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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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

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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 president of student activities. 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 his commitment and dedication to the Student Government...
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 help 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 freshmen.

According to the possible plan, incoming freshmen who live in residence hall such as Sparkman, Dixon, Daugarte, 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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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 said. "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 Sodexho Marriot, JSU food provider, and their limited dining hall hours. "My main concern with the Cafeteria 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 Sodexho, 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 grade 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 11:45 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, arross612@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 stephhdeese@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 pages; poetry, 35 lines (see flyers for more details).

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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, allisnl182@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. Judes 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.

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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 Carrollton, 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 Sullivan 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.
Kerry: Continues to look ahead

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July 26 in Boston.
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 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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Better planning and publicity could help SGA

By Danni Lusk

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

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

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, and most importantly, to JSU. Program accessibility is great.

Don't get me wrong. DSS does a lot of good for many people, but some DSS does. It is important to note that DSS services are offered to students with disabilities, not the general population. The very definition of special services is that they are intended for those who need them. And by the way, these students are not people that are 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.

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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
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, blackjack, 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.

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

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...
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 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, 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 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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The Cooper Temple Clause

Kick up the Fire and Let the Flames Break Loose

★★★ 1/2

Review by Nick Mackey
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, 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 looking 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 atmosphere, a-la My Bloody Valentine without the whining. As the track continues the atmosphere 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 Gauty 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 Gauty 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-balad for about 3 minutes, 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.

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 Jacksonvillle, never learned another language and culture, probably 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 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.
Crossword

ACROSS
1 State gambling
6 That girl's
10 Prepare for a fight
11 Lawyer's
document
15 Toledo's lake
16 One Chaplin
17 Dilbert's
creator
19 This and that
20 Buffalo bunches
21 Buffalo skaters
23 Turkey neighbor
26 "Nothing could
thing interesting to check out," Jackson said.

He has never been to any other country before, but he
saw 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 dis-
covered more than he knew
about where these students
were from. Jackson said he
would really like to travel to
one of the foreign countries,
his "funds are depleted
right now."

Dr. Adrian Aveni, a sociolo-
gy professor, thought the auc-
tion was a great idea and an
opportunity for students here
at JSU to interact with the
international students. "My
only regret is that more stu-
dents 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 stu-
dents cooked at the annual
Taster's Fair and talent show.
Lining both sides of the audi-
torium 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 grand-
mother's.

While everyone ate at the
round tables set up with dif-
ferent countries flags on them,
those in attendance were also
entertained with an interna-
tional talent show. There was
an air 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
digit 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 schol-
arisches and more events
planned for the international
students.
21. Comic star
23. Turkey neighbor
26. "Nothing could be..."
27. Brought up
28. Yukon river
31. Lawn tool
32. Queeg's ship
33. Gov't. financial grp.
34. Care for
35. Brings down the house?
36. Payment voucher
37. Yokohama OK
38. Sonora cash
39. Shipping box
40. Open-air
42. Decanter?
43. Ancient region of Asia Minor
44. In a fatigued manner
45. Sporty scarves
47. Timeworn
48. Twixt 12 and 20
49. Towel material
52. Bohemian
59. Male sheep
59. Pizzezy and Gray
60. DOWN
61. Name associated with an almanac
62. Pot builder
63. Cheers
64. Dry as a desert
65. Comic Meara
66. Eye defect: suff.
67. "The ___ Seven"
68. Takes to the air
69. "The Lord of the Rings" baddie
70. Juan's uncle
72. More frequently
2 On a leash
75. Periods
76. Periphery
77. Co-conspirator associated with an almanac
78. "Bulba"
79. Actor Harvey
80. Luncheonette
81. 41. Andy or Mickey
42. Like an evergreen
43. Closely confined
44. Fedora feature
45. Clairovant
46. Boat of wicker and skins
47. Confined
48. Woods
49. Like an evergreen
50. Eco-unit
51. Prefix meaning hearted
52. Half a score
53. Masculine characters

Solutions

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By Brian Roberts

I TAKE IT YOUR BLOOD DATE DIDN'T GO SO HOT!
IT WAS HORRIBLE!
NO CHEMISTRY?

SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN INTER-STELLAR RELATIONSHIPS.
Softball streak stolen, JSU falls to BSC

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State came home for the first big homestand 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, before falling 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 score-board 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, before a fly out by Hicks, Brian Haskins and Bret Pettus each picked up a hit, scoring both runners. The Demons then had runners on second and third, but that would end the scoring, as JSU advanced to a 9-1 lead in the third.

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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.

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Calling the shots, the Gamecocks swept the Demons.

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Morgan had six hits in 13
My teams report for the Men's NCAA tournament

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

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 rundown 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.

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

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 performance 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 provided 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 strikeout.

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

see Baseball, page 7
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 10-6 lead, but Jacksonville State would push into the gap, narrowing it to one on two different occasions, at 24-23 and 30-29.

The game was actually tied at 51-51, but EKU’s Miranda Ecker popped in a two-pointer with :04 left in the half to give the visitors a 53-51 lead at the half.

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Mike LaPlant. “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 LaPlant. “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 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 digits.

“When you’re on the road, you hope to get off to a hot streak,” said LaPlant. “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.

For the Gamecocks, Freeman was the big draw, scoring 32 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.

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 percent 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 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 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.