority. Study the past for valuable options. Bosses, colleagues and financial officials will search out your expertise.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Home and workplace obligations will be in conflict. Late Tuesday, loved ones may need more attention than usual. Ask for added patience. At present, sensitivity is needed. After midweek, minor digestive ailments may be bothersome. Attend quickly to allergies, disrupted sleep patterns or intestinal irritations.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Dreams or sudden flashes of wisdom may compel many Cancerians to challenge busi-

standards. Stay strong and expect rare political complications by midweek. After Friday, a long-term friend may announce unusual travel or educational plans.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Friends and colleagues will explore new concepts. After a brief phase of stagnation, rekindled ambition will bring fast results. Watch for loved ones to also make peace with social restlessness or lost hope. Sudden or unusual requests may be ongoing themes. Watch for complex announcements or quick group decisions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social and romantic confidence are on the rise. Monday through Thursday, watch for previously shy friends or lovers to issue private invitations. Work officials may also rely heavily on your past efforts or public reputation. Accept the compliment but remain cautious. New relationships will take extra time to fully develop. After Thursday, workplace alliances will subtly shift.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Over the next six days, unfinished relationships may reappear.

sensitive to minor changes. Late this week, watch also for a last-minute job or business proposal. Legal standards and ethical decisions may be key influences.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Over the next few days, subtle family pressures may steadily increase. Much depends on personal insight and learned spiritual lessons. Allow loved ones extra time to contemplate failed decisions or resolve past doubts. After midweek, fast financial changes, vague documents or business messages may cause confusion. Ponder job improvements and thoroughly check all records.

deeply important to friends and loved ones. Find gently expressive ways to explore common ground and all will be well. After Thursday, younger colleagues may present creative ideas or ask-for special consideration.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Before midweek, your insight and attention to detail will impress key officials. Contemplate new procedures and propose fresh projects. Advancement will be fast and permanent. Early Thursday, a long-term friend may be mildly jealous of a new relationship. Remain focused and refuse to discuss delicate triangles.

mid-February, established policies will need to change. Expect sudden reversals and watch for positive ways to expand all business relationships. Thursday through Sunday, a private power struggle between relatives requires diplomacy.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Loved ones may ask for practical advice over the next few days. Use this time to plan new home events, clarify finances or arrange educational programs. For many Pisceans a renewed interest in public discussion will help resolve home disputes. Someone close may need to clearly explain their past social judgments. Offer forgiveness.

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Sports

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**More on Tera,
Afghanistan,
the Colts and
betting against me**

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
*The Chanticleer
Sports Editor*



I have just returned from the "Tera Ross Celebration" and am faced with a challenge. It's always a hard for me to write a column, but when I am sad I just don't really feel like writing.

I know last week I wrote about Tera, but I think that I will give her a few more lines.

The more and more memorial services I go to, I think that every time they will get easier. Guess what folks, they don't.

The first memorial I ever went to was for an acquaintance I met in Afghanistan. He was welding and a press fell on him and killed him. We had just taken pictures of him and had planned to do a story on him because he was a single father with a child back home.

I was covering the memorial and could not stop crying. That was very unprofessional, and I knew that, but I could not detach my feelings from that.

The same thing just happened. I could not help but shed a few tears when the pep band played the fight

Women share the No.1 OVC ranking

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

The Jacksonville State women's basketball team embarked on an historic journey this week, as they cracked the champagne bottle on their maiden voyage into the Ohio Valley Conference.

After a pair of road wins, over Samford 70-68 and over Tennessee State 89-67, they sit as the lead streamliner among the tugboats, leading the conference with a 2-0 record.

Birmingham, Ala. was the site of an historic night for a pair of teams, as both Samford and Jacksonville State played their first ever OVC game. It was quite a game for those that attended, as JSU hung on for a 70-68 nail-biting win. JSU overcame a Samford 30-16

edge in bench scoring, and won off of 22 points from 20 Bulldog turnovers.

Samford jumped out to an early 6-2 lead off three-point baskets from Giovanni Price and Chelsea Insell, but JSU stormed back to score the next nine points to lead by five. The lead hung around that mark until another JSU run, this time of eight points to lead by 12. Samford tried to claw their way back, and managed to cut the halftime lead to nine, 35-26.

Shanika Freeman led the charge with seven points, as Katja Fuess and Nina bliss each scored six. JSU also held a 9-2 lead in second chance baskets.

Both teams jockeyed for position in the early going of the second half, as the JSU lead fluctuated

between eight and 12 points until the 13:53 mark when Samford went on a modest 12-7 run as they sliced the lead to seven.

Again, the two teams seemed to match each other shot for shot until 5:15 left in the game, when Cobie Carlisle became the second Gamecock to foul out.

JSU was leading 63-54 at that point, when Samford hit four straight free throws to cut the lead to five. A Freeman lay-up gave the Gamecocks the lead again at 67-58 with only 3:56 left.

Samford then went on to score the next ten points, taking the lead at 1:54 left. A pair of Fuess free throws regained the JSU advantage, and a desperate shot for three fell short as the clock expired as JSU escaped with the two point

win.

Samford's bench spurred the late run, and outscored JSU's reserves 19-3 in the second half. Freeman paced the Gamecocks with her typical double-double effort, scoring 19 points and grabbing 10 boards. Fuess scored 14 points while hitting on 5-of-8 shots.

JSU then ventured to the Volunteer State to play their second conference game, this time against the Tennessee State Tigers. JSU jumped out early and often against the winless Tiger team, and pulled off an easy 89-67 win. This upped the Gamecock record to 7-4 and 2-0 in the OVC.

An early 6-4 score was as close as Tennessee State would come in the first half, as JSU scored the next

14 points behind the scoring of Freddrika Embry and Kelly Nye, who scored eight of the 14.

JSU would lead by as much as 22 on a Nye lay-up with 3:21 remaining in the half. They would stretch the lead as large as 29 in the second half before the final gun sounded.

Freeman led the Gamecocks again with 19 points, but only seven rebounds. Nye finished with a season high 14 points to go along with four assists and two steals, as Embry matched the 14 points and contributed a team high ten rebounds.

The Gamecocks return to action tonight against the Skyhawks of Tennessee-Martin, followed by a game at Murray State on Saturday.

JSU remembers Tera Ross

By **J. Wilson Guthrie**
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

December 10, 2003
Jacksonville State University lost a friend, pitcher and young lady in Tera Marie Ross. Tuesday friends, teammates and family gath-



JSU coach getting better; has long way to go

By **J. Wilson Guthrie**
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

While still reeling from the loss of softball player Tera Ross, tragedy struck JSU again, as the athletic department

pened. I could not help but shed a few tears when the pep band played the fight song, I just kinda hurt a little bit.

But anyways, I just had to get that out.

So moving on to a subject that is a little happier and up beat I believe that my beloved Colts are still in the running for the Super Bowl.

And if I am not mistaken I called that about week five in the season. I will have to research it and get back to you, but I am still good.

And boy do I know a lot of people that won a shite load on the Rams game! I really don't know who I would have pulled for, I usually watch Green Bay and the Colts, and I really don't follow the Colts.

I haven't been following Kobe any, but I did see Florida get the crap kicked out of them by Tennessee.

I haven't been to any JSU basketball games yet, because I am not covering them this year and with everything else that is going on I just haven't had time.

I do have something that you the faithful readers of the Chanticleer can drop by the office and see. Our editor has started a friendly wager that I will either fail or drop a class before the end of the year. No one has any faith in me anymore. Even my significant other has wagered against me.

See I have 19 hours and not the best track record with academics. And because everyone knows that, they think that I will repeat history.

So if you want to just view or put your name on the support list, come on by and see me. If you want to put your name on the against list, stay at home.

young lady in Tera Marie Ross. Tuesday friends, teammates and family gathered in the Leon Cole Auditorium to celebrate her life and the impact that it had on others.

Ross was killed in a tragic car accident involving a truck carrying blasting caps on her way home for the winter break.

Karen Nemeth, a faculty member of the family and consumer sciences department presented Ross' family with a certificate stating that she had passed a national family and consumer sciences certification test. Nemeth received notice that Ross had passed the test Friday Jan. 9.

JSU president Bill Meehan presented the family with Ross' degree in family and computer sciences. Meehan said he was "sure she would have received it in the spring."

Chris Cook, SGA president, presented the family



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Friends and family of Tera Ross assembled Tuesday to remember the good times they had with their friend, family member and team mate.

with a memorial brick to be placed in the walkway of the Alumni House.

Several hundred packed into the crowded auditorium to pay their respects and remember the memory of Ross, who many people

spoke of as having a very memorable smile.

"When she met you, she hugged you," said Rachel Countryman, a teammate of Ross'. "Not one of those

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While still reeling from the loss of softball player Tera Ross, tragedy struck JSU again, as the athletic department announced December 15, rifle team head coach Gerald DeBoy was in guarded condition at UAB Hospital.

"He is doing really well," said Keri Baldwin, a junior on the rifle team. "He can talk and eat anything soft."

DeBoy is currently in physical therapy working on his upper body, but is still not walking.

Details of what happened to DeBoy are sketchy, other than he fell and damaged his spine. But Baldwin and other members of the team have visited and said there is fair outlook for the coaches recovery.

As far as the rifle team goes, they are carrying on for their fallen leader. Baldwin says that things are pretty normal except for coach.

"It's not going to affect us because we all know what to do," said Baldwin.

She continued that the team would do it for him. They returned to practice one week ago today.

DeBoy is a 14-year veteran of the JSU rifle program that has finished in the NCAA top ten in the past eight years.

Under DeBoy JSU has also made eight NCAA Rifle Championship appearances, including the smallbore in 1995 and '99, air rifle in 1996, '97, '00 and '01 and aggregate competition in 1998 and 2003.

Among his honors was being named the GARC Coach of the Year this past year. He is also the Chairman of the NCAA Rifle Committee and currently holds the office of vice-president in the CRCA.

DeBoy is also a retiree of the United States Army where he served 24 years in the infantry.

Biographical information taken from the jsugamecocksports.com page



JSU Sports Standings



	Conference			Overall				Conference			Overall		
	W-L	PCT.	Stk	W-L	PCT.	Stk.		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Austin Peay	3-0	1.000	W3	6-7	.462	W3	Jacksonville State	2	0	1.000	7	4	.636
Murray St.	2-0	1.000	W2	12-2	.857	W2	Austin Peay	2	0	1.000	8	5	.615
Tennessee St.	2-0	1.000	W2	3-10	.231	W2	Eastern Kentucky	2	0	1.000	6	7	.462
Tennessee Tech	1-1	.500	W1	7-6	.538	W1	Morehead State	2	0	1.000	5	8	.385
EKU	1-1	.500	L1	6-7	.462	L1	Samford	1	1	.500	7	5	.583
Morehead State	1-1	.500	W1	6-7	.462	W1	Southeast Missouri	1	1	.500	6	7	.462
Samford	1-1	.500	L1	6-7	.462	L1	Tennessee Tech	1	1	.500	5	7	.417
Eastern Illinois	1-1	.500	L1	3-9	.250	L1	Murray State	0	2	.000	4	9	.308
Southeast	0-2	.000	L2	7-6	.538	L2	Tennessee-Martin	0	2	.000	3	9	.250
Tenn. -Martin	0-2	.000	L2	5-9	.357	L2	Eastern Illinois	0	2	.000	3	10	.231
JSU	0-3	.000	L3	6-7	.462	L3	Tennessee State	0	2	.000	0	11	.000

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side hugs, she embraced you.”

“This world needs more Tera Rosses,” said softball coach Jana McGinnis. “In the game of life Tera pitched the perfect pitch.”

McGinnis also told the story of Ross giving her the same amount of time during recruiting that she gave to larger schools such as Florida State.

“She gave us a chance,” said McGinnis. “Off the field she loved people.”

The service opened with “How Great Thou Art”, sung by Kim Wright, followed by the reading of the obituary and the opening comments by Mark Wisener, JSU assistant softball coach.

Kevin Ward, a softball manager from 1999 to 2002, sang “I Can Only Imagine” a song made popular by Mercy Me.

Speakers McGinnis, Nemeth, Shelley Capes; a classmate of Ross’, and Countryman followed with memories and funny anecdotes. Tony Casteana then presented his memories video of Ross.

Franklin McGee, a softball fan and friend, led the group in prayer and added his own memories as a fan.

Wright ended the commemoration with “One Sweet Day”, and the presentations ensued.

The JSU pep band Hardcorps, ended the celebration with the JSU Fight Song.

Men still looking for first OVC win

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State entered the week off of a humiliating loss at home to open their inaugural Ohio Valley Conference season. This week saw them embark on their first ever OVC road trip, which unfortunately did not end any happier, as both opponents defeated Jacksonville State. JSU lost at Samford 58-48 and at Tennessee State 88-74.

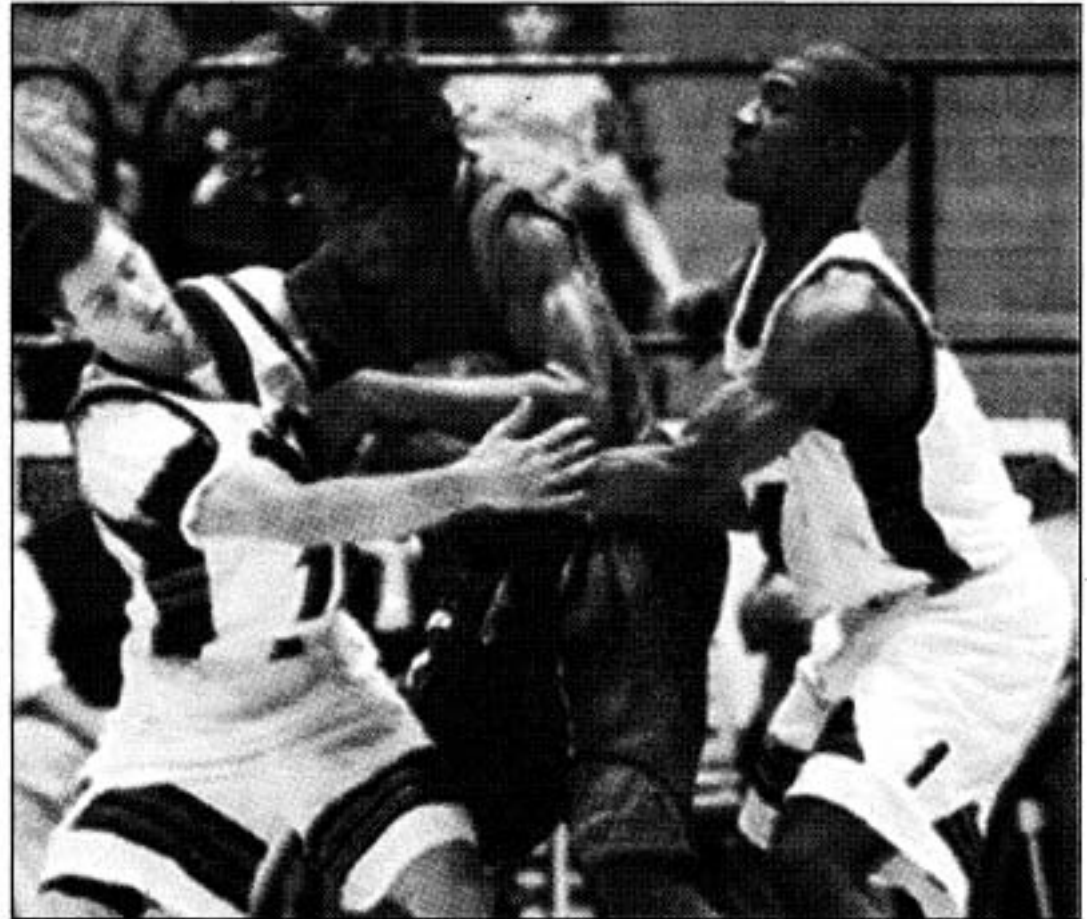
The week began in Birmingham as the Gamecocks played their Baptist brethren. In the series that no one can agree on, as Samford claims 78 games have been played while JSU says 65 contests were held, one thing is for certain. Jacksonville State entered this game losing seven of the last eight on the Samford campus. That streak continued as the Bulldogs downed the Gamecocks in a defensive affair 58-48. It was the first-ever OVC contest for Samford, while JSU dropped to 0-2 in conference play.

The first half was played extremely slowly, as neither team hit double digit scoring until the 10:57 mark of the half, when a Josh Hare lay-up gave Samford 11 points, and a three-point lead as well. JSU did not reach the ten-point level until 6:50 remaining in the half on a Carl Brown free throw. The gamecocks did manage a 5-0 run to end the half and take the lead into intermission 17-15. The 15 points by Samford were the third lowest total in a first half in Coach Mike LaPlante’s tenure at JSU. Scott Watson led the half in scoring with five, as

only two Gamecocks hit more than one basket in the period. Second half action saw a 19-6 run to start by the Bulldogs, as Samford began to capitalize on Gamecock turnovers. The lead stayed around eleven until a modest 14-9 JSU run narrowed the gap to four points with only 1:57 left in the game. The disciplined Samford team then hit on 8-of-8 free throws in the final minute to pull out the win. Trent Eager led all scorers with 17 points and also led all rebounders with 5 boards. Walker Russell added 16 points, 13 of which were in the second half, while leading the team in assists with three. JSU shot 58.3 percent from the floor in the final half, but were outdone by the streaking Bulldogs, whom converted on 11-of-16 shots for an amazing 68.8 percent rate. Another key was Samford’s 21-of-28 from the free throw line while JSU only attempted five charity shots, hitting three.

The Gamecocks then traveled to Nashville, Tenn. to play Tennessee State. A game that, by all accounts, should have been an easy JSU win. Tennessee State entered the game at 1-10 on the year, losing ten straight, and also owning an 18-game losing streak in OVC play dating back to April 2002. All of these things were rendered useless as TSU’s Bruce Price went off for 38 points, five rebounds, five assists, and four steals as the Tigers upset Jacksonville State 88-74. The loss dropped JSU to 6-7 overall and 0-3 in the OVC, good for dead last in the standings.

The half could not have start-



From Staff Photos

Carl Brown wrestles with two Ole Miss players for control over possession during their game earlier in the season. The Gamecocks are still trying to pick up their first OVC mens basketball win and will try to do so again today.

ed worse for the Gamecocks, as TSU crept out to a 13-5 lead, but during that stretch JSU committed six turnovers, leading to five of the 13 points. Walker Russell finally hit a lay-up at 12:16 for JSU’s first field goal of the game. A subsequent lay-up by Josh Perry capped a 10-5 JSU run to cut the gap to three at the 9:02 mark, but the next three minutes saw the Tigers score the next eight points. They followed that run with a 15-7 run to go up by 19 points, but James Denson

managed to hit a three-pointer with :27 left to cut the halftime margin to 16. Tennessee State tore up the nets in the half for a 62.5 percent rate, while hitting 7-of-12 from beyond the arc.

The teams opened up the second half trading baskets until the 13:33 mark, when a TSU tip-in gave the Tigers their biggest lead of the evening, 53-33. Then the Gamecocks blitzed out to a 18-7 run, book-ended by Josh Perry lay-ups to cut the deficit to nine with nine minutes left. That was as close as JSU could get as Tennessee

State made good on their free throw attempts to widen the gap again to 20. A jumper by Anthony Wilson and a three-pointer from Brad Peters narrowed the final margin to 88-74. Perry and Russell combined for 30 points and eight rebounds, as Eager added 14 points to the total. Watson added four defensive steals.

Jacksonville State returns to the road this week for a pair of games. The first comes at Tennessee-Martin today, followed by a trip to OVC-leader Murray State Saturday.

SGA Does It All The Time!!!

(Activities)

Tuesday, February 3
SGA Movie Night Presents:
"When Harry Met Sally"
7pm and 9:30pm
TMB Auditorium

**Here's What We've
Got Planned:**

Tuesday, February 17
SGA Movie Night Presents:
"Kings of Comedy"
7pm and 9:30pm
TMB Auditorium

Tuesday, January 20
Karaoke in the Caf at Lunch
12pm-1:30pm
Regular Lunch Price



Tuesday, January 27
SGA Movie Night Presents:
"Radio"
TMB Auditorium
7pm and 9:30pm