Comeback Kerry strikes again in New Hampshire

Four Democratic candidates remain at forefront of race for presidential prize

By Constance Arnold Avila
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

John Kerry can add another “win” to his column as he vies for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. Earlier polls had predicted that Howard Dean could take New Hampshire but that lead had been dwindling since December and even more since the Iowa Caucuses last Monday.

Some believe that Dean’s highly charged speech to volunteers after the Iowa results were in and what has come to be known as “the growl” also may have affected his performance in New Hampshire.

Although Dean has gone from being the front-runner among the Democrats to a third place finish in Iowa and a second place finish in New Hampshire, he is not giving up his fight to win the White House.

His spirits are still high as he has been reported as saying, “We’ve been knocked down pretty hard by everybody but I’m still determined to change the country and a lot of people want change.”

According to CNN, there has never been a candidate that won both Iowa and New Hampshire in a contested primary to go on to win the Presidency. New Hampshire holds the first official Presidential primary in the nation and is followed closely by seven states that will hold their primaries next week, including Arizona, Delaware, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Carolina.

CNN analysts and political consultants, Paul Begala and James Carville, have both said that in order for any of the candidates to stay in the race after next week’s round of primaries, they will need to have won at least one primary. Both felt that it was possible for almost any of the candidates in tonight’s contest to remain in the race for one more week.

Dr. Lori Owens, a professor in JSU’s political science department, said that it was important to see how the candidates perform in the upcoming primaries.

JSUPD releases Crime Report

Reported crime incidents, arrests dropped in most areas

By Patrick McCrelles
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The overall crime rate at JSU has declined due to increased vigilance by the University Police Department, according to Cpl. Neil Fetner. The crime statistics reported annually by the UPD show that many of the criminal acts that UPD Sgt. Carl Preuninger said that some of the lower crime statistics were due to better report taking and follow-ups by the department. “In other words, getting in a better description of what happened,” said Preuninger, “...better basic documentation of the crime scene.”

He also said that the better follow-ups, which include

Univ. of Michigan Greeks debate new rush process

The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Concerned that incoming students are having problems adjusting to college life, University of Michigan officials are urging the fraternity and sorority community to begin considering changes to the rush process. The move comes after a series of incidents highlighting the pressure placed on students during the rush process, which some say can lead to unhealthy competition and excessive drinking.

MTU administrators are considering implementing a new system that would allow students to tour and learn about different organizations before making a decision. The goal is to create a more relaxed atmosphere where students can make informed choices without feeling rushed or pressured.

MTU President Dr.6 John J.政载 said that the university is committed to ensuring that every student has a positive experience during their time at the institution. "We want every student to feel supported and valued, and we believe that starting the process in a healthier way will help us achieve that goal," he said.

Mitt's remarks come in the wake of several high-profile cases where students have faced serious consequences due to their involvement in rush-related incidents. In one instance, a student was found dead during a fraternity party, and in another, a freshman was seriously injured after being hit by a car fleeing from a party.”

Legislators, desperate to find enough money to balance the state’s two main budgets, are talking about de-
trustees discuss capital campaign, out-of-state tuition issues

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees conducted its first meeting of the spring semester on Monday. Jim Bennett, chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order and JSU president, William Meehan, gave the invocation.

President Meehan gave his report to the board highlighting issues concerning renovation, the capital campaign, JSU athletics and issues concerning out-of-state students. Ayers hall renovation is underway and Chorba Contracting has completed approximately 31 percent of the renovation.

The renovations are scheduled to be complete in November of 2004. According to Meehan's report, the Stephenson Multi-Purpose building is also about 50 percent complete and scheduled for completion in August of 2004.

Another issue discussed involved JSU's desire to conduct a capital campaign to raise money.

The J.F. Smith group presented the results of a feasibility study done to determine JSU's capability to conduct a nationwide campaign.

The group worked very hard to interview board members, faculty, staff, alumni and friends
18 months of discussions with student-faculty committees about problems facing freshmen.

“The goal and aim is to make sure that the students have the best experience they can possibly have,” Willis said. He estimated that 5,200 students belong to 60 fraternities and sororities.

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**Society of Professional Journalists:** Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Rick Bragg of Jacksonville, has been rescheduled to visit on Feb. 5. Bragg will speak at 6 p.m. on Feb. 5 on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. The public is invited to attend. Contact: Katja Sunnarborg, 782-3192.

**Phi Eta Sigma:** 88 $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)

**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 stephdddese@aol.com.

**JSU Student Art Alliance:** The Student Art Alliance will hold its regularly scheduled meetings on Wed. Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. and Thu. Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. The meeting will be in 104B of Hammond Hall. All art students are encouraged to attend. Contact: Daisy Stanley, 782-3732.

**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 Cpt. Shafkiol at 782-5601. Contact: Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.

**Sigma Nu:** Congrats to our new candidates “TATER” and “CT”. We would like to say thanks to the phenomenal ladies of Alpha Xi Delta for the fantastic mixer we had last night. Brother of the Week: Jeremy Guthrie for his exemplary performance preparing for rush. Saying of the Week: “Take one for the team!” Contact: Dave Chambers, 525-6490

**Alpha Xi Delta:** We love our new members! Our chapter welcomed a great new group of girls into our sorority last week. Thanks to our Madison County Alumnae that helped us redecorate our chapter room. Sister of the week is Lauren Grisham and New Member of the week is J.D. Contact: Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.

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money to balance the state’s budgets. They also say the lottery is an immoral tax on the poor and would expand gambling in Alabama. “I have several problems with a lottery,” said John Giles, president of the Christian Coalition in Alabama. “First it would open the door to casino gambling and it doesn’t make fiscal sense.”

Giles also said the state would be forced to spend money to help citizens deal with gambling addiction.

Alabama voters in 1999 rejected former Gov. Don Siegelman’s plan for a statewide lottery to fund various education programs, including scholarships for Alabama students. Siegelman proposed a new lottery plan during his campaign for re-election in 2002, but was defeated in a close election by Riley, a lottery opponent.

Because any lottery proposal would have to pass the Legislature as a constitutional amendment and be approved by voters, Riley would not be able to stop it with a veto. But he said he will work to see that it is not approved by the Legislature.

Senate President Pro Tem Lowell Barron, D-Fayette, said he believes voters have changed their minds since 1999 about a lottery. Barron said he has held town meetings in his northeast Alabama district in recent weeks and constituents tell him they want to be able to buy lottery tickets in Alabama.

“In every meeting I’ve had, they bring up the lottery. I have stated to them that I did expect it to come up and I felt the people should have the right to vote on this issue,” Barron said.

Barron’s district borders Tennessee, which started a lottery last week. Alabama is now surrounded by states which offer retail gambling — lotteries in Georgia, Florida and Tennessee and casino gambling in Mississippi.

All that competition will cut into how much money Alabama can make from a lottery, said John Hill, director of research for the Alabama Policy Institute, a conservative group that opposes gambling.

He said research on the issue shows a lottery could make as little as $72 million a year. He said even if it made $150 million a year, as some supporters have estimated, it would be far short of the $300 million needed just to balance the state’s General Fund budget.

House Speaker Seth Hammett, D-Andalusia, said he thinks a lottery would give Alabama citizens and lawmakers a false sense of security about the state’s financial situation.

“The reason I think it’s a poor idea is because I think people would generally say it we have a lottery, we have plenty of money,” Hammett said. But lottery supporters say it doesn’t make sense to force people to go to a neighboring state to spend money — money they say could be going to help Alabama school children.

“I’ve gotten calls about people flying to Tennessee. One lady bought $600 worth of lottery tickets. We might as well keep that money and give it to our kids,” said Rep. John Rogers, D-Birmingham, a longtime lottery supporter.

“There were people going over there at midnight to buy tickets. Those people were sending their money to Tennessee schools,” Hinshaw said.

Alabama has not always held its Presidential primaries so late, having previously held them in March and has considered moving them up in recent years. However, a measure that would have moved the primaries up this year did not pass because legislators had to focus on the budget crisis last year.

Moving the Alabama primary up could mean a positive economic impact for us as well as more attention from presidential candidates. CNN reported that with 71% of the precipt results counted, Kerry had captured 39%, Dean 25%, Edwards and Clark in a virtual dead-heat at 13% and 12% (respectively), Lieberman 9%, and Kucinich with 2%.

According to exit polling, CNN predicted that Senator Kerry would capture the win by a 10% lead over Howard Dean. The Democratic National Convention will be held in Boston from July 26-29, 2004, and the Republican National Convention will be held in New York from August 30-September 2, 2004.

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After the lunch, the day’s activities will conclude with “Alabama Jobs 2004” fair that is scheduled to take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The event job fair is being hosted by the Business Council of Alabama, Alabama Association of Colleges and Employers, and the Higher Education Partnership.

The SGA meets every Monday at 6p.m. in the TMB Auditorium.

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Dean in touch with younger voters

By Dan Thies
The Seattle Times/NEXT

One Fourth of July in Vermont, shortly after my father was diagnosed with cancer, a surprise visitor showed up at my family's back door. As the visitor entered our kitchen he introduced himself with a friendly, "Hello, I'm Howard Dean."

As it turned out, former Gov. Dean and my father were already casually acquainted, and when he heard of my father's illness earlier that day, the concerned governor, a doctor, decided to make a friendly house call.

While a surprise drop-in from the future Democratic presidential front-runner may seem like an extraordinary encounter, such visits weren't so unusual in Vermont. When you're the governor of such a small state, these personal connections with regular folks are common.

Of all the major contenders in the Democratic primary race, Howard Dean is easily the most closely connected to ordinary people. As a practicing physician right up sonal connection.

His immense popularity in a state where face-to-face, door-to-door politics is practiced, was due in no small part to his easy accessibility.

A natural extension of Dean's connection to everyday Americans is his being in touch with the younger crowd. With a strong youth-targeted message, Dean consciously invokes the memory of John F. Kennedy in his determination to get young people involved in politics. Often described as socially liberal and fiscally conservative, Howard Dean seems a perfect match for America's young voters, who in recent years have tended to describe themselves the same way.

He has given a prominent voice to the concerns of young people by assertively addressing issues important to them, ranging from equal rights to the environment.

Passionate about education, he has proposed progressive policies including the "College Commitment" plan, which would guarantee up to $10,000 annually through loans and grants to any student seeking a college education.

His plan to expand Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program promises access to quality health care for anyone up to the age of 25.

Through early opposition to the war in Iraq, he has galvanized an entire anti-war movement with a solid core of young activists.

Young people are typically viewed as the most apathetic group when it comes to politics, but many experts believe that the swing vote in the 2004 election will be that of young voters.

Nearly 60 percent of young voters say they will definitely vote in the next election while another 27 percent say maybe they will, according to a study conducted by the Harvard Institute of Politics. In 2000, a mere 36 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted in the presidential election.

This dramatic increase in possible voters can be attributed largely to Dean's campaign. The youth-based branch of the Dean campaign, known as "Generation Dean," reports that one-quarter of financial contributions to the campaign have come from 18- to 30-year-olds. With 700 youth-based groups nationally, Dean boasts the largest youth-driven grassroots campaign of any presidential contender in recent memory.

While most of Dean's Democratic opponents have done little to inspire young voters from inside the Beltway, President Bush seems to have forgotten us altogether. As was demonstrated in the 2002 midterm elections, Republicans have traditionally benefited from low voter turnout. For this reason, there is little motivation on their part to mobilize the young vote.

With so much at stake in November 2004, Dean's ability to inspire young voters is crucial not only to his campaign, but to the future of the nation.

More than any other candidate, he understands that winning this country back means winning back the trust of young Americans.

With our own future in our hands, young Americans need to rally behind a candidate who has always stood up for them. Dean best sums up his belief in the value of the young American voter in the words of his signature campaign rally sign-off: "You have the power!"

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Generation Dean poses problems

By Hans Zieger
The Seattle Times/NEXT

Behold! A new generation of Democrats! Such was the case in 1992 when Bill Clinton went to the White House. And if Howard Dean has his way next year, the Democratic Party will enter a new phase of existence.

The New Democrats of the Clinton Era were obsessed with all-around liberalism disguised as pure public opinion-consciousness. Howard Dean is a radical social liberal who totes himself as a mild fiscal conservative, making him an attractive package for young people in search of something more solid than an Arkansas accent, a stained dress and a West Wing full of pollsters.

When I met Dr. Dean in Detroit just prior to a Democratic debate a few months back, he seemed to have a hidden charm behind his customarily grave expressions. I happened to have bumped into the former Vermont governor while walking to a protest of the Democratic candidates, and I took advantage of the circumstances to procure his signature. I will affirm from this experience that Dean exudes a certain presence that some, particularly young people, might call presidential.

That isn’t to say that a Dean presidency would be a good thing. He has the capacity, and the potential, to do great damage to the American experiment.

But Dr. Dean is doing almost everything correctly when it comes to political tactics, and young leftists are catching on.

Dean’s campaign bills his young supporters as “Generation Dean.” Generation Dean is a well-organized network because the Dean Campaign has recognized perhaps better than any other campaign in history the potentials of next generation technology. The Dean campaign has a classy Web site that gets almost as many hits as Whitehouse.gov, it uses MeetUp.com for neighbors to organize local campaign efforts, and supporters spend time blogging at hundreds of pro-Dean websites.

Dean’s youthful campaign focus has largely resulted in the creation of a tightly-knit community of young leftists and nearly 1,000 unofficial pro-Dean neighborhood, campus, and special interest booster clubs.

As one Dean staffer told The New York Times in reference to Dean’s exploitation of the Internet, “It’s like church, the central place where people go to get inspired.”

For young left-leaning Americans, the Dean campaign is inspirational. Unlike Bush’s conventionally grueling effort to recruit young people through College Republicans chapters on college campuses to join the “GOP Team Leader” e-mail list and go to an occasional on-campus meeting, Generation Dean offers bold opportunities for young people to be creative, use their skills and ideas innovatively, take a lead and impact the future.

Fortunately, Generation Dean doesn’t own a monopoly on the politics of this generation. As surely as the current generation is divided along moral and cultural lines, it is divided politically. Generation Dean must coexist with Generation 9/11, those who understand that in changing times, America must cling to traditional values and maintain our position as leader of the free world—a generation represented, though ineptly at times, by President Bush.

Generation Dean is a small minority among young people. But unlike many other young people today, Generation Dean is filled with idealists who are motivated to change the world.

And that’s what makes Generation Dean dangerous. They’re young, and they’ll be spending the next half-century advocating with passion an America where moral duties and national honor are outmoded relics of antiquity. Howard Dean’s new manifesto entitled “Bill of Rights for a New Generation of Americans” is symbolic of a prevalent attitude on the left, and of a growing attitude among the next generation, that rights can be created and disposed of at will.

Thank God that among the actual rights we still enjoy is the right to vote against Howard Dean in 2004.

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JSU celebrates Black History Month

By Holly Tucker
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Across the nation, February is recognized as Black History Month and here at JSU, this month is filled with events ranging from poetry readings, plays and pageants to stand-up comedians and home-style dinners.

It all started in 1926 when a history teacher named Carter Woodson saw the need for outstanding African-Americans to be acknowledged, according to David Ziegler, director of Multicultural Services. Woodson's work helped to bring the nation's Negro History Week, which remained until 1976 when President Jimmy Carter recognized a greater triumph by signing a proclamation deeming February as Black History Month.

"JSU has always been culturally involved with students and this involvement really took off in 1990 when the SGA and enrolled African-Americans created the cultural affairs committee of the SGA, which set aside funds for cultural celebrations," Ziegler said.

The first event to kick off Black History Month at JSU is a comedy night featuring Shawty-Shawty, Tyler Craig and Host Pat Brown. It will be held Feb. 5 in the Leon Cole Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free to students and $10 for the general public.

On Feb. 10, Coffee House will entertain in the Gamecock center at 7 p.m., displaying the University's creative poets, writers, and singers.

"With the Soul Food Dinner Theatre, there is of course a lot of fun to be had. The first event is held Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Leon Cole Auditorium. The Black History Month at JSU is filled with fun events to participate in. One of the events during the month of February is Soul Dinner Theatre featuring Pin Points "The Meeting." said Ziegler.

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The Black Alumni Chapter will highlight its members and their achievements at its annual banquet on Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cola Library. "This banquet will bring the nation's Negro History Week, which remained until 1976 when President Jimmy Carter recognized a greater triumph by signing a proclamation deeming February as Black History Month.

"JSU has always been culturally involved with students and this involvement really took off in 1990 when the SGA and enrolled African-Americans created the cultural affairs committee of the SGA, which set aside funds for cultural celebrations," Ziegler said.

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With the Soul Food Dinner Theater, there is of course a lot of good food, but the message is going to come from the performers, poets, writers, and singers.

"With what I like to call the "Lilith Fair Years," Sarah McLachlan, Tracy Chapman, Sheryl Crow, Aimee Mann, Fiona Apple and others. But really, for many of these artists have truly come out and take advantage of everything we've got to offer. It's going to be a great time and I look forward to seeing everyone that turns out to join us."

Ani DeFranco

Educated Guess

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Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

From the early to mid-nineties was a great time to be a female folk singer. Just consider the list of artists that emerged during what I like to call the "Lilith Fair Years:" Sarah McLachlan, Jewel, Alanis Morissette, Liz Phair, Tracy Chapman, Sheryl Crow, Amiee Mann, Fiona Apple and others. But really, for all the girl power that was floating around at the time, how many of these artists have truly stuck to their folk roots? Not many, I'll tell you that much.

Jewel throw away her book of poetry for a pair of hot pants, Alanis hasn't even come close to the success of "Jagged Little Pill," Sheryl Crow can't write a decent song of her own and Liz is acting more like Avril's big sister every day. As for Sarah, Tracy, Aimee and Fiona, well, they all may have well fallen of the face of the earth for all the press they've been getting of lately.

If they didn't fade into obscurity or sell out beautifully, it's pretty safe to say the "Lilith Fair Years" are over. And I guess that's what makes trying to digest Lilith Stalwart Ani DeFranco's latest release "Educated Guess" so difficult. The talent never really went anywhere, but was it really there in the first place?

Unlike Alanis, Jewel, Liz and Sheryl, one label you can't slap on Ani DeFranco is "sellout." She's about as anti-sellout as there is. Educated Guess, essentially her 14th release since 1991, is a do-it-yourself, stripped-down, back to basics as an album can get. Released on Ani's own label, Righteous Babe Records, it's a return to the simplistic folk/punk of her early work. But that's not necessary a good thing. For all the girl power and feminist posturing that Ani is famous for, this album comes across as weightless and lacking depth.

Spread out over 14 tracks, "Educated Guess" wanders aimlessly between meandering jazz and minimalist folk. Written, produced, recorded, sung and mixed by Ani herself, she may as well have made the sandwiches and delivered the CDs to the stores herself as well. Her self-styled individuality has to be admired, but one has to wonder if the input of a good producer or a few extra musicians may have saved the album a little. But the chances of that are slim to none.

"The True Story of What Was" is a funky, blues soaked number that she-bobs along the trails of a single bass riff with Ani providing lead and backing vocals for herself. It is in places like this that a supporting cast may not have gone a rye.

Although the music is passable, semi-enjoyable folk, what drags "Educated Guess" down a level is Ani's instance on at least three or four spoken word tracks which are little more than her songs with no musical backing. Predictable in their content (the power of women, liberation, and politics) the spoken word tracks are as unnecessary as Jewel's book of poetry was.

So, while the Sheryl Crows and Jewels of the world roll around in their bathtubs full of money (that's just me assuming), little Ani DeFranco continues to do what she has always done - write folk tunes about her passions. She may not be a sensation anymore, she may not be a star, but you can't call her a sellout. No way. She may not be selling platinum records, but at least she hasn't traded in her guitar for a pair of hot pants. And that's admirable, if nothing else.
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Solutions

HOUSTON - A man convicted of slapping his wife has been sentenced to yoga classes.
Judge Larry Standley said yoga should help James Lee Cross with his anger management. Cross was ordered to take the class as part of his yearlong probation.
The judge said Cross' case is unique and prosecutors agreed.
Cross claimed he hit his wife during a New Year's Eve argument about her drinking problem. Cross said he hopes the yoga will also help him lose weight.

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Niki Karanastasis lost her dog, then found it, only to lose it again.
Karanastasis was reunited with her missing dog at the local animal shelter six days after the golden retriever escaped from her backyard. But she won't be able to keep her beloved pet...
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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - Even police detectives have to be careful what they ask for, and how they look when they're asking for it. An appeals court says a gay man was a victim of entrapment because didn't know an undercover detective was looking for drugs when the officer asked him if he wanted to "party."

Julio Blanco, 37, who described himself as a lonely gay man, said that he understood "party" to mean having a good time or being sexually involved.

According to court records, Fort Lauderdale police Detective Mike Nahum, working with a Drug Enforcement Administration team, followed up with several requests for cocaine.

Blanco refused three times and even tried to leave, but was ultimately convinced to stay. Eventually he went to the restroom and bought some methamphetamine for the officer.

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Cheerleading isn’t a sport … or is it?

By Amado Ortiz

Intramurals get great start

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So now all the companies are bringing out their dress greens, taking them to the cleaners, pinning on their new ribbons. But they are going for the Super Bowl.

JSU takes three at home for tops in OVC

By Michael Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State welcomed a three game homestand this week as they attempted to keep pace in a very tight Ohio Valley conference. They did just that by sweeping all their games, beating Eastern Kentucky 75-53, Morehead State 94-78, and then winning their final non-conference home date of the year against Savannah State 83-44.

This ups JSU’s record to 11-5 and 5-1 in OVC play. good enough for first place. They also sport a four game win streak and have won eight of the last nine they have played.

Eastern Kentucky came in on Thursday to serve as opposition for Jacksonville State. Early on the Colonel pressure defense gave Jacksonville State trouble, but JSU would rebound.

EKU took a 15-12 lead, but JSU responded with a 9-0 run, aided by Freddrika Embry, who scored four of the nine. The Colonels closed the gap to a tie at 26, but JSU ended the half on a 9-2 run to lead by a “touchdown” at intermission, 35-28.

The second half was all JSU as the Gamecocks scored the first six points of the half on their way to an 18-7 run and never looked back. The Colonels would narrow the gap to as close as 14, but JSU finished strong to take the 75-53 win.

Shanika Freeman led the scoring charge with another double double, scoring 29 points and grabbing 11 rebounds to go along with four assists. Kelly Nye had one of her better games of the year with 17 points and four assists.

“I’m really feeling good about my shot,” said Nye. “I know my teammates have the rebound if I miss.”

The Gamecocks then hosted the Morehead State Eagles on Saturday on a dreary day outside. Again JSU jumped to an early lead, this time building a 26-20 cushion only to see the game even up at 28-28.

Morehead State would take a brief 34-33 lead, but it would be the final time they held an advantage, as JSU blasted the Eagles with a 21-5 run to end the first half, and the second half was all Gamecocks.

That second half saw the lead narrow briefly at 59-55 after a 14-2 run by the Eagles, but Morehead could draw no closer.

Freeman saw to that with her 34th career double double, scoring 30 points and pulling away 15 boards. Fuess had another stellar day with 17 points and three assists. Embry fell just short of a double double with 16 points and eight rebounds. Cobie Carlisle also added 14 points and two steals to the evening’s total.

JSU then hosted the Savannah State Tigers on Monday night. Savannah State came in with a 5-15 mark, and was cannon fodder for the strong standing squad, as JSU rolled 83-44. JSU scored the contest’s first seven points and never trailed in the game.

However, after building a 16-6 lead, JSU went ice cold, not scoring a field goal for over four minutes, as SSU did manage to pull within five at 16-11. The Gamecocks woke up and found the range after that, nonetheless, as they would go on a 20-2 run to take a 43-16 lead at the break.

The second half was used to get some reserves some playing time and work on things for the OVC run. The Tigers employed several defenses, including one that had six players on defense at one point in the second stanza, but it could not slow the Gamecocks down. JSU’s lead would grow to as much as 37 before the final horn.

“We started throwing to the people in white,” said head coach Dave Dagostino. “We just had to calm down after playing three games in five days and focus more.”

Freeman would again pace the Gamecocks, with 17 points and nine rebounds. Fuess followed with twelve points, while ten points were recorded by Carlisle, Embry and Nye. Carlisle also added three steals to the totals.

Jacksonville State returns to action tonight against Southeast Missouri State at 5pm. They will then play again on Saturday at home against Eastern Illinois. That game is also slated for a 5pm tip-off.

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Let’s watch the Super Bowl this weekend!

By J. Wilson Guthrie
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new ribbons. But they are going for the Super Bowl. The Bowl and the two teams – with the fruits of their labors – are the reason that there are even “Super Bowl Commercials” in the first place.

I will say that some of my most memorable moments would be of the commercials. But the Tennessee-Rams game a few years ago is what sticks out the most.

A game. Not a commercial, not a new gimmick, a game. And like I have said so many times, we are getting away from the true meaning of a lot of things.

I commented earlier in the year that I didn’t mind the cell phone or the signs or the ball signing. But the more that I watch and the more that I think about it, the more that they piss me off.

I don’t know if I am getting older, wiser or if I am just too tired, I wish that things would go back to a simpler, more hero-centric sports world. Fewer and fewer athletes say that they are doing it for the fans, that they just want to see kids smile. It’s a market and to me no better than prostitution. The players are the whores; the owners and coaches the pimps and the American public the willing young John just off the boat.

And I don’t blame it on football although end zone dancing has added to the flashy, I blame baseball. I blame baseball and the strike. My hero when I was young was Dale Murphy. Then the strike, then I didn’t watch it, follow it or collect cards any more, I felt betrayed. It snowballed to the other sports from there.

So when you sit down to watch commercials this weekend just remember what is missing.

Freeman picks up third OVC Player of the Week nod this season

By Michael Vaughan II
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Jacksonville State’s Shanika Freeman, a junior from Chattanooga, was tabbed as the Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Week, as announced by the league office late Monday. Freeman has now received this honor for the third time this season.

Freeman averaged 29.5 points and 13 rebounds over a two-game span last week. She scored 29 points in a win over Eastern Kentucky and followed that with a 30-point performance in JEU’s victory over Morehead State, falling one point shy of a season high.

She also tied a career-high with six assists in the Morehead State contest and averaged five assists per game for the week.

She recorded her eighth and ninth double-doubles of the season, her 33rd and 34th of her career, and she has had a double-double in seven of the last eight games for Jacksonville State.

JSU, who is tied for first place in the conference standings at 5-1, will return to OVC action Thursday night at it hosts Southeast Missouri State. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m.
Men pull out thriller against EKU

"Coach came in at the half with that fire in his eye ... You just don’t like it, because it scares you." Carl Brown, after the win in front of 3500

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Jacksonville State entered the weekend needing a sweep to help their chances at an OVC tourney berth. They didn't quite make the sweep, but earned one of the most thrilling splits in NCAA history, beating Eastern Kentucky 85-82, but losing late to Morehead State because it scares you." Carl Brown, after the game. "Coach came in at the half with that fire in his eye," said Carl Brown after the game. "You just don't like it, because it scares you. Even with as big as I am it scares me sometimes," Scott Watson commented on the "new" style of play JSU has adopted. "Everyone seems to like it," says Watson. "I'm coming off more screens from Sleepy and Abdou and I'm putting my shots in. "We just have to stay the course," said Coach LaPlante. "With our style of offense, we will have some ugly stretches, but we can come back from any hole." Watson would lead the JSU scoring with 25 points. Carl Browe followed with 20 points and a personal record 17 rebounds. Russell would set a school mark with a JSU Division 1 record 14 assists to go along with 15 points and four steals. Josh Perry would also score ten points on 5-of-6 shooting.

JSU then went into Saturday's contest with Morehead State off that huge high, only to be brought back to Earth early in the first half. The teams would play "Match the streak" early on, as MSU went on a 6-0 run only to be countered by a 7-0 Gamecock streak. JSU then poured in six straight points but were countered by an Eagle 7-0 blitz. All of this only lead to a 49-43 halftime lead by Morehead State.

JSU would tie the game early on in the second half at 49-49, but Morehead answered with a 2206 run to break the game wide open. A huge disparity in free throw shooting helped the Eagles gain that edge. JSU then hit another 14-0 run to cut the lead to eight with 7:00 left. The Gamecocks would end the blitz after a 224-6 run tied the game at 79-79 with only 3:39 remaining as the home crowd again went loco. After a Carl Brown jumper tied the score at 81-81, the Eagles scored the last eight points of the game to down the Gamecocks 89-81. James Denson led the Gamecock defense on the evening as he grabbed an incredible nine steals, as JSU recorded 17 thefts as a team. Trent Eager led the scoring with 22 points, while Watson poured in 14 points and Russell added 13.

The Gamecocks will finish up their homestand with a pair of OVC contests this week. Today they host Southeast Missouri State, followed with a game on Saturday against the Panthers of Eastern Illinois. Both Games will tip-off at 7:30 or 30 minutes after the girl's games, whichever is later.
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