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SGA and K98 to host 'FUEL' in concert

SGA expresses excitement over accomplishing goal to provide a spring concert for students

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

After a lot of negotiating, conference calls, and committee hustling, the Student Activities Council has announced that the Student Government Association and K98 radio station will host FUEL in concert on April 9, 2004.

The SGA has put on previous concerts such as Rascal Flatts, Sister Hazel, Tonic and Train. They expressed a lot of excitement in acquiring FUEL for this year's spring concert due to last

spring's failed attempt to book entertainment in time.

FUEL, an alternative rock and roll type quartet, from Harrisburg, Pa. first made their mark on the music world with their debut album, "Sunburn" in 1998.

"We got the committee to rank several bands and then we offered bids to those groups," said Jennifer Mince, SGA's director of publicity. "The committee ranked FUEL as the first choice and they accepted our bid."

The committee also considered other groups like Less than Jake, Simple Plan,

Maroon 5, Youngbloods and Vertical Horizon. Overall, the choices for the bands were generated based on the survey taken last November. 669 JSU students took the survey and 296 of students surveyed voted that they preferred the rock genre.

"We want to thank everyone who participated in the survey, because they helped in our selection process," said Mardracus Russell, vice president of student activities. "I think that everyone's reaction about the concert has been good. People are

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Courtesy of Sony Music and Fuel (www.fuelweb.com)

The Student Government Association and K98 will host FUEL in concert on April 9, 2004. The concert will be held at Pete Matthews Coliseum at 8 p.m. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis. JSU Student tickets will cost \$15 and general admission will be \$20. The date that tickets will be available has not yet been determined. FUEL recently released its third album, "Natural Selection" and its first single "Falls on Me" received a positive response on the radio.

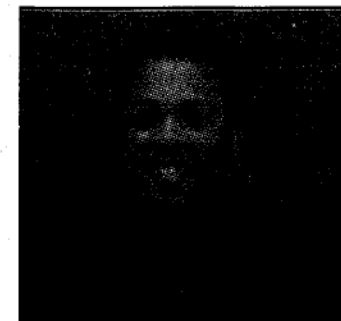
Newly elected SGA full of fresh ideas and energy

The new officers will be inducted on March 29th and look forward to an exciting 2004-2005 year

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

The votes have been tallied and officers of JSU's Student Government Association and student senate have been selected for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Mardracus Russell was elected for a second term as the vice



Several of the new executive officers expressed their desire to increase participation among JSU students in areas that greatly affect their time on JSU's campus.

Williams also discussed with *The Chanticleer* her commitment and dedication to the Student Government

Mardracus Russell was elected for a second term as the vice president of student activities (VPSA), after defeating Brian Snead who also contended for the position.

Allison Pierce, currently a senator in the SGA, will serve as the vice president of the student senate (VPSS), and Allison Crow will serve as vice president of organizational affairs



President/Emily Williams

(VPOA). Crow received various skills and experience while working with current VPOA, Alesha Ingram, as the Allocations committee chair.

Emily Williams, currently the vice president of the student senate was uncontested for the



VP Student Senate/Allison Pierce

office of president and received the highest number of total votes in this year's election.

Williams, originally from Hokes Bluff, Ala., became involved in the SGA through Freshman Forum. Her major goals as president next year will



VP Organizational Affairs/Allison Crow

include making the SGA more student accessible and working on creating networks with the faculty and other university SGA presidents.

Pierce, current SGA senator and Co-chair of the Homecoming Committee is



VP Student Activities/Mardracus Russell

All Photos taken by Tim King
very excited about what is to come during the coming academic year.

"My major goals include keeping people informed and generating more attendance at the senate meetings."

ment and dedication to the Student Government Association. "I have gained so much through being a part of the SGA," said Williams. "I have gained different leadership techniques and better communication with faculty and administration."

When asked by *The*

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Mandatory meal plan discussion continues

Committee says plan will save students money and provide more dining options

By Olivia Fadul
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA Academic Affairs committee says that they are working hard to develop a better Student ID card with options. Monday night, in the TMB auditorium, they had an open forum meeting to discuss a possible mandatory meal plan program to help benefit the campus community.

The committee, led by JSU Seniors Jessica Bobo and Jonathan Taylor, have been busy researching meal plans at other universities in the state to see how they want the mandatory meal plan to work for future JSU students.

Bobo stated that the committee has been inspired to do this research and talk to the students about the possibility of having a

mandatory meal plan.

A student came to the Academic Affairs committee and asked Bobo why JSU students couldn't use their Student ID cards in the community in restaurants and local businesses. This sparked the committee's interest in providing more options for students.

If implemented, the mandatory meal plan would only affect incoming freshman.

According to the possible plan, incoming freshman who live in residence hall such as Sparkman, Dixon, Daugette, Crow, and Fitzpatrick would be required to purchase a meal plan with their housing contract. This plan would make it possible to offer a wider range of places to dine in.

During the meeting, a JSU

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Comparison of current university tuition and meal plan fees for one academic year			
College	In-state	Out-of-state	Meal plan required
Auburn University	\$3,559	\$7,789	Yes
Univ. of Alabama	\$3,362	\$6,942	Yes
UAH	\$3,363	\$5,651	Yes
JSU	\$3,095	\$4,775	No
Univ. North Ala.	\$3,967	\$4,357	Yes
Huntingdon College (Private)	\$21,250	N/A	Yes
Birmingham Southern (Private)	\$24,386	N/A	No

This Comparison chart was compiled by the SGA's Academic Affairs Committee and reflects current tuition and fees for Colleges and Universities in Alabama.

SGA keeps on giving the "Gift of Life"



The Chanticleer/Tim King

SGA Blood Drive Committee chairs Crissy Almaroad and Brian Snead present the American Red Cross with a \$500 donation from JSU after its 2-day blood drive on Monday and Tuesday. The SGA hosts the blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross and is held annually in the spring semester.

Kerry begins running-mate search, campaigns in Florida

By James Kuhnhehn
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

ORLANDO, Fla.— Sen. John Kerry named prominent Washington Democrat James Johnson to start vetting potential running mates,

moving quickly Wednesday to the next stage of his presidential campaign as the de facto Democratic Party nominee.

Johnson, a former chairman and CEO of mortgage lender Fannie Mae, a former aide to

ex-Vice President and ex-Sen. Walter Mondale and a veteran Democratic Party insider, will assemble a team that'll reach out to possible vice presidential candidates and scrutinize their backgrounds.

While the campaign released no names of potential candidates, speculation in Democratic circles has focused variously on Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, Sen. Bob

Graham of Florida, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California and former Treasury Secretary

Robert Rubin.

If Kerry has a favorite, he has kept it secret, and is likely to for months to sustain a sense of drama before the Democratic National Convention, which starts

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By the numbers:

Number of JSU students who voted they preferred a rock genre for spring concert:

296

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Baseball:

March 9 - JSU 16, Toledo 3

Friday - vs. Northwestern Louisiana, 6:30 p.m.

Softball:

March 7 - JSU 17, Alabama A&M 0

Wednesday - vs. Tulsa, 4 p.m.

Tennis:

March 7 - JSU 6, Morehead State 1

Today - vs. Alabama State, 1:30 p.m.

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student asked, "What if this plan gets passed and none of the businesses in the community wanted to participate?"

Bobo responded that her committee has gone to several area businesses and they were all for it. "We just don't have contracts to give them and the amount that they would have to contribute," Bobo stated. "We have the go ahead that they want it. When you sit and tell them that we have

1500 folks that are going to have money to spend at their establishment."

"The meal plan has to come first. Then we have to go to the big chains. It is going to take time. All of you may be gone before we implement it." Bobo said to the crowd gathered there.

Justin Davis, a Senior and current SGA senator expressed positive concern about the plan. "Is there any way that current students can add the plan to their housing contract," Davis stated.

"I live in Pannell, but I never cook. Could it be an option?"

"Oh, yes. The mandatory meal plan would be optional if you have a kitchen. You could just put more money on your card," Bobo replied.

Bobo went on to explain that any students that were already at JSU and not beginning as incoming freshmen, could choose to buy the plan, when the plan is implemented.

Another issue that came up in the meeting regarding meal plans

was Sodexo Marriott, JSU food provider, and their limited dining hall hours.

"My main concern with the Caf' is that there were many times I was hungry, and the cafeteria was closed. I wasted a lot, because they were not open," said Josh Paxton, a sophomore at JSU.

"I heard you say the more money we put in, the more time the Cafeteria will stay open," Paxton stated. "I spent \$330 on groceries last week. And my refrigerator is empty." Paxton continued to express concerns about the cost of meal plans and the availability of eating times.

"I am on the 5 meals (\$584/semester) a week plan. I feel like it is wasted. Some weeks I may eat once, then the next week I might spend extra money for the extra meals," said Paxton. "I feel like a lot of money is wasted. Some days I can go and others I can't."

The committee is working on another provision of the mandatory meal plan that will implement a roll over plan for missed meals that would closely resemble plans like bigger universities such as the University of Alabama and Auburn University.

If implemented, the students on the committee would like to see roll over dollars, which would be available from leftover meals, that could be used in the campus bookstore.

"I know that the roll over money in the semester might be a

lot. But, my dad was upset that I was not eating what he paid for," Paxton voiced in support of a possible roll over system to the plan.

Taylor the other committee chair added, "Speaking from a systems stand point, I could set up a system like that. Right now our system cannot do it. But it should not be hard. We want it and we want it this way."

If implemented Bobo, Taylor, and their committee proposes that the plan would save students money, benefit Sodexo, benefit area restaurants, and help the school generate money.

A certain percentage of the sales from the card would go back to the school from the restaurant. Also the committee emphasizes that the school could still take pride in remaining the cheapest university in the state. If the plan were implemented, the school would still be several hundred dollars beneath the Alabama average most people pay to go to a school.

If you would like to voice your opinion about this possible mandatory meal plan, please contact Jessica Bobo or Jonathan Taylor or see any of the SGA Senators. Also there will be another open forum meeting to discuss views and feelings about the plan. All are encouraged to attend.

"We need these voices. That is why we have these meetings," Taylor said.

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Chanticleer why some JSU students feel the SGA doesn't do anything productive, Pierce and Williams responded with understanding and vision.

"I think that sometimes the problem may be a publicity problem. We don't get the message out there," said Pierce. "I can definitely understand why some students think that we don't do anything."

Pierce went on the express her commitment to increasing student participation in senate meetings and in working with the director of publicity to create a better way to inform all facets of the campus community.

"The office of Student Life is always here and there is always someone here that will help you," Williams stated. "If there is something that is urgent and if you really want to get something across to us, put it in writing. We are here to listen."

Williams talked about her vision to create networks. She stated that just as she promised in her campaign, "It's all about You (the student)."

The new SGA executive officers want to express a message of accessibility. "We want the students to know that they can come to senate meetings. They can come and say anything that they want to," said Pierce.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi: Congrats to our sister of the week, LaShawna Shelton! Thanks to Deidra Tidwell for a wonderful officer workshop. We are proud of both the baseball and softball teams for great games this week. Also thanks to Pi Kapp for a great week so far. We're looking forward to next week! **Contact:** Emily Rollins, emily_rollins2001@yahoo.com.

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

Delta Zeta: Hope everyone had a great week. Sisters for the week are Leanne and Rebecca. New members are Jessica and Felitta. The Spirit award goes to the COB Team. Special thanks to the ladies of ZTA, Gloria and Rhonda. We had a great time at the "Banana Split Decision" Tuesday night. **Contact:** Jessie, 435-4366 or jessiedzqt@aol.com.

Department of Military Science: The Military Science Dept. is seeking students who have 54 hours or more to attend a four-week leadership development course this summer. The course focuses on individual leader development, group dynamics, and adventure training. Travel, meals and lodging are paid and students receive \$770. **Contact:** Captain Shackelford, 782-5601.

JSU Athletics: Gamecock Football will have their annual J-Day Game on Saturday, March 13 at 2 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information contact the Football Office at 782-5365. **Contact:** Adam Ross, aross612@hotmail.com.

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

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

JSU ROTC: Two and three-year scholarships that pay full tuition and fees, partial books and a monthly spending allowance of \$300 to \$400 are available through JSU ROTC. Annual \$1000 Alumni Scholarships are also available. The department will hold a scholarship board on April 2. **Contact:** Captain Shackelford, 782-5601.

JSU Writer's Club: We are now taking submissions for inclusion in the 2004 edition of the student literary journal "Something Else." Maximum length: short stories, 10 pgs.; poetry, 35 lines (see flyers for more

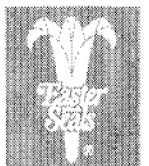
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Phi Mu: We love our Phis! Happy Initiation! Thanks to Pi Kappa Phi for a great War of the Roses so far. We are looking forward to the dance contest tonight! Golf much? If so, come out April 2 for our annual golf tournament benefiting Children's Miracle Network. See a friendly Phi Mu face for details! **Contact:** Allison Crow, allisn1182@aol.com.

Student Government Association: The SGA and K98 will host FUEL in concert on April 9, 2004 at Pete Matthews Coliseum. For more information about ticketing or any other concerns please contact the Office of Student Life. **Contact:** Mardracus Russell, 782-5491.

Up 'Til Dawn: Up 'Til Dawn is a fundraiser project created to raise money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Up 'Til Dawn is currently accepting applications for the MORALE Team!! We are also looking for Jacksonville State Recruitment team members. Anyone with lots of energy and a smiling face is encouraged to apply! **Contact:** Angela Martin or Cambrey Jordan, 782-8054.

Virgin Scribe's Guild: We are initiating our 2nd Annual VSG Writing Contest. There will be over \$500 in prizes in categories including writing, photography, and art. **Contact:** Shawn Bailey, 237-9840 or jsul133k@jsu.edu.

The Chanticleer Announcements Policy: Any JSU student organization or University office may submit items for the Announcements column. Submissions **must** be typed, and must be limited to 50 words. Submissions **must** include a name and telephone number or e-mail address to contact for further information, but this information does not count toward the 50-word total. Submissions **must** arrive at The Chanticleer offices in Room 180, Self Hall by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the desired publication date.

The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

CAMPUS CRIME

- Feb. 20— Jonathan L. Weldon, 22, of Talladega, AL was arrested for DUI occurring on Forney and Cole Ave.
- Feb. 22— Ryan Scott Succucci, 20, of Piedmont, AL was arrested for carrying a pistol without a permit occurring on Carolina St.
- Feb. 27— Sherrill Brian Burt, 32, of Anniston, AL was arrested for an open container occurring on Pelham and Bennett St.
- Feb. 27— Terry Ray Williams, 34, of Anniston, AL was arrested for DUI occurring on Pelham and Bennett Blvd.
- Feb. 29— Michael Brandon Bobo, 18, of Oxford, AL was arrested for DUI occurring at Jacksonville Place Apartments.
- Mar. 5— Kimberly Ann Shaw, 20, of Memphis, TN was arrested for ID theft.
- Mar. 5— Holly Elizabeth Smith, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested for DUI occurring at Hwy 204 and Nesbit Lake.
- Mar. 5— Samuel Bradley Riddle, 20, of Opelika, AL was arrested for DUI occurring on Cole Dr. and Mountain Ave.
- Mar. 9— Larry Wayne Davise, 28, of Lakeland, FL was arrested for marijuana possession and eradication occurring at Hwy 21 and Ladiga St.
- Mar. 9— Christopher Lee Rohrer, 24, of Carrolton, GA was arrested for DUI occurring on Hwy 21 and Ladiga St.

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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Kerry: Continues to look ahead

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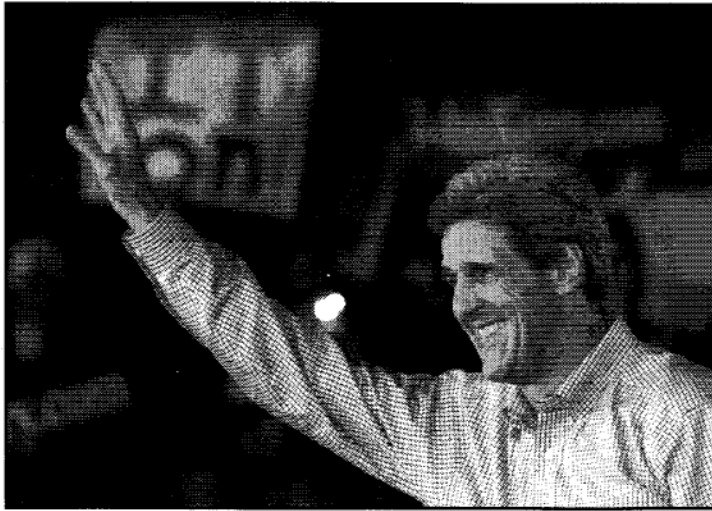
The swift move of naming Johnson was part of Kerry's strategy to sustain momentum after his nine-state primary win Tuesday. He also focused on building his campaign treasury. He's raised about \$10 million since Jan. 1, and has taken in nearly \$1 million over the Internet since the polls closed Tuesday night, campaign aides said. Kerry also met with about 20 top fundraisers in Orlando.

He made Florida the first stop on his victory lap, highlighting the state's power as a symbol of Democratic anger toward President Bush, who won Florida by 537 votes in a recount in 2000. His visit acknowledged that the Sunshine State remains a battleground for November.

"When the returns came in, I stood up in there last night and I knew I was coming to Orlando," Kerry said, his voice cracking from campaign strain. "My first instinct was to say to everybody, 'Guess where I'm going; I'm going to Disney World.' But I resisted the temptation."

Graham, who mounted a failed presidential bid last year, traveled with Kerry from Washington to Orlando, as did Florida's junior senator, Bill Nelson, also a Democrat.

Aboard Kerry's plane, Graham did nothing to dampen the vice-presidential speculation. He's been the most popular Democrat in



(KRT)Orlando Sentinel/Joe Burbank

(March 8) TAMPA, FL -- Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) campaigns in Tampa, Florida, on Monday night, March 8, 2004, on the eve of the Florida Democratic primary.

Florida for a quarter-century, twice winning election as governor and three times to the Senate.

"It is so important that George Bush not have another four years, I would do anything within reason _ I would not sacrifice one of my grandchildren _ to elect John Kerry," Graham said.

Kerry held a town hall-style meeting with about 300 Democrats in a theater in Orlando, taking questions from voters in a manner reminiscent of the give and take that helped revive his campaign in Iowa. As has become common in his events, Kerry introduced a former member of his gunboat crew in the Vietnam War, Bill Zaldonis, who lives about 30 miles from Orlando.

Kerry was to spend Thursday in his hometown of Boston before returning to the campaign trail with visits to Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, all of which, along with Florida, have Democratic primaries next

week. The contests now are merely milestones for him to pass as he accumulates delegates to secure the nomination.

Republicans kept up attacks on Kerry, with House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., weighing in Wednesday against the senator's plan to eliminate Bush-era tax cuts for taxpayers with incomes above \$200,000.

"Most of Senator Kerry's tax increases are aimed at small-business owners, those people who create the most jobs in this country," Hastert said.

In selecting Johnson, Kerry picked a Democrat who's at the nexus of business and politics in Washington. In addition to being a former chairman and CEO of Fannie Mae, he's chairman emeritus of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and a former chairman and honorary trustee of The Brookings Institution, two highly regarded Washington institutions.

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excited about it."

The SGA is also very excited about FUEL's appearance at Pete Matthews Coliseum because as Russell stated, they "have accomplished another goal for the year."

The concert will be held on April 9 at 8 p.m. in the Pete Matthews Coliseum. Ticket sales will be open to the general public and students of JSU. The cost of admission will be \$15 for JSU students and \$20 for the general public.

The SGA is hopeful that the 5500 capacity Pete Matthews Coliseum will sell out for the FUEL concert. "We will be publicizing this concert all the way to Birmingham and Montgomery, so there is a possibility that we will sell out," said Mince.

The publicity will also reach into area high schools and other colleges and universities, in hopes of providing a large audience for the concert.

The SGA is urging JSU students to purchase tickets as soon as they go on sale. Currently, the actual date that ticket sales will begin is not known, however they hope to begin selling as early as this week.

"It seemed like things weren't going to work out with the groups we wanted," said Russell. "But, we didn't give up and we just kept digging a little bit deeper and we got FUEL."

In the past three weeks, the committee stated that they have worked extremely hard to negotiate all the contract issues. FUEL will bring along one of their opening acts, which has not yet been

determined.

"We just want to encourage students to buy their tickets soon," said Russell. "You can't please people with one band, but that's why we did the survey."

Overall, according to the Russell and Mince, the response of the senate and various members of the student body have been very positive.

FUEL, which has released two multi-platinum successes in "Sunburn" (1998) and "Something Like Human"

(2000) recently released its third album, "Natural Selection." The group has currently fared well with the disc's first single, "Falls on Me," leading to strong first-week album sales.

Seating in Pete Matthews Coliseum will be on a first come first serve basis on the day of the concert. If you have any other questions or concerns regarding the concert or ticket sales, please contact the Office of Student Life at 782-5491.

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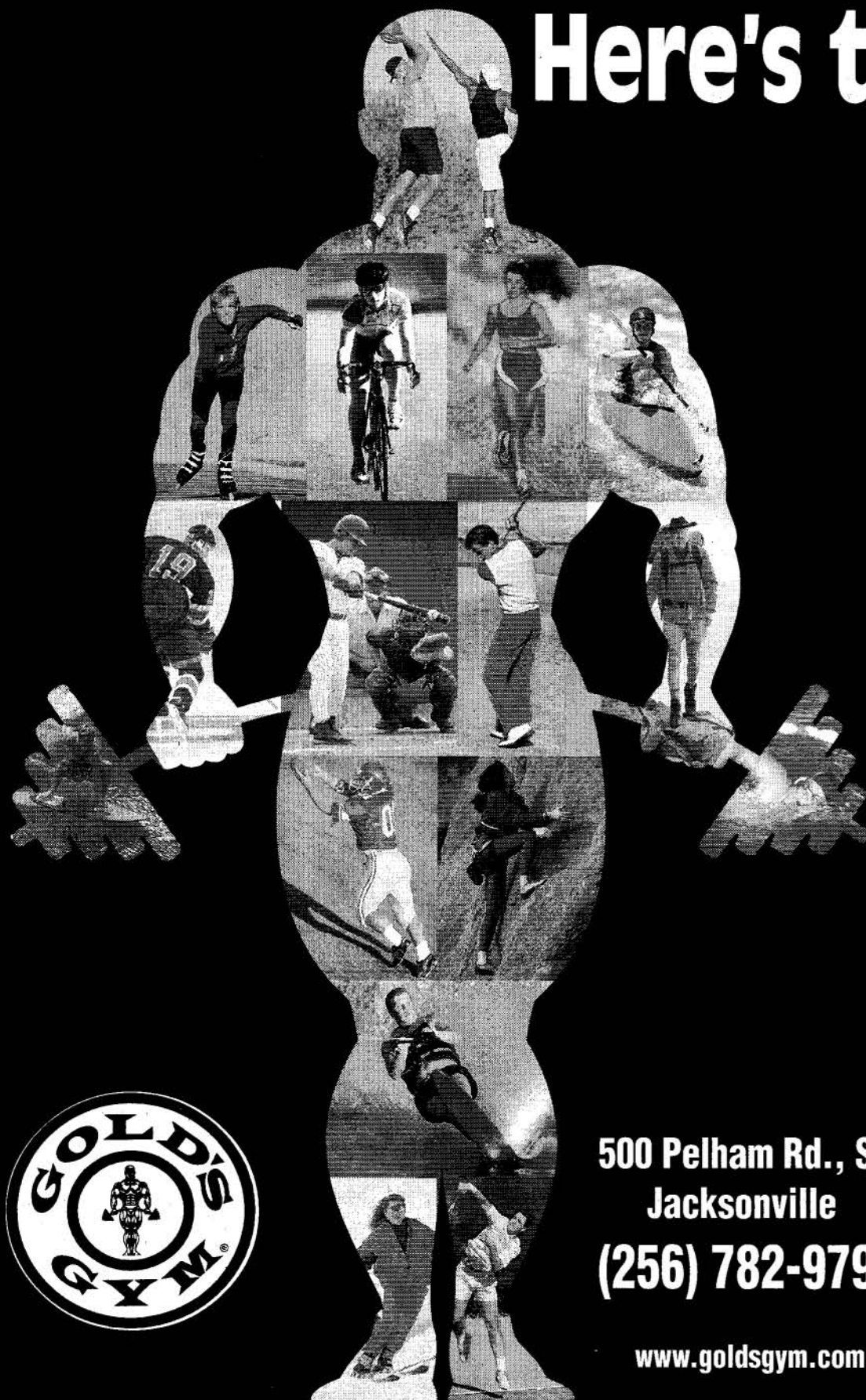
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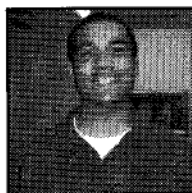
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month my bill was \$200."*



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day started."*

Better planning and publicity could help SGA

Every year the SGA hosts a number of events with the intention of keeping students entertained and involved on campus. Events like movie night, casino night and comedy shows are all organized and hosted by the SGA. The planning and organization of these events take months of phone calls and committee meetings. However, though the executive officers and members of these planning committees know it takes a while to plan these events, they often put it off until the last minute. As a result, there is a lack of interest on campus and in the community and attendance is low.

The SGA should consider starting with the way these events are planned. Planning for the spring concert should begin in the fall when officers are first inducted since this is

the organization's largest and most costly event. The SGA budgets about \$20,000 each year (as far as I know) just for the concert, and the planning for this event should be treated as valuable as the cost itself. Beginning planning in the fall for this event would give more popular bands an earlier notice of the date of the concert. Therefore, the SGA may be able to book a more popular band. By waiting until January to plan the event, which usually takes place in April, more pressure is put on the booking agents and the members of the event's planning committee. As a result, students and the community have shorter notice of the event's information such as the date, ticket prices, and who is performing.

Publicity is one of the most important parts of getting stu-

By Danhi Lusk
The Chanticleer
Editor in Chief



dents to come to events. The SGA's director of publicity is charged with the duty of informing the local media of events, posting flyers around campus, and using other advertisement methods to get the word out about the event's information. Currently, the only requirement for the office is for the candidate to have served one year as a senate member. However, the office would be better served if there were another requirement. By requiring the candidate to be a public relations, advertising, or marketing major, the office's duties would be car-

ried out by a person who knows how to achieve the goal of getting the word out about events.

The director of publicity should also strive to have an announcement in the campus newspaper each week. The announcements and crime docket are the first two things most students read in *The Chanticleer*, according to a marketing survey done in 2002. The director of publicity should take full advantage of this widely read public forum to inform JSU's students about events.

Another solution to the SGA's problem would be exploring other entertainment companies and talent agencies to use for booking events. Right now, the SGA uses one company that has provided them with the rental of casino

and movie night equipment as well as booking for comedians and music acts. They also provide the SGA with the resources to plan other events such as J-Day and many of the homecoming activities. By limiting itself to only one option, the SGA has narrowed the range of entertainment it could provide to students.

By re-evaluating and changing the way it plans and organizes the events, the SGA could increase students' interest in attending events. And by making changes in the director of publicity's office, it can increase the campus and community interest in the events. With these changes, the SGA's events could then become what they were intended to be: entertainment and an opportunity to get involved.

The Other Side

DSS responds to claims of inaccessibility on campus

By Sue Muller
Special to The Chanticleer

I have been an employee of Jacksonville State University for many years - all of them with the office of Disability Support Services. To say I was stunned at the bad spelling and deplorable grammar would be an understatement. It is, however, the inaccuracies in the article that have caused me to respond. This student has done a grave disservice to our students with disabilities, to Disability Support Services

ongoing with regard to sidewalks, curb cuts, handicapped parking and handicapped restrooms. Because Bibb Graves does not have an elevator, students who are not able to access the 3rd floor for classes need only follow standard JSU procedures and the class can be moved to an accessible building. The law refers to program accessibility at JSU. Program accessibility is great.

Don't get me wrong, DSS does a lot of good for many people, but it seems DSS does

not know how to evacuate students in wheelchairs from a building.

Another thing that gets me is people won't help the folks that are in wheelchairs out. ... Another thing that gets me is most people won't hire, much less give any recognition to those in wheelchairs because most people think that handicapped people think with their legs and not their brains. DSS

"All a student needs to do

is be self-absorbed! Again, what relationship does this have to accessibility?

You as well as I need to be aware that nobody is better than anyone else. Truth be told, those people that have to use wheelchairs are better than I will ever be. I can say that with confidence because, despite all odds, they are at school doing what they have to do to be the best they can be. DSS agrees with this philosophy - most students with disabilities must put forth three times the effort that their

spending money on extraneous renovations and spend it to make people's lives a little bit easier. If the writer is angry at the State of Alabama, he should address it in a separate article. The writer is, of course, entitled to his own opinion; however, he should have researched, even somewhat, his claim that JSU spends money on "extraneous" renovations. JSU has made and continues to make serious effort to make this campus accessible. It is an ongoing process, but one that is



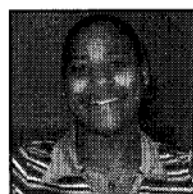
Natalie Hintm
Freshman
Business

"My family because they are the ones I can always count on during hard times."



Fayelle Ward
Senior
General Studies

"My bible because it reminds me every day of Christ's love and what He did for me."



Kajuna Washington
Freshman
Nursing

"Now that I have a cell phone I can't live without it."

done a grave disservice to our students with disabilities, to Disability Support Services and to our University. His lack of research does not speak well for The Chanticleer.

DSS helps a lot of people. How many? What are the various disabilities. How does DSS help? DSS works well for the blind and the deaf yet they don't do much for the people in wheel chairs. Each disability has its own level of need. It is not possible to compare needed academic support services for students with disabilities. There are not enough elevators on campus, and the few that are around don't work very well. Does the writer have the numbers on this? I'd be interested in the count. In fact, the elevator maintenance is quite good. Breakdowns are rare.

It is appalling to know that most of the places around here are not accessible for people that have to use wheelchairs and scooters to get around. JSU is a relatively accessible campus. Work has been and is

DON'T get me wrong, DSS does a lot of good for many people, but it seems DSS doesn't do very much good to the people that have trouble getting to class because of the barriers in their way. Again, all a student needs to do is request services from DSS and whatever perceived "barrier" exists will be addressed. Reports to DSS about these "barriers" are few and have always been dealt with expeditiously.

What if there is a fire somewhere? My friends Julie Ann and Latoya are going to get burned just because people, in general, are too inconsiderate and self-centered. I am not sure what the writer is trying to say here. If he is addressing "What if there is an emergency?" be advised that at the beginning of each academic year DSS contacts every department on campus to get a count of how many "Disability Support Services Faculty Handbooks" are needed. Attachment #4 of this handbook specifically illus-

"All a student needs to do is request services from DSS and whatever perceived 'barrier' are few and have always been dealt with expeditiously."

• Sue Muller
Secretary to Director of
Disability Support Services

is in agreement, but this applies to all disabilities, not just orthopedic. Too, what does this have to do with accessibility on campus?

It is absurd that the students and faculty at JSU are so inconsiderate and so self-centered that they won't take the stairs every once in a while. I'm not sure to whom this is addressed. Clearly, neither JSU nor DSS has the ability to control the humanity of students and faculty. Parking is a legitimate complaint. Non-disabled students who park in handicapped parking are few, but these students are certain-

ly - most students with disabilities must put forth three times the effort that their non-disabled peers put forth. Again, what is the relationship to accessibility?

One more thing that urks me is that red phone on the first floor of Bibb Graves. People that are disabled have to call and ask for everything. The red phone connects with the DSS office, which then contacts whatever office the student needs (all of the requests have been for the cashier) to send someone to the student. In fact, over the past seven years, there have been approximately 15 occasions when the red phone was used by a student with a disability. DSS has never received a complaint from a student in a wheelchair/scooter about the red phone.

Wouldn't it be more logical for the state, or whom ever is in charge of the money, to put in an elevator rather than re-roof Bibb Graves. ... I personally think that the state of Alabama and JSU could stop

serious effort to make this campus accessible. It is an ongoing process, but one that is important to the administration, the Board of Trustees, and, certainly, to DSS.

I would like to thank everybody that talked to me when I was writing this story, thank you for the eye opener. I hope this column opens many more people's eyes. When the writer spoke with me he was given information he chose not to use. I not only referred him to the Director of DSS, I also referred him to other sources. I gave him information that was not used in the article. His comments would not be substantiated by the majority of DSS students, their parents or DSS alumni. I understand that this is an "opinion," however I do not understand how a student can form an opinion without investigating the facts.

About the writer:

Sue Muller is the secretary to the Director of Disability Support Services.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to give response to an article by Megan Matthews from *The Seattle Times* in the March 4 edition of *The Chanticleer*.

Matthews wrote a very biased and baseless article on gay "marriage" and I was sorry to see it that had been picked up by our school's paper. The article plainly

gives her opinion of marriage as any relationship where vows are spoken and broken on a regular basis. This is not true. Marriage is a sacred promise between a man and a woman before the eyes of God to love, honor, and obey each other as they do Christ. Ms. Matthews also errs in saying that the Christian church should not "meddle in civil affairs." Let me plainly

state that there is no such thing as the separation of church and state. Never has been. The Christian church has always had an integral role in matters of this country and to deny us, as Christians, the right to voice our opinion is a violation of the first amendment.

Ms. Matthews also claims that there is nothing wrong with a duly elected official

violating an order of the court to carry out his own beliefs and then hypocritically puts down Christians for supporting Judge Roy Moore.

Ms. Matthews article was written very cavalierly and typifies the attitude toward the sacred institution that is marriage that has caused this mess in the first place. If this country really and truly

wants to see marriages succeed then it will learn not to look at the examples of marriages or civil unions but the ideas placed forth in the Bible. Man is to leave his parents to have one wife. This is what God asks of our marriages.

Chris BeShears

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Week full of games

SGA entertains students with game show and casino night on campus

By Holly Tucker
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA hosted "Tune In," a musical comedy game show, March 2nd along with Casino Night, held last Thursday.

"Tune In," a jeopardy-like game, consisted of three rounds. In those three rounds there were nine categories from which to choose. The topics ranged from the music of the '50s and '60s to naming the father of a hit television series by identifying the theme songs. Each category was headed by a 1000, 2000 or 3000 point procession. Winners from each round went on to compete in a final bonus round.

The unique aspect of "Tune In" was audience interaction. The crowd was split into two different teams, where collaboration was allowed as hands were raised to answer questions. Audience members were picked to answer questions and much like in the popular game show "The Price Is Right," were then allowed to "Come on down!" and play the game against two other competitors.

Contestants had the chance to

instantly win prizes like CD's, DVD's, small novelties and cash. Like many game shows, picking a category could land someone with a surprising bonus gift or a chance to increase points.

"Tune-In" was strictly for entertainment for the students here at JSU," said the SGA vice-president of student life Mardracus Russell.

Casino Night was sponsored by businesses throughout Calhoun County. SGA members avidly went into the community to receive donations and gifts/prizes for participating students. Students paid \$5 at the door to receive a cup full of chips enabling them to gamble with games like poker, black jack, craps, roulette and bingo.

Students received tickets for their winnings and at the end of the night, they could cash these tickets in for prizes. These prizes varied from a blooming onion at Outback Steakhouse all the way up to watches, TV's and DVD/VCR's. The money raised goes to benefit the SGA's campus improvements like new TV's in the food



court.

Turn out for this affair was excellent, according to Rachel McCombs, head of the Casino Night Committee. "Students need to get involved with what the SGA has to offer, because we really work hard to make these events possible," she said.

"I am really happy with how things went and I hope that this is a jumpstart to how much better and widely attended Casino Night will be in the future," said Russell.



Photos by Erin Chupp

Students had an opportunity to gamble last Thursday at the Leone Cole Auditorium when the SGA hosted a Casino Night for students to participate in.

Players received tickets for their winnings and were able to cash these tickets to variety of prizes.

Take a break and relax

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer
Features Editor

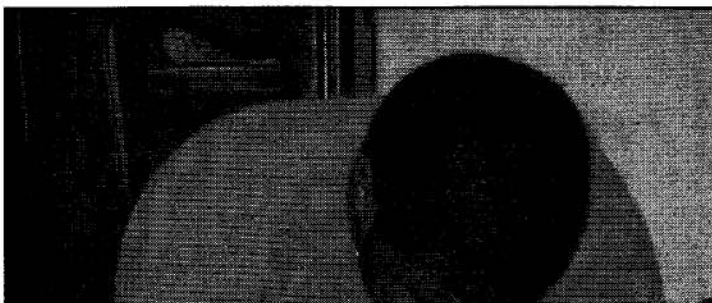


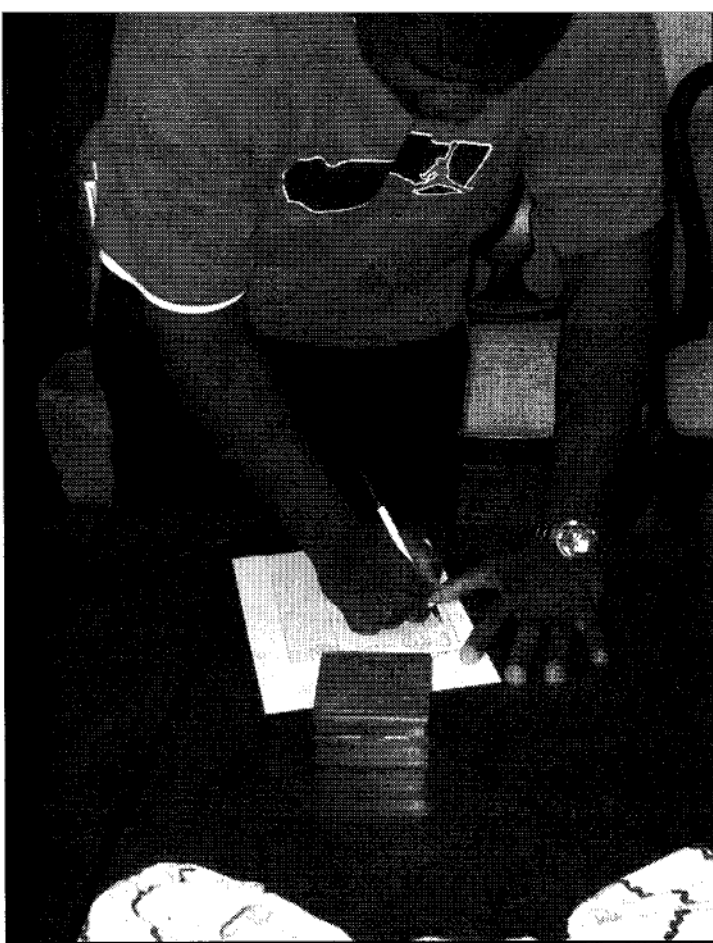
One of my favorite things to do during the day is to watch "Judging Amy" on TV. It is very likely that if I'm nowhere to be found at 11 a.m. on weekdays, I will probably be in front of my TV set. This show is the best thing there is for me. It is the much needed break for me from school, all the assignments I should be doing and the problems and worries I have in my life. Sometimes I honestly think my days wouldn't be the same without "Judging Amy."

Being so far away from my own family, the Gray family in this TV series is the closest thing to remind me of my own. They are normal like the rest of us. They make mistakes, they have problems and worries and still they are there for each other. The family is far from "The Sopranos" or "The 70's Show," although both of these shows are good in their own way. It is because they are so close to some families out there that makes me want to watch this show and to keep

Stepping outside the box

Hard work pays off again when ISO celebrates its annual International week, with highlights such as the Silent Auction, The Taster's Fair and Talent Show





The Chanticleer/Erin Chupp

Communication student Antoine Jackson placed bids on his favorite items on the famous ISO Silent Auction, which takes place every year in the International House. The items placed on bidding come from various countries, representing variety of cultures.

Auction, The Taster's Fair and Talent Show

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer Photo Editor

"ISO has been extra wonderful this year," said International Programs Coordinator Debbie Russell. "They've done a good job and put a lot of hard work into it." The International Student Organization spent a lot of the year preparing for last week's international events and the 2004 International Week was enjoyed by both students, faculty and community members.

The only part of the silent auction that was silent at the International House last Tuesday was the amount you wanted to bid on an item. Walking into the house, people were eagerly greeted by international students, faculty and the auction items, all while the silver

plasma screen on the side wall played video scenes from different countries while international music filled the room.

"You bring something from home that you see every day,

wooden carved giraffe, decorated wooden salad spoons and more.

Wako said she obtained these items from the Maasai Market in Kenya. It is an open-air market that is open every Tuesday and each week about 50 vendors sell wood carvings, African art and leather sandals among others on this market that is popular among natives and tourists. "It's nice to have other people appreciate the art in our country," Wako said.

Communications major Antoine Jackson was there bidding on a silver bracelet from Nepal as a present for his sister. "I talked to one of my friends who was going to the auction and I thought it would be some-



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Nuria SalaCarral from Spain, Ruth Wako from Kenya and Bibiana Gomez from Columbia represented their countries at the Silent Auction.

and you learn to appreciate it even more," said Bibiana Gomez from Columbia. "At the silent auction people see it as new and different." Ruth Wako, from Kenya, agreed with Gomez. She brought a

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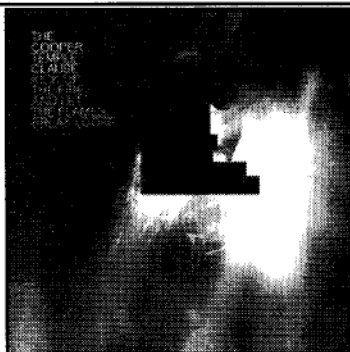
The Cooper Temple Clause

Kick up the Fire and Let the Flames Break Loose

★★★ 1/2

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

One listen to The Cooper temple Clause's first stateside release "Kick up the Fire and let the Flames Break Loose" will tell you one thing; they are absolutely impossible to describe. Not like, well they kind of sound like this, or they kind of sound like that, they are almost sans genre. One magazine described them as having elements of techno,



Courtesy RCA

jazz, thrash "indietronica." I have no idea what that is, but it sound impressive.

Well these Redding, England natives have finally landed in America, and apparently, they're on a mission. Guitarist/synth/trumpet player Tom Bellamy proclaimed upon reaching our shores, "We don't just want to flirt with America. We want to shag it!" Well, just be sure to provide some protection boys, you're not the cleanest look-

ing bunch around.

It's not that TCTC have a distinct sound like, say, a Primal Scream. It's just that they are a mix of so many sounds, it's impossible to know where one influence starts and another finishes. At one point they sound like Radiohead, in another they sound like Oasis. Then in another they sound like a mix of Pink Floyd and The Beatles... I think.

The first track, "The Same Mistakes" features a warm mud bath of guitars layered over plonking synths. This creates an ambiance, a-la My Bloody Valentine without the whining. As the track continues the ambiance drifts off into obscurity and what's left sounds like peak-era Radiohead or very early U2. If that sounds confusing, don't worry, it is.

The second track, and lead single in America, is "Promises, Promises." The opening guitar riff recalls the days when Korn were more than just a side dish and Limp Bizkit was almost hard. It's so far removed from the opening track it's hard to believe it's the same band. But when singer Ben Gautrey screams through chorus, the song turns into the best thrash song Oasis never wrote, or maybe they could have written if Noel Gallagher developed a mid-nineties fondness for amphetamines instead of cocaine.

The intro to "Talking to a Brick Wall" has more than a shade of Pink Floyd about it. But at 1:50 into the song it blows into another Oasis-like number with Gautrey sounding scarily like Liam Gallagher, assuming you

locked him in Radiohead's studio of unpronounceable instruments with a bottle of whiskey.

But the icing on the cake is the ten minutes epic closer "Written Apology." It starts out as a piano lounge tune, deteriorates into a metal-ballad for about 3 minutes, and segways into three Chemical Brother aping synth-pop numbers as dark as the bands collection of vintage leather jackets. I took my headphones off after the album finished and took a deep breath.

So, if you're the type of person who has no problem with music you have to think about, The Cooper Temple Clause may be the band you're looking for. If you hate Radiohead, don't get this album; if you know what indietronica is, give it a try.

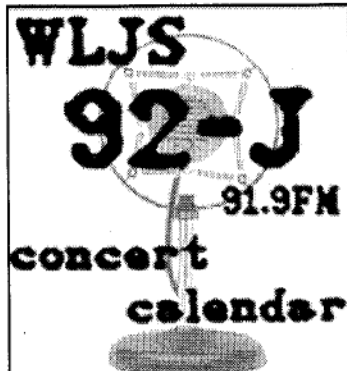
there that makes me want to watch this show and to keep watching it.

See, I admire famous people like there is no limit to it. Time to time I find myself thinking how easy their lives must be, and how money makes everything so much better for them. They are beautiful and perfect is seems, and if not they can buy their way into being perfect and beautiful. But "Judging Amy" makes all that seem irrelevant and I'm living on earth again. I realize the importance of family and how insignificant everything else is.

I can't even think how my life would be without the support of my family. Most likely I would have never ended up here in Jacksonville, never learned another language and culture, probably never even continued going to school after high-school. It is because of my family that I'm here today and that I can feel proud of myself and all the things I've accomplished. I'm proud of myself, because I know my parents would be too.

Although sometimes in a way it would be kind of funny to have a family and friends like those in "The 70's Show." They are funny in their own cruel way, with their sarcastic jokes. Maybe some families are really like that if you would watch them from aside, or maybe not. Yet even in "The 70's Show" the family and friends stick together; in the end.

But what I'm trying to say besides how important our families are to us is that each of us has our own ways and habits to withdraw from the everyday life and have a moment to ourselves. Some people read a book, some just drink a cup of coffee without any hurry, or some take a nap. Whatever way we take the time to ourselves, it is something vital and it should be part of our days. In the end nobody knows you better than yourself, and the moments you might need durin.



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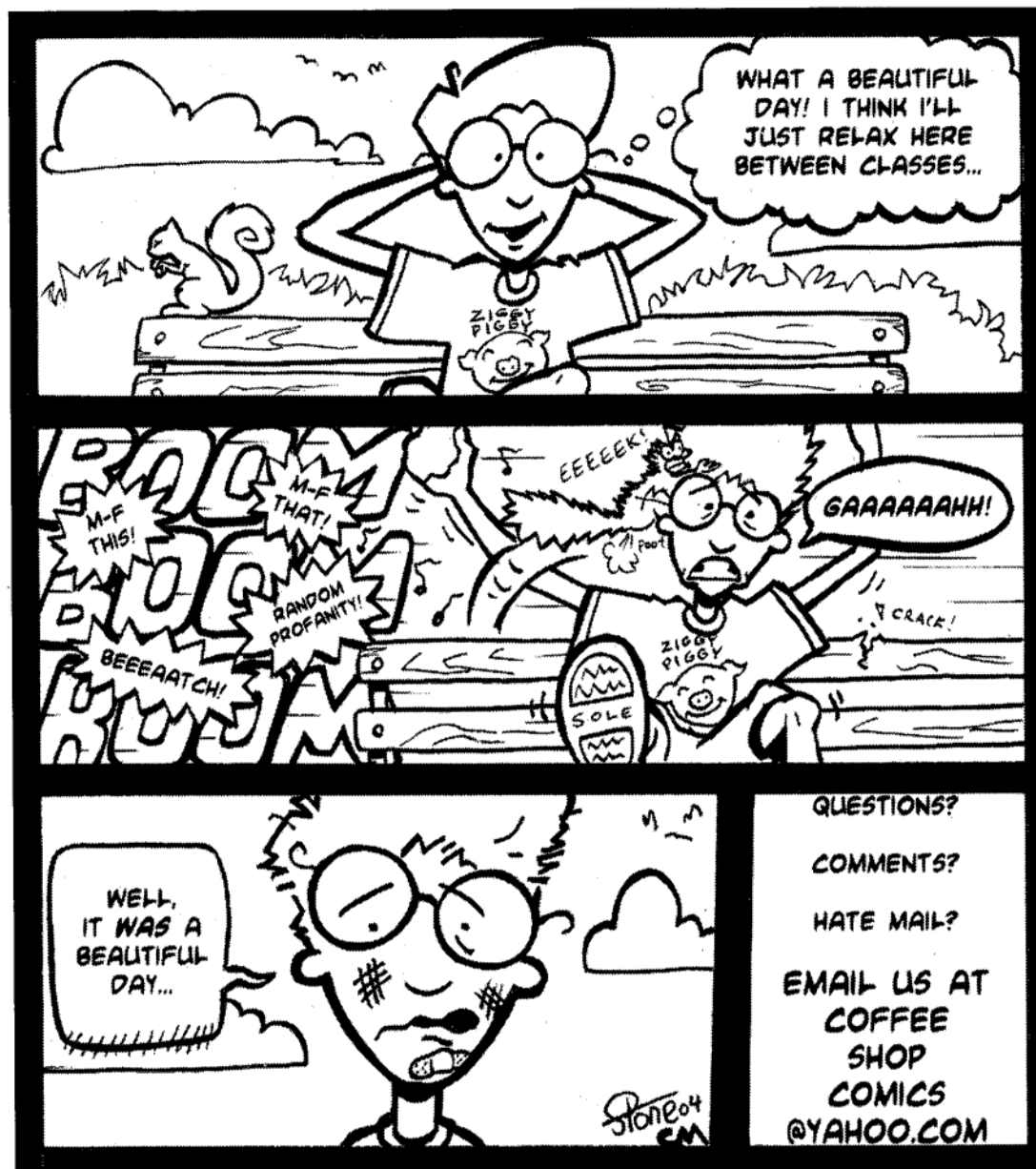
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Beating Around the Bush

by Corey McDaniel & Bryan Stone



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thing interesting to check out," Jackson said.

He has never been to any other country before, but he got a chance to sit down with some banana bread and a couple of International students to ask them questions. In five minutes he had already discovered more than he knew about where these students were from. Jackson said he would really like to travel to one of the foreign countries, but his "funds are depleted right now."

Dr. Adrian Aveni, a sociology professor, thought the auction was a great idea and an opportunity for students here at JSU to interact with the international students. "My only regret is that more students don't know about it," Aveni said.

More people definitely knew about the celebration planned for the end of the week. Saturday night the Leone Cole Auditorium was filled with people lined up to try different foods the international students cooked at the annual Taster's Fair and talent show. Lining both sides of the auditorium were tables filled with authentic foods from many countries. Health Education

major, Christina Balint, was pleased that the students made the food themselves. She said she felt like they would have been recipes from their grandmother's.

While everyone ate at the round tables set up with different countries flags on them, those in attendance were also entertained with an international talent show. There was an array of flair and talent; everything from Austrian yodeling performed by Marlies Fischerauer to an exciting dance by Ruben Herrera and Amna Jakupovic.

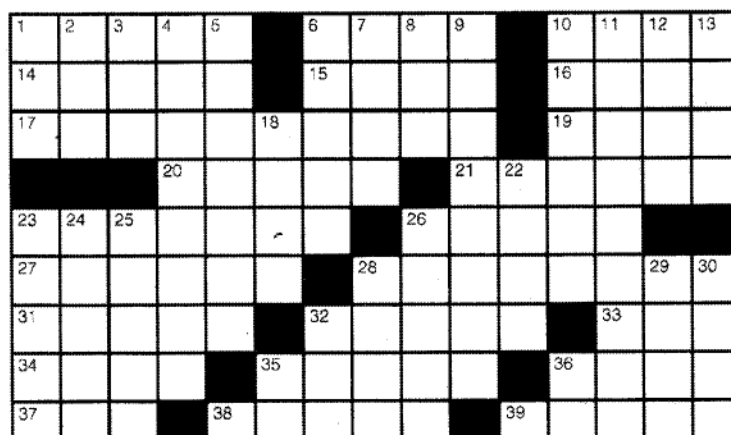
JSU student Koko Ewing said that Herrera's and Jakupovic's dance to "Raza de Mil Colores" was her favorite part of the evening. "I was also pleasantly surprised by the number of people who cooked," she said. President Meehan had a front row seat for the show and gave many thanks to the ISO. He said that the international students contribute to JSU in many ways, including academically and athletically.

All of the donations taken up at the Taster's Fair and talent show also went towards scholarships and more events planned for the international students.

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- 10 Prepare for a fight
- 14 Lawyer's document
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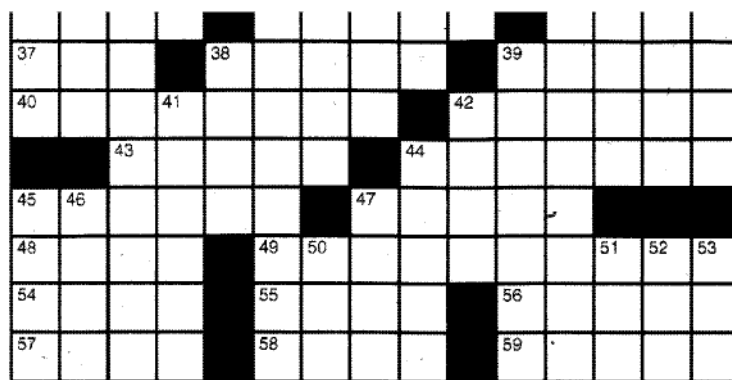
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Softball streak stolen, JSU falls to BSC

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State came home for the first big home-stand of the year this week, with a scheduled six-pack of games, against Lipscomb, Alabama A&M and Birmingham-Southern. The Gamecocks ended up going 4-1 in those games, as they swept Lipscomb 3-0 and 3-1, Alabama A&M 17-0 and 3-2, but fell to Birmingham-Southern 8-4 in seven innings before leaving the second game unplayed.

The first series came against Lipscomb on Saturday. A muddy field contributed to a slower played set of games, but JSU pulled out the wins. In game one, JSU scored first in the second inning with a Sam Gutierrez double, followed by a Melinda McDonald double to drive her in. JSU then scored again in the

third inning on a Katie Czaja homerun. Jacksonville State then played good defense to close out the 3-0 victory.

Game two started much like the first one, with the Gamecocks breaking the scoreboard first. JSU opened the bottom of the first inning with a McDonald walk, but a Rachael Countryman grounder eliminated her at second. Jessica Ford followed with a single, and both runners advanced on a wild pitch. So with runners on second and third, Janae Bonin raked a double, scoring both runners.

JSU took the 2-0 lead into the second when they would score again. This time, Becky Carpenetti singled and stole second base. McDonald then followed with a RBI single to give JSU the 3-0 lead.

Lipscomb would respond in the top of the third with a RBI single, but that would end the scoring, as JSU advanced to

10-1 and Lipscomb dropped to 9-13.

Game one of the Alabama A&M series was over after the first inning. JSU hammered out ten runs in the inning, as 14 batters came to the plate. There were RBI's recorded by Countryman, Ford and Czaja, and the Gamecocks held a 4-0 advantage.

The third inning led to two runs for the home team, as Bonin smashed the fourth home run of the game for the Gamecocks. Lauren Rutledge would gain the final RBI for JSU, as they took game one in convincing fashion, 17-0.

Game two was much closer, as a fired up Bulldog squad was determined not to allow the same fate to befall them. In the second inning, the Gamecocks recorded a walk by Ford and a single by Rutledge, with an error allowing the runners to advance to second and third.

The Bulldogs responded with a run in the top of the third, but JSU got the run right back in the fourth, as Rutledge walked, stole a base, then scored on an error by the A&M catcher.

A&M then had runners on second and third, when White induced her Bulldog counterpart to ground out, ending the inning. The visitors then went down in order in the top of the seventh to end the game.

Tuesday, JSU brought an eight game win streak into the dou-

ble header with Birmingham-Southern, but had that snapped by the visitors.

Neither team put up much offense until the bottom of the third inning, as JSU would plate four runs. All four runs, scored by Carpenetti, McDonald, Countryman and Pappano, were unearned. That fact was thanks to a pair of Panther errors in the inning.

The visitors would score again in the fifth inning, plating three on a three-run blast by Nikki Rombaugh, then a

solo homer by Shelton ended the scoring.

Following the game, Birmingham-Southern decided it was too cold to play again, so they packed up and left before playing the second game of the doubleheader, with fans unaware of what was going on at first.

JSU plays this weekend at the Winthrop Ringer Tournament in South Carolina. The next home game for the Gamecocks will be on St. Patrick's Day against Tulsa.

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the final score 6-1.

At the plate, Pearson doubled while Hicks, Brian Haskins and Bret Pettus each picked up a single for the Gamecocks.

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Louisiana-Monroe (8-6) held off a ninth-inning Jacksonville State (4-7) rally that saw the Gamecocks put the tying and winning runs in scoring position to earn a 3-2 victory Sunday. Jacksonville State plated a run on an Austin Stein double to cut the deficit to 3-2 with two outs in the top of the ninth.

Danny Andres took the loss in relief of starter Josh Forrest. Andres gave up runs in the sixth and seventh while giving up

three hits to fall to 1-2. Forrest pitched five innings allowing one run on four hits with five strikeouts.

The Gamecocks tied the game in the fourth after Stein's RBI-double scored Brian Haskins to tie the game at 1-1. Stein finished the game with two hits to lead JSU.

WEEKEND PREVIEW

Another Southland conference opponent has landed on the Gamecock schedule as the Demons of Northwestern Louisiana come to town. The Demons (5-7), are coming off a weekend that saw them lose two out of three to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Brandon Morgan leads the team in hitting with a .415 average. Morgan had six hits in 13

at bats over the weekend with two doubles and five RBI. Hunter Thoms follows with a .381 average while Rusty Jones, who has hit safely in all nine games played, has a .355 batting average.

The Demons are counting on Clayton Turner (2-1) who has a 3.66 ERA with 24 strikeouts in 19.2 innings. Opponents are hitting just .227. Another weekend starter will be Daniel Lonsberry (1-3) with a 3.92 ERA with 17 strikeouts in 20.2 innings. If the Gamecocks can get past the Turner and Lonsberry, this will be a good weekend for the gamecocks as the Demons as a staff are not very deep. Weekend Forecast: Gamecocks sweep the Demons.

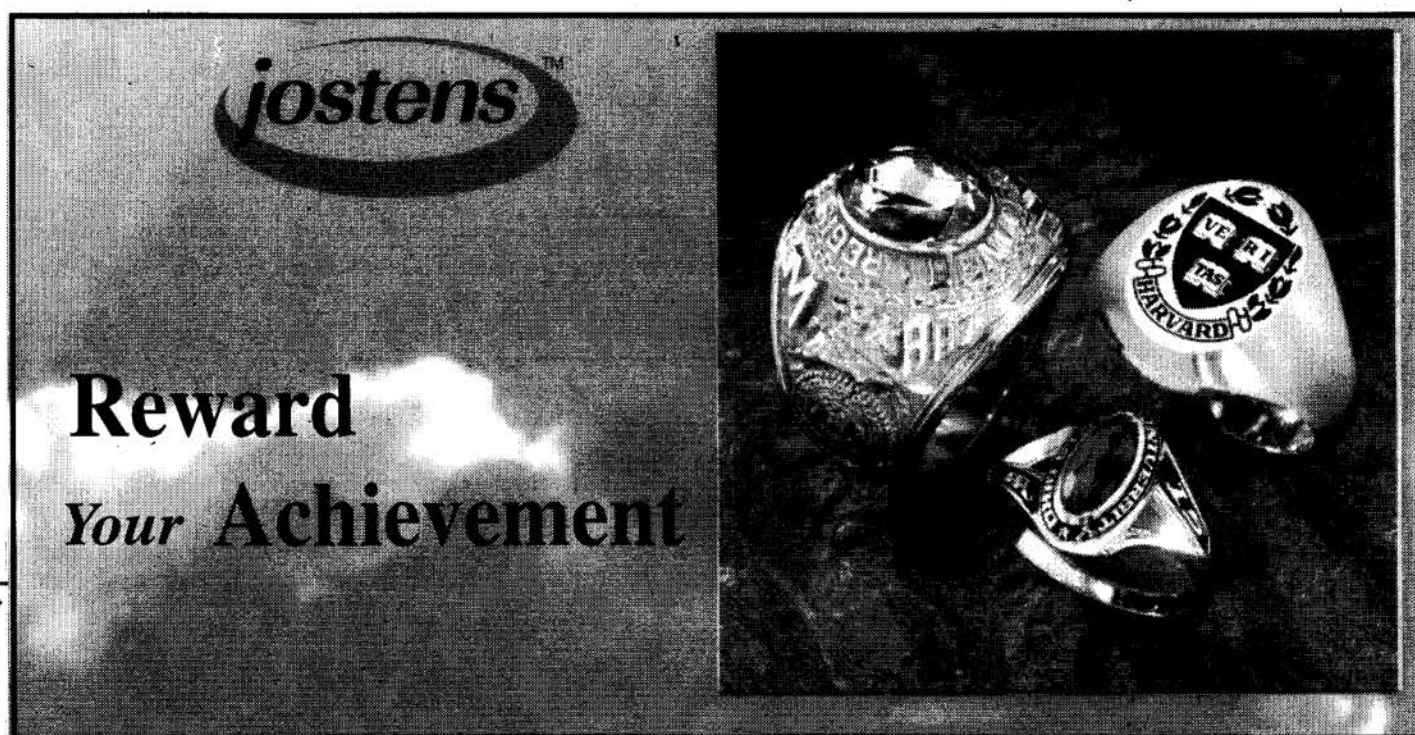
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My teams report for the Men's NCAA tournament

By
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I have had a couple of complaints from the peanut gallery about my column and how it had nothing to do with sports last week. So I will try to keep it centered on sports this week with my run down on the NCAA tourney.

Gonzaga makes me want to watch basketball again. A true shooting team that is a shoe-in for the tournament, is on the bubble for a No. 1 seed. Count on this team to go to at least the Elite Eight, and you might even see them in the Final Four.

Duke has dominated basketball for a long time. They really have nothing extraordinary this year. Just your standard team, with one true shooter in J.J. Reddick. This kid can shoot the rock and has great ball distribution. Look for them to bow out in the Sweet Sixteen though, I just don't feel like they have the staying power.

St. Joe's is making everyone stand up and pay attention to some of the smaller schools. They have great shooting but they have a lack of power down low. As

JSU falls off after good start

By Amado Ortiz
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After rain forced Game One to be moved from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, the Gamecocks won the opener 2-0 behind a solid pitching perfor-

mance by Bobby Wynns (2-1). The senior from Gainesville, Fla., tossed 7 2/3 shutout innings scattering five hits and striking out two batters to pick up the victory.

While Wynns was able to keep the Indians off the scoreboard, Robby Goodson provid-

ed all of the needed offense with a two-run home run in the top of the sixth inning. Goodson also pitched 1 1/3 innings with two strikeouts to earn his third save of the season. Juniors Clint Carroll and Winston Pearson led Jax State on offense in the first game.

Carroll recorded two singles and finished the game 2-for-3 while Pearson connected on a double and two singles to go 3 for 4 at the plate.

Ben Jones went 2-for-5 to lead the Indians while Justin Lensch (2-2) suffered the loss on the mound.

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In the nightcap C.R. Palmer (1-2) took the loss for the Gamecocks. Palmer allowed four runs on eight hits with one strike out.

The Gamecock offense was held off by ULM freshman

James Stephens. Stephens pitched six shutout innings as the Indians claimed a 6-1 victory.

ULM scored one run in the second and third innings and two in the fourth to jump out to a 4-0 lead. A two-run eighth inning stretched the lead to 6-0 before the Gamecocks avoided the shutout with a run in the top of the ninth.

Bobby Hicks, who led off the inning with a walk, crossed the plate on a wild pitch to make

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RIGHT: Brian Booth fields a ball during the JSU-USA game Wednesday. JSU fell to the Jaguars 5-2

TOP: Jake Ball pitches during the USA game Wednesday.

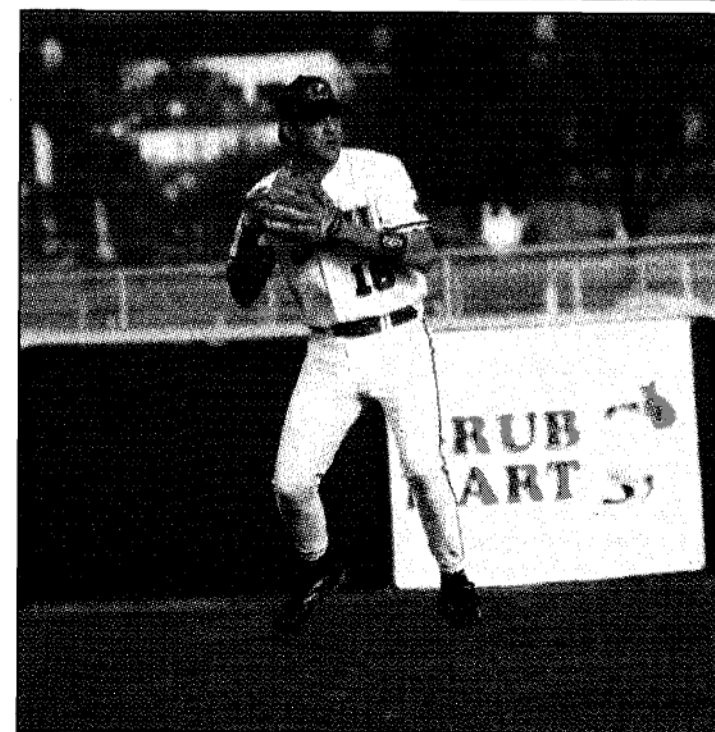
EKU upsets third seeded Gamecocks in shocker

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State women entered the post-season as a confident bunch. So confident, in fact that many were openly talking

shots, both hit three three-pointers, but the big difference was in turnovers and on the boards. JSU outboarded the Colonels 18-12, but ECU only had seven turnovers to the Gamecocks 13.

EKU managed to get the lead to four early in the second half, but the Gamecocks clawed back into the game. With 15:54 left in the



JSU takes
top honors
in OVC

schools. They have great shooting but they have a lack of power down low. As with Duke I don't see them with the staying power to hang in there for the entire tourney. They will bow out with Duke.

Stanford made a great run this year, only loosing in their last few games of the regular season. These kids have luck that could take them all the way. A lot of people don't like their size down low, but I do. Stanford will see San Antonio.

Now for my dark horses:

Look for Alabama, who is said to be a bubble team, to definitely get in the tourney and go pretty far. At least to the Sixteen, maybe even the Eight. And no this isn't just because I am a huge Bama fan, this team has heart and something to prove which makes for a deadly combination at the end of the season.

Look for Oklahoma State to go to the Eight. A great team that has good perimeter shooters and a good presence down low, they should have no trouble being a three, four or five seed. If they go as high as three they will definitely go to the Elite Eight.

And don't forget Murray State. OVC spells upset for the NCAA. Do not for any means count this team out. They are as dangerous as a dog in a corner. You might kill the dog, but not before it bites you in the ass.

And then we have Texas Tech. Bobby Knight trying to win another championship. Kinda funny after he choked some folks that he is still even coaching. But I like the man. Strong coaching leads to strong teams. Depending on the seeding look for them to either go very deep or check out early.

The Jacksonville State women entered the post-season as a confident bunch. So confident, in fact that many were openly talking about plans on what to do in Nashville. The only problem with that was that Eastern Kentucky had the same plans, and brought theirs to fruition with a 65-63 win at Pete Matthews Coliseum on Tuesday.

Both teams started a little slow, as the pressure of the win-or-go-home game got to them. Eastern Kentucky managed to take an 8-6 lead, when fouls began to rain down on Jacksonville State.

These fouls allowed the colonels to take a 16-10 lead, but Jacksonville State would cut into the gap, narrowing it to one on two different occasions, at 24-23 and 30-29.

The game was actually tied at 31-31, but ECU's Miranda Ecker popped in a two-pointer with :04 left in the half to give the visitors a 33-31 lead at the half.

The halftime stats were almost dead even. Both teams hit 11



EKU managed to get the lead to four early in the second half, but the Gamecocks clawed back into the game. With 15:54 left in the game, a Shanika Freeman free throw gave JSU its first lead.

This was part of a 7-0 run which saw JSU build the lead to three, but ECU would go on a 7-2 run of their own to reclaim the lead at the 10:26 point in the game.

JSU would again take a lead soonafter, and built it to as high as five points after a Freddrika Embry layup was followed by a Kelly Nye steal and layup in a :08 span.

JSU would hold a lead of 56-51 when the colonels went on a 9-4 run to tie the game at 60-60. Embry then hit a layup to retake the lead, but was matched soonafter by a colonel to retie the game.

Then the fouls came. JSU couldn't get off any decent shot, and when they did attempt one, there was an abundance of uncalled contact, misdirecting the shots. Making matters worse, when JSU did get to the line in the final minute, they could connect on only 1-of-4 free throws.

The one free throw they did hit gave JSU a 63-62 lead with 1:45 left. Eastern Kentucky would race to the other end, however, and Katie Kelly hit a jumper to give the Colonels a one-point cushion. Again, JSU couldn't get a shot off, and had to foul to send the colonels to the free throw line.

Here, the Gamecocks caught a break, as Fatai Hala'api'api could only hit 1-pf-4 free throws in the final :19 of the game, giving the Colonels a tentative two-point edge. JSU rushed down court and with :01 left, Heathar Shepard attempted a three, but was hit so hard the shot went almost vertical. The refs, however, called nothing, and the ECU women escaped with a huge upset win.

For the game, Freeman finished with her customary double double, scoring 17 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Embry, though, was the high water mark for the Gamecocks, scoring 25 points, but connecting on only 4-of-9 free throws, and 1-of-4 in the final minutes. Katja Fuess scored eight points, while Courtney Slaughter scored five points.

Top honors in OVC post season

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State's men's and women's basketball teams received postseason honors this week, from the OVC home office in Brentwood, Tenn. Trent Eager was named third team all-OVC for the men, while Courtney Slaughter was named to the all-freshman team while Shanika Freeman received first team all-OVC honors for the women's squad.

Eager was a key member of the Gamecock team this season. He was the leading scorer and rebounder on the team, scoring 13.4 and grabbing six rebounds per game. He had a 46.5 percent hit rate from the floor, to go along with an 83.6 success rate from the charity stripe. He ended up 15th in the OVC in scoring, 10th in rebounding, second in free throw shooting and tenth in defensive rebounds.

Against Shorter College, he became the first Gamecock in six years to score 30 points, then backed that up with another 30-point performance against Tennessee Tech to become the first Gamecock ever to score 30 in a game twice in the same season.

For the women, Freeman was the big draw, scoring 525 points and grabbing 275 rebounds in 27 games. She had been named to the second team all-OVC before the season, but went on to lead the team in scoring (19.4), rebounds (10.2), and steals (2.1) per game. She has also recorded a double-double in 40 games in her career.

Slaughter was named to the all-Freshman team after averaging eight points per game, and grabbing three rebounds. She hit the double figure mark in scoring seven times, topped by her career-high 19 points in back-to-back games against Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee Tech.

Men lose big at Morehead

From staff reports

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Senior Ricky Minard scored 36 points to lead Morehead State (16-12) to an 82-68 win over Jacksonville State (14-14) in the opening round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Jax State was led by sophomore Walker Russell, who scored 32 points and dished out 10 assists to record his fifth career double-double. Trent Eager added 10 points for the Gamecocks.

"You have to give credit to Morehead State and Ricky Minard," said JSU head coach

Mike LaPlante. "Morehead State needed him to have a big game and he comes out and scores 36 points."

MSU opened the game on a 15-4 run to build an early 11 point lead after Minard sank a pair of free throws with 12:52 left, but Jax State battled back and took its only lead of the night on a slam dunk by Carl Brown with 3:34 left to give JSU a 28-27 lead.

The Eagles then used a 10-2 run to end the half as Morehead State built a 37-30 lead at the intermission. Jax State shot just 31.3 percent (10-of-32) in the opening half, but only trailed by seven at the break.

"I didn't think we shot the ball very well in the first half,"

said LaPlante. "I don't know if it was because we were a little tight or playing on the road."

Jacksonville State opened the second half by scoring five quick points to cut the lead to 37-35 after Scott Watson sank a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 18:36 left, but JSU could get no closer.

Morehead State pushed the lead to seven points twice over the next four minutes, but the Gamecocks were able to pull to within 54-51 with 12:04 left.

The Eagles answered by scoring the next 12 points to push the advantage to 66-51 on a pair of free throws by Minard with 9:06 left and the Gamecocks were never able to cut the lead back to single dig-

its.

"When your on the road, you hope to get off to a hot streak," said LaPlante. "But, we just had a hard time shooting the ball and it's hard to come back when you go over seven minutes without scoring."

Morehead State finished the game hitting 30-of-42 from the free throw line, while the Gamecocks were 11-of-11. The Eagles also finished the game shooting 48.9 percent (23-of-47), while JSU hit 40.3 percent (25-of-62).

Morehead State advances to the semi-finals of the OVC Tournament in Nashville on Friday, with the finals scheduled for Saturday.