

## 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."



(KRT)/Howard Dean

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



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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



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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 con-



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test 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

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## Alabama Legislators discuss Statewide Lottery

By Bob Johnson  
The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Legislators, desperate to find enough money to balance the state's two main budgets, are talking about dusting off an old

## 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

Jacksonville State  
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Annual Reported Crime Statistics

Reported Criminal Incidents

2000 2001 2002 2003

## 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 offi-

enough money to balance the state's two main budgets, are talking about dusting off an old idea rejected by voters five years ago, a statewide lottery.

As the Feb. 3 start of the 2003 regular session nears, the word "lottery" is being heard frequently in the halls of the Alabama Statehouse. Supporters say it's a painless way to raise at least some of the money needed to adequately fund education and other state services at a time when voters are consistently saying "no" to proposed tax increases.

Voters in September defeated by a two-to-one margin Gov. Bob Riley's proposed \$1.2 billion tax increase and since have turned down most local proposals to raise taxes.

"It's not the greatest idea in the world, but it would generate money to go to the schools," said Rep. Randy Hinshaw, D-Huntsville. "It doesn't make any sense to me not to do it. Right now, we've got vital services that need to be funded."

But opponents say a lottery would not raise nearly enough

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statistics reported annually by the UPD show that many of the criminal acts that occurred in 2002 decreased in 2003.

Drug abuse violations, for example, lowered from 10 in 2002 to seven in 2003. Liquor law violations also dropped from 22 to 20. The greatest decrease was in thefts. In 2002 there were 71 thefts on campus. In 2003 that number had dropped to 40.

Crimes such as vehicle theft, arson, and aggravated assault didn't occur at all in 2003. Fetner said that they have been analyzing areas that have been problems. "We are attacking those areas individually to drive the crime rate down," said Fetner.

Fetner attributed much of the lower crime rate to things such as the UPD being more visible. "We're getting out, we are walking parking lots, checking the zones to make sure cars are not being broken into," said Fetner.

tion of the crime scene.

He also said that the better follow-ups, which include talking to witnesses, were due to the hiring of an investigator by the university police. Fetner said that in the past, some reports would fall by the wayside because the resources to follow up were not available.

"The officer does the initial report," said Fetner, "and the investigator takes that report, develops leads and he goes out and finds these people who are perpetrating these crimes."

The decreased crime was also due to the UPD recently obtaining new software that helps them gather information at a faster rate. This software, said Fetner, allows the UPD to quickly obtain data such as previous arrests and crimes committed by someone just by typing in their name or even an alias they might have. This helps the UPD keep recurring offend-

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## Reported Criminal Incidents

	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Murder</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Manslaughter</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses, Forcible</b>	0	1	1	2
<b>Sex Offenses, Non-forcible</b>	3	1	1	0
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	1	1
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	9	7	6	11
<b>Arson</b>	0	2	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Thefts</b>	61	56	71	40

## Arrests

	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Liquor Law Violations</b>	27	18	22	20
<b>Drug Abuse Violations</b>	7	6	10	7
<b>Weapons Possession</b>	2	2	1	2

ents are having problems adjusting to college life, University of Michigan officials have proposed new guidelines affecting the school's fraternities and sororities.

Under the proposal, rushing and pledging would be delayed by a semester and fraternities would be required to have live-in advisers. Sorority houses already have such advisers.

But the proposal has drawn fire from students who say it amounts to undue restrictions. "The students made a huge decision to attend this university, but then they get on campus and you are denying them their basic right to associate with anyone they choose," Lauren Frank, 20, a Troy native studying history and communications, told The Detroit News for a story Monday.

Ed Willis, the dean of the university's estimated 25,000 undergraduates, says the proposal is the result of

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# Trustees discuss capital campaign, out-of-state tuition issues



The Chanticleer/Malcolm Thomas

The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees continues to hold meeting throughout the year to discuss future issues and the governance of JSU.

**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.

The meeting began with reports from Dr. Bill Hug, president of the faculty senate and Chris Cook, president of the student government association.

Hug discussed the faculty senate's work on JSU harassment policies. A committee was formed by president Meehan in 2003 when faculty expressed concerns with some of the current policies. The faculty senate is making progress on the issue.

Cook gave the trustees an overview of SGA progress from last fall and current progress and goals for the spring semester. He reported that student involvement in activities was up dramatically. Currently the SGA is working on their trip to Collegiate Legislature and getting students to participate in

Higher Education Day. Goals for the spring semester are currently centered around a spring concert and SGA elections.

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

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## By the numbers: Gamecock Scoreboard:

Percentage of project completion on Ayers Hall:

**31**

### Men's basketball:

Jan. 24 - Morehead State 89, JSU 81  
Jan. 22 - JSU 85, E. Kentucky 82  
Tonight - vs. SE Missouri St. 7:30 p.m.  
Sat. - vs. E. Illinois 7:30 p.m.

### Women's basketball:

Jan. 24 - JSU 94, Morehead St. 78  
Jan. 26 - JSU 83, Savannah St. 44  
Tonight - vs. SE Missouri State 5 p.m.  
Sat. - vs. E. Illinois 5 p.m.

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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 said about 5,200 students belong to 60 fraternities and sororities.

The proposal was put to university officials in December, three months after a student suffered kidney damage following one of the worst cases of hazing at a University of Michigan fraternity since 1999. The guidelines were outlined by E. Royster Harper, vice president for student affairs.

Kevin Mulvaney, a member

of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and the vice president of the Interfraternity Council at Michigan, says Greek organizations are being unfairly targeted since the proposal does not apply to other student organizations.

Last week, Mulvaney filed a complaint with the ACLU's Detroit office, accusing the university of violating the constitutional rights of the university's Greek groups.

"We've been self-governing since 1845," said Mulvaney, a 20-year-old junior. "If the university has certain goals, we would be willing to work with them. But it's very much one-sided. We're being singled out. It comes down to our constitutional right to assemble."

## SGA makes plans for Higher Education Day

By **Olivia Fadul**  
*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

Monday night's Student Government Association senate meeting was all about new changes, tuition, and Higher Education Day discussion. Three bills were introduced and passed by the senate.

Student bill 62 and 63 passed appointing Krystal Aaron, a senior in education, and Catundra Walton, a junior, as new SGA senators.

A discussion about higher

education day and tuition came up at the meeting. An unidentified male student raised the question about tuition and whether the state of Alabama would raise tuition for out-of-state students. Chris Cook, SGA President stated his concerns about possibilities of out-of-state tuition increases.

"Right now it is being proposed to the governor and every university except Auburn is against it," said Cook. "They feel that those students are helping the state. It is about to go to the floor. It has not passed yet."

Cook also encouraged all students to go to Higher Education Day to let the senators know how we feel about the possible tax increase.

Higher Education Day and Alabama Jobs 2004 will be held Thursday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m., on the front steps of the Alabama State House. Elizabeth Davis, SGA senator heads the STARS (Students Together Achieving Realistic Solution) committee, and has been attending meetings monthly in Montgomery in regards to Higher Education Day.

Davis encouraged everyone to come out. She stated that the JSU band would be coming out for Higher Education Day. Also at Higher Education day, a free lunch will be served in the capitol complex area, after the rally.

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ers off campus.

Increased participation by the students has helped UPD keep the crime rate down. "Believe it or not," said Preuninger, "students want to help."

"We're starting to build a base line of support where we didn't have that," said Preuninger. He also said that the UPD would continue their efforts to stop crime on campus. "There's all kinds of plans for that, like expansion...more man power," said Preuninger. "We're working hard, evaluating everything we do," he said.

Besides that, Fetner said that a new system is being developed that, once they have access to it, will greatly help the efforts of the UPD. The new system called Law Enforcement Tactical Systems

(LETS), is basically a print out of a person's driver's license. Many UPD officers think that this would help them identify a person much more quickly than ever before.

"Our mission, our mandate," said Preuninger, "is to provide a safe academic environment." "When mom and dad ask if this is a good place, we want to say yep, here it is," he said.

Fetner said that if a student wants to report a crime or ask about something that he or she doesn't understand, all they have to do is pick up the phone and call. "They don't even have to give us their name if they don't want to," said Fetner.

"And if the faculty needs the UPD to come and talk to the students about personal safety, identity theft, or anything else," said Fetner, "we will be more than happy to do that."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Freshman Forum:** The Freshman Forum encourages you to help heart transplant patients by donating your old cell phones and chargers. Bring these items to the Office of Student Life by February 16, 2004. **Contact:** Robert Hayes. 782-5491.

**Alpha Omicron Pi:** AOII would like to congratulate Allison Land. Congratulations to all the new girls. AOII Italian Night is February 9, 2004 @ the BCM from 5-7, tickets are only \$3 so ask an AOII for your ticket. Have a safe and wonderful weekend! **Contact:** eerikaleigh@aol.com

**Omega Lambda Delta:** Newly formed social organization for non-traditional students, Omega Lambda Delta. The first meeting will be held Jan. 31 on TMB 3rd floor, Rm. 303. Want to get involved but don't know how, come and check us out. Everyone is welcome. **Contact:** Serena Gibson, 240-9625.

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

**JSU Ambassadors:** We would like to wish everyone a great semester. The 2004-2005 Ambassador applications will be available starting on Jan. 26, 2004. If you love JSU, this job is for YOU! Good luck JSU Basketball. **Contact:** Tracy Phillips, 782-5260 or phillips@jsucc.jsu.edu.

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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 stephdeese@aol.com.

**JSU Student Art Alliance:** The Student Art Alliance will hold it's 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. Shakelford 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 phenominal 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.

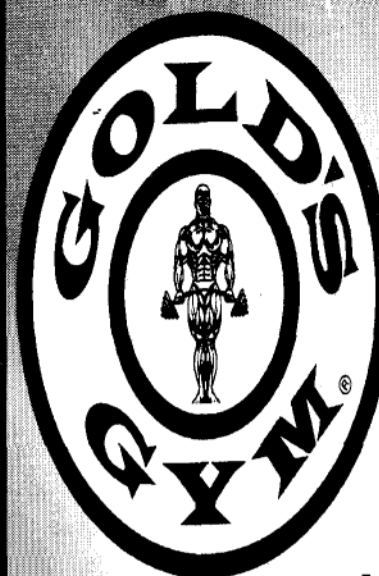
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## CAMPUS CRIME

- Jan. 20- Dashia Kisher Angel, 19, of Jacksonville, AL reported theft of two check cards occurring at Sparkman Hall.
- Jan. 26- Dorothy Phillips of Jacksonville, AL reported theft of a dell computer occurring at Ramona Wood Building.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.



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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 reelection 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-Fyffe, 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 legal 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 long-time lottery supporter.

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

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for Dean and Clark to do well and that Clark should do well, especially given the fact that he opted out of the Iowa Caucuses to focus on New Hampshire.

When asked if she saw any of the weaker candidates pulling out after tonight, Owens stated, "If they did it would not necessarily be because of a lack of viability." However, she refused to make any speculation as to what the results of the primary would be.

Owens supports Alabama

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of the University to produce recommendations for the fundraising efforts.

One major issue which was discussed regarded tuition. Dr. William Fielding, dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration, conducted a study on the economic impact alienating out-of-state students would have on Alabama.

Meehan also mentioned that

moving up our primary to an earlier date so that we could have more of an impact on the choice for delegates, whether it be for Republicans or Democrats. She said, "By the time it gets to us, it's all over but the shoutin'," adding that Iowa and New Hampshire have an insignificant number of electoral votes.

Alabama currently holds its Presidential primaries in conjunction with state primaries on the first Tuesday in June, which falls on June 1, 2004—much too late to affect the Presidential

nominees.

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 precinct 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.

SGA is also placing an invi-

tation out to anyone interested in going to Higher Education Day and Alabama Jobs 2004 on February 26. If interested please come by the Office of Student Life, RM. 402 TMB, to sign up. Also if anyone is interested in an SGA Senate seat applications are currently available in the Office of Student Life.

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



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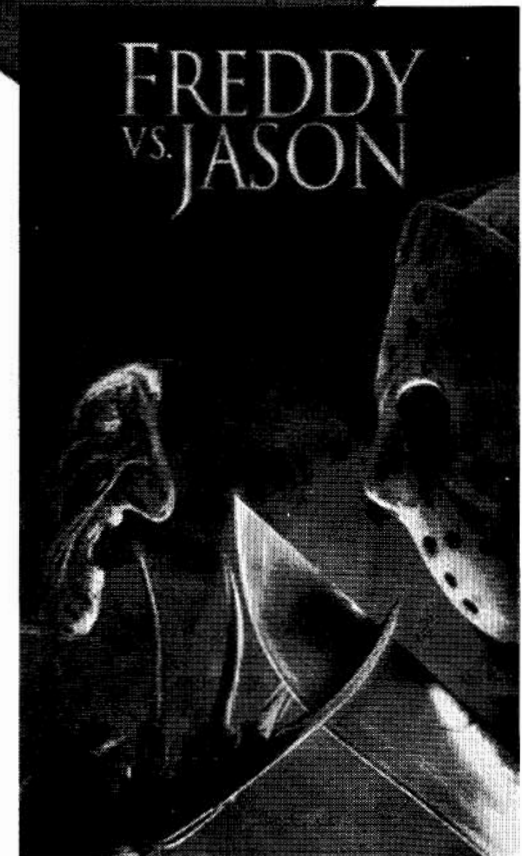
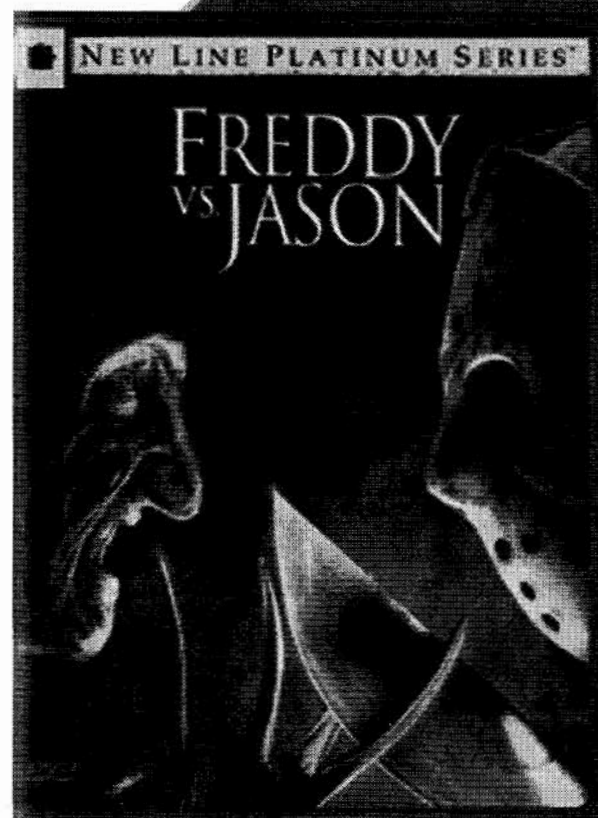
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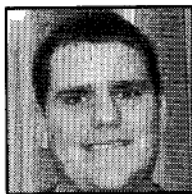
**"How will the New Hampshire vote affect the final election?"**

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"I don't feel that it much matters, because by putting Kerri number one in the Iowa caucus they've all but assured Bush a second term."



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"Dean will probably win, but either way Bush will get kicked out of his presidency."

# 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 address-

ing 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.

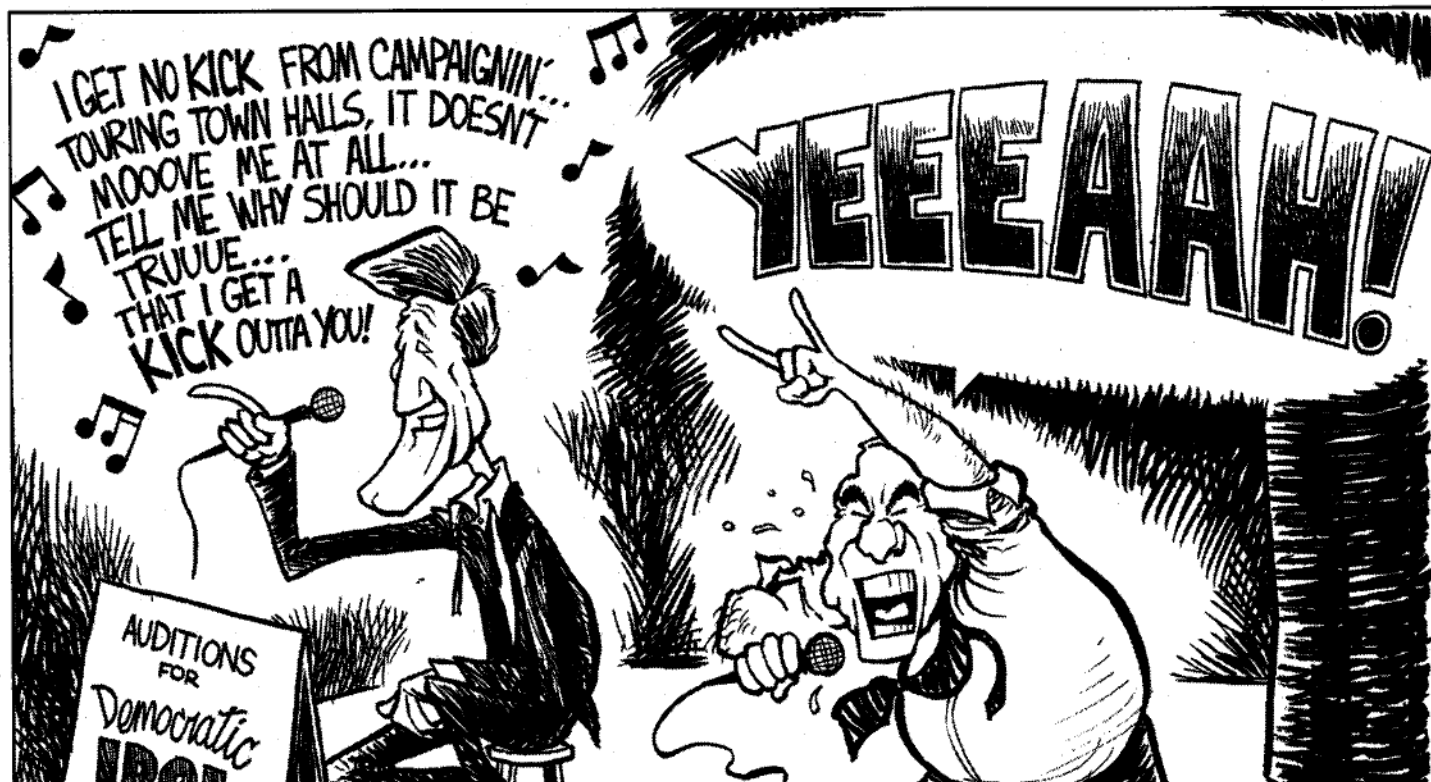
With so much at stake in November 2004, Dean's ability to inspire young voters is crucial not only to his campaign, but to the future of the nation. More than any other candidate, he understands that winning this country back means winning back the trust of young Americans.

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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Senior

"Gephart will probably win out because he's done well in the past."



**A.S. Price**  
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Junior

"I don't keep up with politics, so the vote will not affect me."



**Cyndi Tiede**  
Music Education  
Sophomore

"Serving in the military the President is the highest in my chain of command, therefore whoever is elected will have my support 100 percent."

ple. As a practicing physician right up to the very moment he took office as governor, he spent an entire career honing the fine art of per-



# Generation Dean poses problems

By Hans Zeiger  
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 gen-

eration 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 moti-

vated 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 comedy night featuring Shawty-Shawty, Tyler Craig and Host Pat Brown. It will be held Feb. 5 in the Leone 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



Courtesy JSU Multicultural Services

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 Theatre and their performance called "The Meeting." This event is scheduled on Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

mance of "The Meeting," said Ziegler.

"The Meeting" is a production featuring Pin Points Theatre of Washington, D.C. enacting how the Civil Rights Movement could have been positively impacted if Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X had ever met and shared their philosophies. The dinner theater will take place Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. General admission is \$15 and to students admission is \$10. The last day to purchase

held Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. The Pageant is open to male or female students. "The four pageant categories are fitness wear, talent, evening wear and an interview. In the 'Who am I?' portion the participants can pick a famous African American to portray. Last year one young lady reenacted Rosa Park's legendary bus ride," Ziegler said. Applications are available in the Office of Multicultural Services. The deadline for entry is Feb. 13.

Auditorium. "Pettiford speaks about relationships, as well as really getting down and talking about STD's," said Ziegler. Since African Americans have the highest percentages of the AIDS virus, Pettiford's speech is geared towards protecting oneself emotionally and physically.

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 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Houston Cole Library. "This banquet

professions and create a network for our students," said Ziegler. "This meeting also gives JSU students a chance to get involved with people from their line of careers and learn what it really takes to achieve their goals."

"We try to make Black History Month both entertaining and educational," said Ziegler. "I think we have really achieved that this year. I hope everyone will come out and take advantage of everything we have to offer. It's going to

## Who won the Golden Globes?

By Katja Sunnarborg  
The Chanticleer  
Features Editor



I feel like lying down in the floor, kicking and screaming, complaining about the unfairness of the world. "It is not fair," I feel like saying, "not fair at all." The world doesn't always work the way we want it to, and things don't go the way I want them to, that's for sure. So what is left after the disappointment, is hope, that in the future there comes the day when Tom Cruise wins the Golden Globes or an Oscar.

Yes, I watched the Golden Globes last Sunday and I disagreed on many of the choices that were made that evening. Don't get me wrong, last year was an excellent year for movies and the competition level was high, but yet some in my mind were still better than the ones that were chosen. Then again I hadn't seen all the movies that were presented, so my opinion only relies on my personal feelings.

Ever since I was twelve years old, each year I have looked forward to seeing the Oscars on TV. Now in my

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

Auditorium. General admission is \$15 and to students admission is \$10. The last day to purchase tickets is Feb. 10.

The African American Heritage Month Pageant will be

available in the Office of Multicultural Services. The deadline for entry is Feb. 13.

Speaker of the Month, Hasani Pettiford, will be seen Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Leone Cole

banquet on Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Houston Cole Library. "This banquet allows the Black alumni to come back and talk about their

everyone will come out and take advantage of everything we have to offer. It's going to be a great time and I look forward to seeing everyone that turns out to join us."

years old, each year I have looked forward to seeing the Oscars on TV. Now in my country, the Oscars used to come two days later than the real airing date, so I pretty much knew from the papers who had won what. Still I enjoyed watching the glamour and beautiful faces, picking up my favorites and almost crying when each winner gave their acceptance speech.

Now, another twelve years later, that tradition holds on, the only difference is that this time I can watch them live on TV, rather than seeing them two days later. I still can't get enough of the beautiful dresses, hairdos, posing and movies, acceptance speeches and the glamorous life each of those red carpet walkers represent. I still cried when Charlize Theron gave her speech last Sunday for winning the Leading actress role in "Monster."

But I am disappointed that Tom Cruise didn't win. Every time he is up for a role, I keep my thumbs crossed for him and wish that this time it would be him. I guess he brings out the twelve-year old in me. I wouldn't have minded if Jude Law would have won instead of Cruise, since "Cold Mountain" just seems like the best movie out there right now (if we don't count "Lord of the Rings"). Instead the winner, Sean Penn (who is a pretty good actor too, I guess) wasn't even there to receive his winning trophy, which in my mind seems like a horrible mistake on his part.

If I would be up for winning the Golden Globe or the Oscar, I would definitely be there to receive it. I would give a speech that would make some of the viewers like me cry, wearing my black Dolce & Gabbana dress, looking absolutely gorgeous. "I would like to thank my mom and dad, whom without I wouldn't be here tonight. I would also like to thank my stylist..."

## Cooking classes made fun

By Katja Sunnarborg  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

This spring JSU's Department of Continuing Education is hosting four cooking classes taught by a known food writer and cooking instructor Prudence Hilburn.

The first class called "Romantic Dinner for Two" will be offered on Feb. 9. It will provide ideas and recipes so that anyone who attends can treat their special someone in their life with a Valentine's dinner. This dinner will include an appetizer, salad with a special homemade dressing, entrée, side

dishes and dessert.

On Mar. 8 Hilburn will show how to spice up any boring breakfast menu with new treats from different countries as well as new and exciting ones with an American touch. The next opportunity to learn about cooking will be on Apr. 12, with a class titled "Back to New Orleans." In this class, Hilburn will teach how to make classic Cajun and Creole cuisine the way they do it in New Orleans.

The last class which will be perfect for any beginner baker is offered on May 10. In this class students learn how to make luscious cakes, cobblers, custards, breads and

more in the tradition of the American South. All classes will be held in Mason Hall, room 202 and early registration is encouraged due to limited availability. For more information call 782-5918.

"I'm trying to make [the classes] enjoyable for those who are already experienced, but yet I want them to be easy enough for someone just starting out," explained Hilburn. "They are very laid back, casual type classes and I think that is what people enjoy so much about them. They can sit there, enjoy, join in with the discussion, and ask questions."

Hilburn is from Piedmont



*"I couldn't even cook very much when I got married. My husband suffered through several years of my mediocre cooking."*

• Prudence Hilburn  
Cooking instructor

and has written seven popular cookbooks, including "Treasury of Southern Baking," "Grandad's Old-Fashion Cookbook" and "Cooking with Prudence." She is currently working on her eighth book and is planning on publishing it within a few months. Hilburn also writes a column called "The Gourmet Touch" for the

Anniston Star.

"I couldn't even cook very much when I got married. My husband suffered through several years of my mediocre cooking," Hilburn said. "My advice would be to get a very basic, good cookbook and just start out following the directions carefully. And it does help taking cooking classes, it really, really does."

## Ani DeFranco

### Educated Guess

★★

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 McLaughlin, 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



Courtesy Righteous Babe

many, I'll tell you that much.

Jewel threw 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 obscu-

rity 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 DiFranco'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 DiFranco is "sellout." She's about as anti-sellout as there is. Educated Guess, essentially her 14<sup>th</sup> 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 necessarily a good thing. For all the girl power and feminist posturing that Ani is famous for, this album comes across as weight-

less 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 she tries hard, she struggles to carry the album by herself.

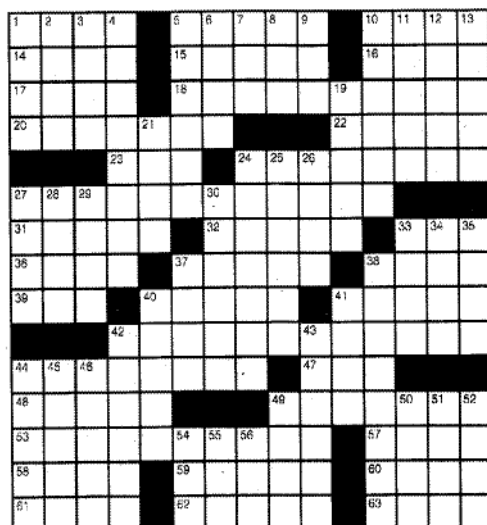
Although the music is passable, semi-enjoyable folk, what drags "Educated Guess" down a level is Ani's instance on at least three or four spoken word tracks which are little more than her songs with no musical backing. Predictable in their content (the power of women, liberation, and politics) the spoken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

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# Stoopid News

**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.

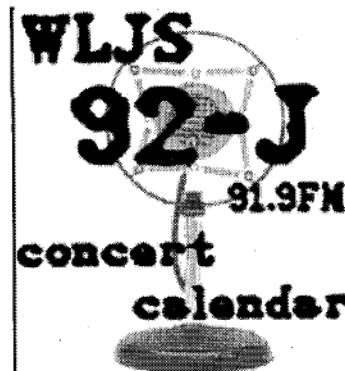
Cross claimed he hit his wife during a New Year's Eve argument about her drinking problem. Cross said he hopes the yoga will also help him lose weight.

Nahum testified that he had done nothing to make himself appear attractive to Blanco and said he understood "party" to mean drugs.

The appeals court agreed that Blanco had been entrapped by "non-verbal communication" used by the undercover officer.

**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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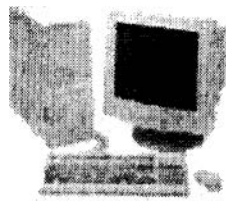
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**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** - Even police detectives have to be careful what they ask for, and how they look when they're asking for it.

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.

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 since the 2-year-old dog had been adopted by a new owner just hours earlier.

Humane Society officials said their hands are tied because they're required to put stray dogs up for adoption five days after they're picked up if they don't have ID tags. Tagged animals are held for 10 days, but Bella, the Karanastasis' pooch, didn't have one.

Karanastasis, her husband and a friend visited the shelter three times before she spotted the dog on Jan. 8. She said Bella jumped up and down and responded to commands in Greek; proof, she said, it's her dog.

"I couldn't believe it. How could this happen?" Karanastasis asked. Karanastasis and her friend begged the new owner to return the dog. But the woman said it was a present for her daughter's birthday and declined their offer to buy her another golden retriever.

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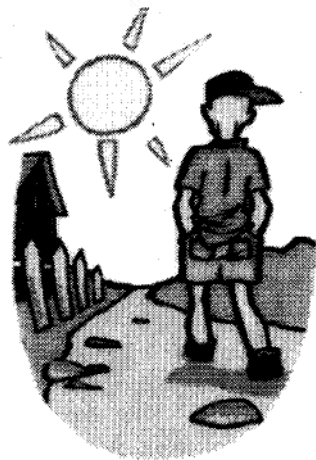
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# Sports

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Let's watch  
the Super  
Bowl this  
weekend!

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The Super Bowl is always over hyped. Who will win and yadda yadda. That's great. But it is still all about the game right?

Some say not. A few people have spoken out about how the game means nothing and the only reason that people watch the game anymore is because of the new commercials.

Well I say horse shit.

I don't know how the football gods feel about the overpaid, undisciplined, downright vulgar players in the league right now, but I am still sure that the Super Bowl is still the Midnight Mass to them.

And all the hoopla surrounding the game is part of it.

I wear my dress greens – my military dress uniform – twice a year. Once to inspection and once to Midnight Mass. Does that make any other mass less special? No. But I have yet to miss one since I started going.

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  
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Jacksonville State welcomed a three game homestand this week as they attempted to keep pace in a very tight knit 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 "touch-down" 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 dou-

ble with 16 points and eight rebounds. Cobie Carlisle also added 14 points and two steals to the evenings total.

JSU the hosted the Savannah State Tigers on Monday night. Savannah State came in with a 5-15 mark, and was cannon fodder for the strong homestanding 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."



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Cobie Carlisle passes the rock during the womens win over Eastern Kentucky University Jan. 22. The Gamecocks have pulled into first place in the OVC standings this week.

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.

## Cheerleading isn't a sport ... or is it?

## Intramurals get great start

By Amado Ortiz

and pull off some upsets to earn playoff spots.

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.

## a sport ... or is it?

By Michael Vaughan II  
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“But Mikie,” you say. “Cheerleading isn't a sport. It's just girls showing off their legs for frat boys.” I'm sorry Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public; I must disagree with you. I am using my profile this week to try and help eliminate those stereotypes as I interviewed the lead cheerleader for JSU's pep squad, Miss Ciara Norton.

This Hokes Bluff native chose JSU because of its nearness to home.

She also is able to continue coaching a cheerleading team near her home. She currently teaches gymnastics and cheerleading to a group of young ladies from K-6 in Hokes bluff and her squad is associated with the little league squads there.

“I think we work as hard as anyone else,” she said. “Being a sport doesn't always depend on dribbling a ball, or throwing a ball. Its about how hard you work at it and how much heart you put into it.”

She played softball and basketball and also ran track, so she compared the difference for me. “There's not really that much difference (in cheer and the others),” she said. “You have things to work on, and you always work hard. I think we work as hard or harder than most sports.”

I then quizzed her about being the leader of the squad, even though she's only a sophomore. “I think we're really close, and we don't really look at the age difference,” Norton said. “Our coach really reminds us that we all need to be leaders all the time, so it's not just me and we all step up so in a way it makes it easier for us to work.”

I would then get to my question about being stranded on an island, and which three people she would take. She didn't give specific names, but she

answered the quickest out of anyone I've interviewed so far. “I think I'd have my best friend, a guy friend or boyfriend, whichever I had at that time, and one of the little cheerleaders I coach,” she said.

When asked to elaborate she continued, “They all just mean so much to me that I find myself looking for them and wanting to hang out with them even if its one of the younger ones. They're a main part of my life, and I'd have all three with me at all times if I could.”

I also asked her if there was a particular guy that would fit that bill. “Yes, I am dating a guy right now, named John, and we met through class and became really good friends, so we're gonna try dating. I had a relationship with a guy for four years that just broke off recently, so we'll try this for now.”

My next inquiry was about the most humorous incident she had witnessed with the cheerleaders. “I think we just have a lot of funny people on our team, and we like to do a lot of crazy stuff,” Norton said. “Our coach will come out and act really goofy and get really hyper sometimes, so it gets us all to have fun, but still work.”

I then asked her to narrow it down to the funniest person on the team and it took her nearly no time to find her answer. “Definitely it would be Bo,” she said. “I like to goof off a lot too, but I try to keep myself focused. Bo can be really goofy and does a lot of child-like stuff, but it keeps our spirits up and keeps us happy.”

Now my friends and neighbors, now that you have heard about them, maybe you'll see our cheerleaders in a different light. They're not airheads bouncing around. They're intelligent people, here to get an education just like you, and they work hard to perfect their sport and get you to cheer for our athletic teams.

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Positioning for the overall All-Sports Championships are beginning to take shape after one semester of intramurals down in the books.

Sigma Phi Epsilon finds themselves in first place overall holding a slim one-point lead over defending All-Sports Champion Delta Chi.

Sig Ep has benefited from victories in inner-tube water polo and volleyball while Delta Chi claimed flag football, bowling and golf.

Kappa Alpha is making a good push coming in at third after finishing second in inner tube water polo, volleyball and winning Badminton. Pi Kappa Phi is currently in fourth although they are still in striking

distance from the top. Sigma Nu and Phi Beta Sigma round out the rest of the field in the All-Sports Race.

### BASKETBALL

Intramural action began this past week with basketball being the first sport of the spring semester. It still is a relatively young season, but the competition is heating up as teams try to position themselves for the playoffs.

In the women's conference it appears that the JUCO's led by Celia Whitaker, and Mandi Spears are the team to beat in their Division.

They have already defeated The Wesley Foundation by a score of 30-19 and are anxiously awaiting interleague play. Last year's defending sorority league champs, Phi Mu, are looking to replace Katie Waters in the middle, but have the bulk of there team back in Rachel Townson, and Jennifer Cash.

Alpha Omicron Pi, last year's sorority runner-up, already has a victory under their belt as they defeated Alpha Xi Delta by a score of 23-20. ZTA, DZ, and Alpha Xi will all have to fight hard

and pull off some upsets to earn playoff spots.

In men's division North North Workers have already tasted defeat this year after their 9-0 championship season last year.

The Cocks, comprised of our OVC Champion football team members, upset the North North workers 39-34. The Cocks have started the season 2-0 also defeating the Hood Boyz by a score of 43-35. Other scores from the independent league.

Hood Boyz 54 Boycotters 47  
Locust Fork 53 Wesley Foundation 25  
North North Workers 45 T-Dawgs 10  
Fitzpatrick Show Stoppers 43 Locust Fork 29  
GDI's 60 SMAK 51  
Kornerstone Kool Kutters 56 Q-Dogs 21  
Penatrators 37 Boycotters 31

The Fraternity Championship is up for grabs as Phi Beta Sigma will not be dressing a team this year. In the first Fraternity game of the year Pi Kappa Phi defeated Sigma Phi Epsilon 45-29. Pi Kapp seemed to hit everything they put up led by Ross Nelson and Bo Cashio.

“We just wanted to make a statement coming out of the gates that we're the team to beat this semester,” said Pi Kapp captain Ross Nelson.

Kappa Alpha defeated Delta Chi by a score of 45-41 behind the shooting of JD Davis and Charles Ponder. Delta Chi took a huge blow over the Christmas break, as their Mr. Everything Brandon Roberts did not enroll in the spring semester.

Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Ep played an early rematch late Monday night. Sig Ep kept it close thru halftime but Pi Kapp's size advantage proved too much in the second half as they pulled away 47-21. All games are played at Stephenson Gym and you can check out your favorite team at [www.jsu.edu/depart/recsports/imsports](http://www.jsu.edu/depart/recsports/imsports) for complete schedules.

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

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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 JSU'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 as it hosts Southeast Missouri State. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m.



# Men pull out thriller against EKV

**“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

89-81. That brings JSU’s record to 9-9 overall and 2-5 in the OVC.

Eastern Kentucky took an early 109-6 lead, but JSU’s fast break offense came back with a 7-0 run. EKV countered with an 11-0 run of their own to lead 21-13. The first half was foul plagued as three Gamecocks had three fouls apiece. Carl Brown would get a career high in rebounds in the first half, but

that was about all that went right as JSU went to the break down 48-35.

The second half would be the story though. JSU would fall down by 15 early, but a 14-0 run would give JSU the lead at 55-54 before a screaming crowd. EKV built the lead back to 70-67 after an intentional foul on JSU’s Emerson Brown. That lead would also be eliminated as the game was tied at 74-74 with only 4:46 left. JSU then went on a drought of 3:01 without a bucket that was ended by a Carl Brown lay-up to tie the game again at 78-78. Walker Russell then hit a shot while falling to the floor to give JSU a four point lead, and Scott Watson would seal the deal with three free throws to give JSU the exhilarating win before a crowd of over 3,500.

“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 Brown followed with 20 points



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Scottie Watson gets hype after giving the Gamecocks their first lead of the game after going on a huge run. The Gamecocks split at home this week.

and a personal record 17 rebounds. Russell would set a school mark with a JSU Division I record 14 assists to go along with 15 points and four steals. Josh Perry would also score ten points on 5-of-6 shooting.

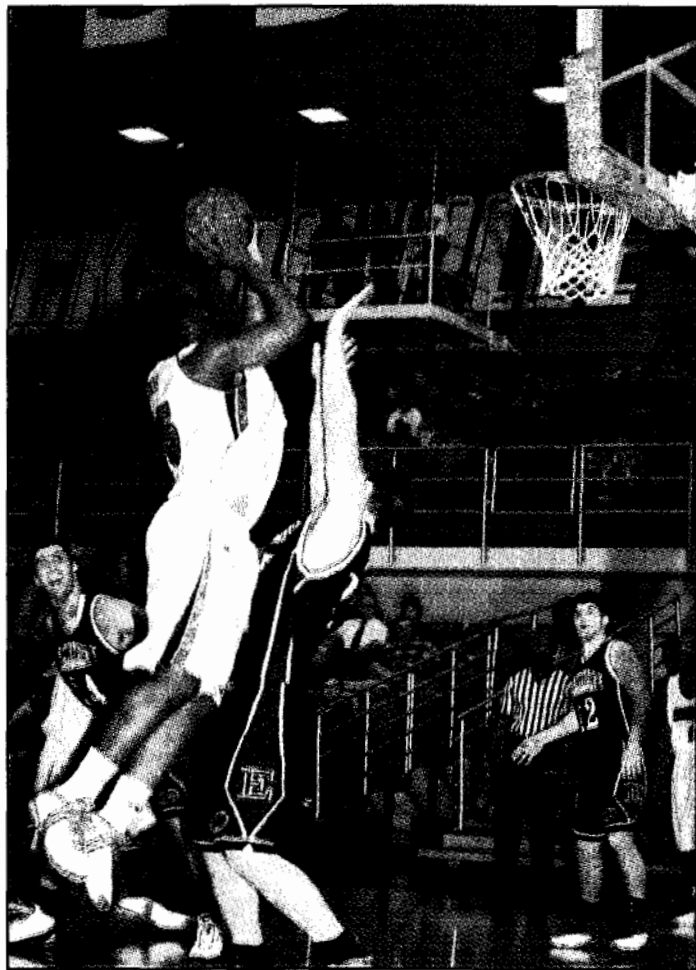
JSU then went into Saturday’s contest with Morehead State off that huge high, only to be brought back to Earth early in the first half. The teams would play “Match the streak” early on, as MSU went on a 6-0 run only to be countered by a 7-0 Gamecock streak. JSU then poured in six straight points but 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 22-0 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 22-6 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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