SAC announces schedule for upcoming events

By Mandi Reynolds
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The Student Activities Council laid out plans for the remainder of the fall semester and for the upcoming spring in the general meeting held Nov. 11. SAC members feel confident that the new events will keep JSU students entertained.

Upcoming fall events include “Spirit Sacks.” The SAC will pack the sacks for football, band and the cheerleading squad Nov. 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. The sacks are the SAC’s way of thanking the football team, band and cheer leaders for all they do and to help keep their spirits up. The sacks will be handed out on Nov. 20 in Paul Snow Stadium.

The SAC will also present musician Tom Conlon in “Coffeehouse” at the Leone Cole Auditorium on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Conlon combines elements of traditional folk, blues, deep soul and black gospel that make for a unique sound. Admission is free.

The Student Government Association sponsored Blood Drive will be held in the TMB Auditorium on Nov. 16 and 17 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Karaoke and Mid-Night Snack in the Café is set for Dec. 8 in the Jack Hopper Dining Hall. The fun begins at 10:00 p.m. and lasts until midnight. Admission is $3. Students can use their flex dollars or bonus bucks for this event.

The SAC is also gearing up for an exciting spring semester. Th
**Story By Ebony Pearson**

SU students turned out for a good cause this week when the Student Government Association sponsored its semi-annual blood drive on Tuesday and Wednesday. With the help of the Red Cross, the blood drive was held in the Theron Montgomery Building's auditorium from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SGA member Rachel McCombs says that the goal for this year's drive is to get at least 200 students in the two days to donate blood. McCombs is optimistic about the outcome of the blood drive. "Students have been coming in steadily," she said, "but it hasn't been packed." McCombs hopes that this year's drive will be as successful as the last blood drive. In the last blood drive, approximately 300 students donated blood.

In order to get as much participation as possible the SGA has posted flyers, banners, and yard signs to publicize the event. As an incentive to attract donors, McCombs says that students can register for raffle prizes when they sign in to donate blood. There are also competitions between various clubs and organizations in order to raise the donor numbers. McCombs says that the competition among organizations helped to get the word out about the blood drive and encouraged more students to get involved.

First time donor Ashley Evans says that she is happy to take part in the drive. "It's for a good cause and I know that I am helping others to live," Evans said.

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**Peterson convicted, could face death penalty**

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) - The jury that convicted Scott Peterson saw a man with two faces: in public, a loving father-to-be with a steady job and stable home, and in private a cheating husband who yearned for bachelorhood and was willing to kill for that freedom.

Peterson now must find a way to present a unified image and convince jurors that his life is worth sparing and the courts that he deserves a new trial.

He faces life in prison or the death penalty after being convicted Friday of first-degree murder in the death of his wife, Laci, and second-degree murder for the killing of her fetus.

But there's a catch. Peterson can't reveal too much during the sentencing phase because he must save the option to argue on appeal that he was wrongly convicted or find some legal technicalities worthy of bringing a new trial.

Legal experts said his attorneys likely will focus on two key issues: the removal of jurors during deliberations and the viewing of a boat prosecutors allege Peterson used to dump his wife's body into San Francisco Bay.

"These jurors are about to go under the microscope," said Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson.

The fishing boat presents another point of contention.

Defense attorneys argued it would have been nearly impossible for Peterson to have rolled his wife overboard without capsizing. An engineer from the company that makes the 14-foot Gamefisher testified that the vessel doesn't capsize easily but acknowledged it wasn't tested under the same conditions alleged during trial.

Jurors were allowed to view it twice while it was parked inside a garage near the courthouse, including once during deliberations when some jurors climbed inside and rocked it from side to side. Geragos sought a mistrial after the viewing, claiming jurors violated the law by conducting an experiment. The motion was quickly denied.

"If the court of appeals finds that to be an experiment, that could lead to a reversal," Hammer said.

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**By J. Wilson Guthrie**

The SGA will try to revive an old tradition at Jacksonville State University Thursday, one that mysteriously disappeared several years ago.

One of the goals early in the year for the SGA was to increase school spirit. They hope to continue achieving this goal by having a pep rally Thursday at Paul Snow Memorial Stadium.

Legend has it that pep rallies on Thursday nights are the reason that north is designated a "party" night in Jacksonville. SGA President Emily Williams hopes that this forgotten tradition will return, with a bang.

This resurgence of spirit will be held tonight complete with the Marching Southerners, cheerleaders and has now become mandatory for the SGA. Williams, who has made this her project, made that announcement at the senate's normal Monday meeting.

In other happenings: is an attempt to clean up some vague and outdated language in the SGA constitution, the SGA voted to change the wording of the Office of Student Affairs to the updated Office of Student Life.

Most of the meeting time was spent trying to decide who was going to work at the SGA Blood Drive Tuesday and Wednesday. Several lists were sent around many times and all work slots were still not filled. But stern words from SGA Blood Drive Committee head Rachael McCombs urged the senators to give up more of their time to support the blood drive.

SGA's last senate meeting will be next Monday in the TMB Auditorium. December 29 the SGA will be participating in JSU annual JSU in Lights.
SAC satisfied with plans for spring events, Movie Night a flop this year

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date for the spring concert has been set for April 7. While the band has yet to be determined, SAC President Drake Russell said that the bids were put on Thursday to determine which band will be coming to Jacksonville.

The SAC Welcome Week Committee announced a “Spring Fling” for March. The event will be much like “Get on Board Day” and will include a cookout on the quad, tricycle race and tug-of-war matches.

Blizzard Bucks is another event planned for March. Blizzard Bucks consists of a student being placed in a “blizzard” box. $500 will then begin flying around inside and the student will have two minutes to try to grab as much money as possible.

Fun Night plans have not been finalized yet, but Fun Night Committee Head Olivia Fadul said, “Pretty much we’re in the early stages, but the goal is to have everything decided by January.”

Movie Night Committee Head Raynard Cargill announced the movies for the spring semester. “Collateral” will be showing Jan. 18, “Friday Night Lights,” on Feb. 8 and “50 First Dates” on Feb. 22. Movie Night is always on Tuesday and show times for all movies is at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Russell said that attendance is low for the movies and the SAC is looking for ways to boost attendance, not just for movie night, but for all events the SAC coordinates.

The council is designing a t-shirt that will help get people involved with the SAC and also the events they plan. The general idea for the shirt involves a catchy slogan about the SAC and printing the hotline number on the back of the shirt. Russell says the shirt is a sort of “recruiting tool for SAC. If you’re sitting in class with your t-shirt on, then you know someone’s gonna see this on you and they gonna get that number.”

For information on any of these events contact SAC President Drake Russell at drakeisul9@hotmail.com.

SAC members are pleased with the turnout for J-Day, held on Nov. 4. J-Day activities included laser tag, mechanical bull rides, sumo wrestling and a cookout. SAC J-Day Committee Head Marshontri Reid said the event was a great success.

Peterson: emotion likely to dictate sentencing phase

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While the first part of the trial focused on evidence, the penalty phase, beginning Nov. 22, will be laced with raw emotion. Rules of evidence that prohibit inflating jurors will be cast aside, paving the way for an all-out drama war.

Testimony will likely include pleas from Peterson’s parents to spare his life, and exhortations from his lawyer to look toward the future.

Inside the jurors’ heads to see if they have any lingering doubt over whether Peterson was a calculated killer who deserves to die.

“Are you so sure that you are willing to kill this man?” Bronson said.

But even if jurors unanimously vote for death, Peterson might not be executed for decades, if ever. California’s death row has grown to house 650 condemned men and women since the state brought back capital punishment in 1978. In all
JSU students donate blood to Red Cross, SGA hopes to match previous turnout

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The donation process takes about ten minutes. A student will have given about one pint of blood after the procedure is completed.

Not all students are eligible to give blood. Students are not allowed to give blood if they have received a piercing or tattoo within the past twelve months. Students that have been out of the country, such as those who have returned from fighting overseas are also not permitted to give blood. After giving blood, students must wait 56 days before giving blood again.

The second blood drive will be held in spring.

Arafat’s funeral causes chaos

By Jamie Tarabay
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) - Mourning the loss of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leadership ordered preparations for new presidential elections start immediately and appealed to the United States to take an active role in securing a vote in 60 days.

Buried Friday in the compound where he spent his last years as a virtual prisoner, Arafat was seen off in a chaotic outpouring of grief honoring the man who embodied the Palestinian people’s dream of statehood.

Hours after his body was placed in a stone and marble tomb, U.S. President George W. Bush said he saw “a great chance” to create an independent Palestinian state. British Prime Minister Tony Blair joined Bush in pledging to mobilize global support for Middle East peace efforts.

The Palestinians are to hold elections within 60 days and Bush said he hoped that Arafat’s successor would embrace the notion of a democratic state.

“I’d like to see it done in four years,” Bush said, referring to his second term. “I think it is possible. I think it is possible.”

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell expects to meet with new Palestinian leaders “soon,” a senior State Department official said Friday. Discussion are ongoing about the time and place, the official said while speaking on condition of anonymity.

Palestinian leaders promised to honor the democratic process as they tried to fill the void left by the death of the man who directed the Palestinian cause for four decades.

“It's going to be very difficult to replace Yasser Arafat,” Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath told CNN on Friday. “Charismatic leaders like this ... are really difficult to come by.”

Palestinian leaders signaled their determination to ensure a smooth transition by quickly electing Mahmoud Abbas, a former prime minister, to head the Palestine Liberation Organization, the most powerful of Arafat’s three posts.

Raufi Fattouh, a virtual unknown, was sworn in as temporary president of the Palestinian Authority, the self-ruling power in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He will serve as caretaker president until elections are held.

Fattouh ordered an immediate start to election preparations, the chairman of Palestinian election committee, Rami Al-Hamdalla, told the Palestinian news service on Friday.

Meanwhile, Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat appealed to Bush to “make sure we have free and fair presidential elections in 60 days.”

"If elections are obstructed by Israeli occupation, this will be the path of more chaos,” said. “This is your opportunity, this is a historic opportunity, we have a historic moment for president. Seize it.”

The frenzied burial took afield on Nov 30. The judge ordered an appeal to the California Supreme Court, the starting point of a maze of state and federal appeals.

"You're more likely to die of natural causes on death row than be executed," Levenson said.

The judge said he expects the jury to begin deliberating Peterson's sentence by Nov 30. The jury then will be sequestered again while deciding Peterson's fate. The trial began June 1.

Regardless of any appeals, expected motions for a new trial or the ultimate sentence, Peterson must prepare himself for life in prison.

"It will be a hard time for him," Levenson said.

"He's going to have to learn how to survive. As far as the RNS are concerned, he's a wife killer and a baby killer.”
Powell resigns from office, Rice moves up

By Deb Riechmann
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President George W. Bush has a nickname for Condoleezza Rice, his choice as the next secretary of state: "The unsticker."

Bush tagged the name on Rice, his national security adviser for the past four years, because he said she helped "unstick" problems in Iraq that got caught up in the gears of government.

Assuming the Senate will confirm Rice to replace Colin Powell as secretary of state, her job will be to keep U.S. diplomacy running smoothly across the globe.

Ever since Bush walked into the Oval Office, Rice has been busy keeping Powell and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld from butting heads; orchestrating a North Asia policy designed to get North Korea to let go of its nuclear ambitions; helping the president in Iraq; and shepherding work on the Middle East peace process. That last issue is one the Bush administration hopes is ripe for a breakthrough with the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and probably would require much of her time as secretary of state.

Not everyone pours praise on the former Stanford University provost and political science professor. Her critics have said she has left too many problems unresolved and needed to exert a heavier hand to bridge the moderate State Department and the more conservative Pentagon. But Rice, a determined individual who celebrated her 50th birthday Saturday at a surprise black tie party held at the British Embassy, is hardly a pushover.

"I think that she'd probably be pretty good," said Michael O'Hanlon, a foreign policy adviser at the liberal-leaning Brookings Institution. "It's a more prestigious job than national security adviser even if she's less close (in proximity) to her political patron, the president."

Rice is a longtime trusted adviser of both Bush and his father, the former president. She worked at the National Security Council in the first Bush administration.

Then, when the younger Bush ran for president in 2000, she schooled him on international affairs, sometimes breaking up their sessions to chat about baseball with the one-time managing general partner of the Texas Rangers. An avid football and baseball fan, Rice has often said her dream job would be commissioner of the National Football League.

Bush named a rise on his Texas ranch "Balkan Hill" because Rice once gave him a quick history lesson of the Balkans in the middle of a four-mile (6.4-kilometer) hike.

Before becoming Bush's national security adviser in January 2001, Rice spent six years as provost at Stanford University, the institution's chief budget and academic officer. She's an expert on Soviet and East European foreign and defense policy.

Rice was born in Birmingham, Alabama. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Denver, a master's from Notre Dame and a doctorate from Denver's Graduate School of International Studies.

Bush is nominating to replace Rice her deputy, Stephen Hadley, who served as senior foreign and defense policy adviser to Bush when he was running for president. Before that, he was a partner in the Washington law firm of Shea & Gardner and a principal in the Scowcroft Group, an international consulting firm. Hadley also has been assistant secretary of defense for international security policy.

Emotional followers mourn Arafat’s death

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place at Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah, where Israel had kept him under siege for nearly three years. Police firing in the air failed to restore order as the tens of thousands of mourners rushed toward the coffin.

It contrasted sharply with the military funeral in Cairo, where the only outburst of emotion was the quiet weeping of Arafat's 19-year-old daughter, Zahwa, who stood beside her mother, Suha.

Where that service gave foreign dignitaries an opportunity to bid a formal farewell to the 75-year-old Palestinian leader, his burial in Ramallah allowed the Palestinian masses to say goodbye.

"Everyone wanted to carry the coffin, to touch it, to say goodbye to the president," said Ahmed Tirawi, 22, a West Bank villager.

Arafat's death Thursday at a French military hospital shocked many Palestinians, who idolized the man who promised Palestinians a state of their own even if he failed to deliver.

Israel accused Arafat of instigating terror attacks and cut off all contacts with him.

Though many Palestinians accused Arafat of running a corruption-filled regime, his death transformed him into a transcendent symbol of Palestinian defiance.

Palestinians wanted to bury Arafat in Jerusalem at the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third holiest site. Israel refused, fearing a strengthened Palestinian claim to the city.

Nearby Ramallah was the compromise site. Palestinian officials buried him in a concrete box so they could move him to Jerusalem. Soil from Al Aqsa was sprinkled into the grave.

Ramallah is the hometown of Arafat's widow, Suha. But she and her daughter were not at the burial, Erekat said. Senior Palestinian officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they were still upset at her for publicly accusing them of seeking to usurp Arafat's role even as he lay dying.

Israel put its forces on high alert but kept them away from the funeral and tried to defuse tension by limiting travel through the West Bank by Palestinians heading to the burial. Only a small group of officials from the Gaza Strip were allowed to cross Israel and reach Ramallah.

Soldiers held hands and stood in a circle around the grave, allowing mourners to pay their last respects. Muslim prayers wafted out of loudspeakers.

"Today I feel like an orphan," said Khaled Jarroll, 29, a soldier who protected Arafat for eight years. "I feel empty."

Tayeb Abdel Rahim, a top aide to Arafat, burst into tears as he passed the grave. Palestinian television journalists who spent years covering Arafat placed their equipment on the ground and went to the grave to pray.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana laid a wreath on the grave, saying he came with a message of solidarity with the Palestinian people.

"The most important thing that we can ask is that the dream become a reality and that is to have a state," he said.
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So many men, so little time

By Elizabeth Thurman
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I'm taking a break from my usual political rantings, and pledging to do some actual good this week. Give the kids something they can use. Considering my unprecedented expertise on the opposite sex and my constant search for Mr. Right, I feel that I'm in the perfect position to do so.

Ladies: riddle me this. Have you ever been on a date with a guy or in a relationship that left you with a less than wonderful taste in your mouth? Minds out of the gutter, please. Really, we all date guys that defy explanation and are in a class all by themselves.

Looking back on the boyfriends of the past, I realize that I owe it to 20-something women everywhere to prevent them from making the same mistakes I have. I've carefully comprised a list of some types of men to stay away from.

The Lifesucker. This guy is a mealy-mouthed sheep who follows you around diligently and invades your personal space. At first, you are more than prepared to drop him, but you begin to feel sorry for him. DANGER! DANGER! It's a trap. His passive aggressiveness is merely a ploy to turn your pity into his triumph. You feel obligated to stay with him because he makes you feel like he needs you. Pretty soon, you feel like you deserve to be miserable. This one will use tears, guilt, midnight confessions of love and the dreaded "my family loves you" card to lure you into his web of weakness, thus sucking the life out of you.

The Dinner eater. This guy usually directly follows the Lifesucker. He is aloof and is an expert flirter. He's usually low on ambition and high on charm, but you won't see that until it's too late. This guy is only appealing when you're on the rebound, making him all the more dangerous. Since his self-worth is generally quite nonexistent, he'll soon resent you because yours isn't, lashing out on you and making you feel like his inferiority complex is your fault. Soon, you'll be content with doing things you normally detest, all because they satisfy him. For example: you'll spend countless nights at his house, washing his dishes or eating dinners that come from a box (i.e. Homestyle Bakes), all for the sake of avoiding a fight. When you do fight, he'll show up randomly at your front door, expecting dinner and an ego-stroke.

The Drunk. This guy starts drinking bourbon at noon and doesn't stop until he's cussed you out or gotten in a fight. At first you think he's good times, especially if you've been in a relationship with somebody boring for awhile. You drown your sorrows with him for awhile, and he's happy to oblige. Soon enough, you tire of the incessant partying, but he doesn't. You start noticing how fault. Soon, you'll be content with doing things you normally detest, all because they satisfy him. For example: you'll spend countless nights at his house, washing his dishes or eating dinners that come from a box (i.e. Homestyle Bakes), all for the sake of avoiding a fight. When you do fight, he'll show up randomly at your front door, expecting dinner and an ego-stroke.

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Stupid things people do that we find amusing

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) - Charges have been dropped against a woman who paid for clothes with a fake $200 bill that featured President Bush's picture and the serial number DUBYA4U2001.

Westmoreland County prosecutors dropped all charges Friday against Deborah L. Trautwine, 51, after she paid the store in real currency. Trautwine wasn't aware that the bill wasn't actual legal tender, said her attorney, Harry Smal Jr.

A clerk at a Fashion Bug clothing store also apparently was fooled by the funny money. She gave Trautwine $100.58 in change following an August transaction.

There is no $200 denomination bill, even without Bush's picture on it. The back of the phony bill depicted the White House with several signs erected on the front lawn, including those reading "We Like Broccoli" and "USA Deserves A Tax Cut."

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) - Takeru "The Tsunami" Kobayashi ate 69 Krystals in eight minutes to collect $10,000 and be crowned the first Krystal Square-Off World Hamburger Eating Champion.

"I feel great," the 24-year-old from Nagano, Japan, said through a translator after Saturday's contest. "I could eat more, about 20 to 30 more." The 130-pound Kobayashi, who is also the champion of Nathan's International Hot Dog Eating Contest held on Coney Island, N.Y., beat 13 other contestants.

Sonya "The Black Widow" Thomas ate 46 Krystals for second place and $5,000, and Richard "The Locust" LeFevre ate 41 for third place and $2,500. Thomas is ranked No. 2 in the International Federation of Competitive Eating behind Kobayashi.

Six Krystal Company staff members prepared more than 700 burgers for the contest, which drew hundreds of spectators to a mall parking lot.

"We've been talking about this since June," said Signal Mountain resident Andy Tucker, who brought his daughter and a friend. "When we heard Kobayashi made it, that just put it over the top."

Mike Williams, Krystal's vice president of marketing, said the idea of having a Krystal eating contest has been around since the company's start 72 years ago.

"People have been challenging each other for years," he said.

A Krystal hamburger is a square 2.5 inches on a side.
with somebody boring for awhile. You drown your sorrows with him for awhile, and he's happy to oblige. Soon enough, you tire of the incessant partying, but he doesn't. You start noticing how obnoxious he is, and you become able to see his train wreck coming from a mile away. This guy is borderline bipolar. One minute, he's being overly affectionate and telling you the love of his life, the next he's ordering you to leave. Cute only goes so far, ladies. The biggest mistake you can make with this guy is confusing his drunken rage for undying passion for you. It's not that he really cares; it's that he's really drunk.

The Tap Dancer. This guy is super nice and super sensitive. He dresses a bit more femininely than you would like, but you go out with him a few times because as you get older you get less picky and you start “giving everyone a chance.” The Tap Dancer is usually very smart but is capable of asking questions that you might laugh at on first hearing them, but then you realize he's serious. “What kind of music do you listen to? What kind of music do you usually date?” You feel slightly ridiculous, but you have to answer him, and it's usually vague. At dinner, you look down at his shoes and realize that they are shiny, jazzy, black Fred Astaire shoes. Beware: this guy will inevitably be wowed by your indifference and your standoffishness, mistaking your polite disinterest for “fear of letting anybody in.” He thinks he needs to save you. He'll call incessantly and he wears his heart on his sleeve of the shirt - that he keeps in his closet - next to his tap shoes.

The Environmentalist. This guy wears a lot of Kavu and may have a rack on top of his car (even if he doesn't have a bike or a canoe.) He has long, shaggy hair and is generally good-looking. His back windshield is covered with stickers and he's usually liberal. He smokes Camel Lights and drinks dark beer. His dad may own a landscaping company or a bank. You think he's perfect until you realize that he has more money than he knows what to do with and has a slew of emotional problems to go along with his maxed-out credit cards. He's a namedropper and persistently invites you to his lakehouse or his cabin. As for life goals, he “doesn't want to do whatever his dad wants him to do.” Translation: he has no life goals.

The Nightclubber. This guy always goes to Ladies Night at Brothers and is always drenched with sweat. He sweats that Usher and Missy Elliot are his “jams.” He calls all women “ladies” and he thinks he's super smooth. He wears a lot of pastel and owns several pairs of Steve Maddens. He may carry a man purse. He even pops his collar. He drinks cranberry and vodka and will come up behind you (uninvited) to dance if he sees you out. He has a clan of friends just like him and they all cheer in unison when their favorite song comes on (it's usually Nelly). He owns tank tops.

I hope these descriptions serve you well. I draw upon them everyday of my life and invite you to do the same. With men like these on the loose, we all need a little armor.
On October 22, I attended the R. Kelly/Jay Z Best of Both Words concert in Birmingham. As my, John said, we witnessed history in the making. Who would have ever thought the history would be the two artists only making it halfway through the tour before breaking up!

I can’t speak for the few concerts Hova (Jay Z) and Kells (R. Kelly) performed in other cities, but I must say that the concert I attended was unbelievable. Imagine going to see two of the biggest artists in two different genres of music perform for three and a half hours and neither artist sings absolutely all of their hit songs because there are too many. That’s exactly what the Best of Both Worlds concert was all about.

After watching Jay Z perform, I now understand why he calls himself the best rapper alive. I feel as if I got my moneys worth just by watching him perform alone. Jay Z said his job was to get the crowd pumped in which he succeeded in doing. I’ve never heard any artist rhyme as he did live, meaning the man can definitely “spit hot fire” (also meaning Jay Z is an excellent lyricist.)

R. Kelly’s performance was excellent also as he succeeded in serenading the ladies. Unlike most artists, R. Kelly sounds the same in concert as he does on his albums. As I watched him sing song after song, I forgot about all the number one hits he had, but they soon came back to me.

It was only a few days after the concert I learned The Best of Both Worlds Tour came to a screeching halt at Madison Square Garden in New York due to R. Kelly’s fear for his safety. New York also happens to be the home state of rapper Jay Z, so one could imagine there might have been a little tension between the two artists.

Wait! There’s more! I was watching the show “Last Call” with Carson Daly, Wednesday November, 10, and his special guest just so happened to be Sean Carter aka Jay Z. Sean said that he first felt tension between the two after he was given a greater encore for his performance in the first show which was held in the city of Chicago. R. Kelly’s home town. I find this a little odd; however, I’ll end my investigation here and let whoever is reading form their own conclusions.

The album “Unfinished Business” is Jay Z and R. Kelly’s follow up album to their 2002 release “The Best of Both Worlds.” The first album flopped due to the problems in R. Kelly’s personal life. The second album isn’t the same in quality as its predecessor. It seems as if this album was hastily put together. It starts out strong with the song, The Return, as Jay puts his stamp on it with his brilliant lyrics, “mirror, mirror, on the wall, who is the freshest of them all.” The other songs that stand out are, Big Chips, which is the first single off the album, Feelin’ You In Stereo, the slow jam with the redolent lyrics “she walks in the room, suddenly I can’t breathe, as I try to catch my breathe and proceed.” and the other song that may catch you by surprise is, Mo’
If that title seems a bit unapproachable, that is not my intent. The classic play written by Scandinavian playwright Henrik Ibsen is a stunning and somewhat chilling tale that really personifies each person’s struggle with the human condition. Students of Jacksonville State University and members of the community are exceedingly fortunate, because the JSU Theater Department will be performing Ibsen’s A Doll’s House from November the 18th through the 21st.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see a real, live production of a classic literary piece that many students study in their literature classes. I can speak from experience when I say that reading a play and watching a play are two entirely different phenomena!

If you haven’t had the chance to experience the work first hand, you’re doing yourself a great injustice! The play is set around Christmas, beginning on Christmas Eve. Nora (played by Heather Norton) is confronted with the dark side of a secret that for her had always held only good intentions. Once the secret is revealed, she will either become incredibly disillusioned or a miracle could occur.

I had the opportunity to speak with the director, Susan McCain. “I feel that A Doll’s House really speaks to college students, in that they are, just like Nora, trying to find their niche in society without forfeiting their own personal feelings. This play showcases Nora discovering her individualism.” In today’s increasingly fast-paced lifestyle, it is difficult sometimes to slow down and allow ourselves to become vulnerable, to feel love, pain, sorrow, and joy. “I am always uplifted when I see how many students appreciate the human condition, and seek to understand the frailties that are there.”

Although well known and very rewarding, this play is not exactly easy to perform. The language used throughout the play is very elegant, and has been fully translated by Eva Le Galliene, but a certain formality still exists. “It’s not casual at all,” says McCain, “but perhaps that’s where this play gets a lot of its charm and personality. It really touches the heart and delves into the human psyche.”

The juxtaposition of Nora’s pure, childlike persona with the Christmas season is no coincidence. As we approach the season of good will, we are able to look to the positive side of life, trusting each other. At one point Nora says, “The law does not see the right side of things or the pure side of things.” McCain stated, “Our mistakes come from trying to do what we think is right at the time, not by trying to do what we think is wrong!”

This play has the power to change you, making you realize the strengths and weaknesses that are innate within us. “We have all learned about ourselves,” McCain confided. “It may seem selfish, but I wish we had another week! The more time we spend immersed in the work, the more we learn about each other and how we can make a positive difference in the world.”

Make an English teacher happy and see this glimmering gem; you may learn something about yourself. “The Strength and delicacy of human nature – I think that, in a nutshell, is what this play is all about!”
Horoscopes

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) You have lots to give and share with those you love. And this giving will create a sudden appreciation for family members and good friends. Doing your work this week because it is your duty and your job will bring about some marvelous results for you.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) Another’s loss this week will definitely be your gain. Use your good fortune on substance and not fluff. Someone of strong foundation for successful accomplishments will be on the rocks during the week. Temporary separation may be needed to bring this coupling a happy ending. Your trust needs to be renewed, because old slights are very hard to forget. Share your ideas and problems with a close friend.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21) A love relationship may seem to be on the rocks during the week. Temporary separation may be needed to bring this coupling a happy ending. Your trust needs to be renewed, because old slights are very hard to forget. Share your ideas and problems with a close friend.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23) Any investments this week, especially in the area of real estate or health will probably provide you with excellent returns. Make sure to communicate clearly with experts in these fields before making any decisions. Don’t blame yourself for any financial difficulties.

LEO: (July 24-Aug. 23) If you feel like you are sitting on top of the world this week, it is all thanks to your own efforts. Don’t forget the hard work that has gotten you to this point. You need to remain diligent in order to stay in step with any future developments.

VIRGO: (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Memories may set you off during the week. Your plans may upset a few established folks, but the whole shakeup is long overdue. It may be time to give your primary love relationship a breather; love may not always overcome boredom.

LIBRA: (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) Try to resist any type of manipulation or suggestion that will try to get you to give more time or money than you have. If you stand up for yourself it will give you a feeling of success that will have a great impact on your confidence. Stay on equal footing with a loved one.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) If you feel the need for quiet and solitude this week, make a few compromises to meet your responsibilities, but try to stay out of the limelight. You may have the tendency to be over generous when money is concerned, and this may end up leaving you shorthanded.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) This week is your birthday: This spring and early summer will bring lots of time to share with loved ones and friends, and time to advance in your career. You will accomplish much at work and your co-workers will have a positive influence on your career.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Use all available resources during the week in the most economic way possible in order to reach your goal. You might have to do some juggling, but the end result will be well worth it. Others just may be amazed at how much you’ve done with so little. Reorganization is a key.
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Quotes from the Ol’ Ball Coach

From Staff Reports

ON SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE:

I think the team we’re fixing to play...is very dangerous for us to compare statistics or record. This team’s quarterback threw for a career high against us last year, over 400 yards. The only player I don’t see on the field offensively was on the field last year is the offensive center, who was truly an outstanding player, but I see a very very potent offensive team.

They’re a passing team, they lead the league in passing. Defensively, we had a very difficult time running the ball on them last year. They’ve got three from the front four back. On back end they lost about half the remainder of their players.

There’s no question that we’re challenged. I think our attitude has to be one of its going to take our best football game to win and then do everything to prepare ourselves. At the same time we are, and have been all year, talking about going further.

What this game would mean and what it would do to impact the playoffs, I’m working from the assumption — it might be right or wrong — that if we win, we play at home. Home field advantage is significant in the playoffs or anytime actually, but when you’re in the playoffs you’re playing equals.

There’s a lot at stake this football game. Maybe not any more than to say this is a group of really special young men’s last regular season home football game. There’s been some guys who’ve been with us five straight years and they’ve been the won-loss shift quite a bit. They’re leaving here with a four-year record of 26-17 and really created a trend of protecting the home turf, because that has improved significantly.

We’d certainly like to close out this year with them saying that they’re the first team in our I-AA history to have an undefeated homestand. There are a lot of things that represent pride to a very special group of young men.

ON THE 2004 SENIOR CLASS:

Very special group of seniors. Every time we’ve had a hurdle to clear here, and I’ll promise you to be sitting there where we’re sitting was a whole track full of hurdle, and every time I had a hurdle here, I went to the players and I asked them to be part of the solution. And, of course, at the same time I tried to educate them about hard work and discipline.

Some people, quite honestly, are not here because hard work and discipline is not the solution that some people find the problems arise. I can assure you the group of young men who are here have been here for 4 or 5 years, hard work and discipline has been there creed. Its been the solution to every problem.

That, and keeping your eyes on your goal. I guess, maybe we were 2-3 beginning of last season, I think that was when it was either time to fish or cut bait fish. The guys who were there for the right reasons took it to the right direction. We had that same crossroad a couple other times and just weren’t quite ready for the leadership to be strong enough to pull it in the right direction.

I can’t tell you that I’ve ever seen it done any better. I’ve been in several turnaround situations. In fact, I think ever situation I’ve been in to some degree has been a turnaround. But I don’t think I’ve ever seen a group bring it from so far down to so far up. This wasn’t a return, actually, it was a return to tradition, but it wasn’t the same league, it wasn’t the same competition.

These are pioneers. This has never been done before, so really with a long list of other championship teams and groups of leaders, they honestly have done something that none of the rest of them ever had to do. I want them to understand their uniqueness.

Volleyball places two on the OVC All-Conference

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State sophomore Shari Weyer and freshman Abbey Breit have been named to the 2004 All-Ohio Valley Conference First Team, as announced by the league office Tuesday.

Weyer, a middle blocker from Ferdinand, Ind., leads the Gamecocks in kills per game with 3.53 which is tenth in the league. She also has a hitting percentage of .337 on the season (third in OVC) and the 2003 OVC Freshman of the Year. An outside hitter from Louisville, Ky., Breit leads JSU with 95 total blocks on the year and is eighth in the conference in hitting percentage with a .283 mark. She also has recorded 34 service aces.

JSU will play Morehead State in the first round of the OVC Volleyball Tournament as the No. 3 seed, Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Richmond, Ky.

Current All Sport Standing

Fraternity
Sigma Phi Epsilon- 51
Pi Kappa Phi- 50
Delta Chi- 49
Kappa Alpha- 44
Sigma Nu- 18

Sorority
Alpha Omicron Pi- 49
Phi Mu- 48
Delta Zeta- 41
Alpha Xi Delta- 41
Zeta Tau Alpha- 37

IM’s roundup

Spring Break in Panama City Beach, Florida!

Attention Art Students
Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Mu are currently leading their conferences with undefeated records in Innertube Water-Polo. Delta Chi and Delta Zeta are right behind them in second place.

Brick-House is leading the Men's league with only one loss while the Boycotters are in second place.

Playoffs for Innertube Water-Polo will be held on Monday, Nov. 29, and Tuesday, Nov. 30. The top two teams from each conference make the playoffs. Two men’s teams, two sorority teams, and two fraternity teams will advance to the playoffs.

Here is the Innertube Water-Polo Playoff schedule:
Monday, Nov. 29
6:00 p.m. - Men’s Independent Championship
7:00 p.m. - Fraternity Championship
8:00 p.m. - Sorority Championship
Tuesday, Nov. 30
6:00 p.m. - Men’s University Championship.

Volleyball is in full swing with a couple of teams looking pretty good in the beginning. The defending Champion T-Dawgs are currently undefeated in regular season play. Phi Mu is leading the Women’s Conference.

Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Kappa Phi are battling for the top spot in All Sports as Sig Ep ousted Pi Kapp in water polo and Pi Kapp returned the favor in volleyball. The playoffs for Volleyball will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Good Luck to all teams, and look for Spring sign-ups for your favorite sport. The first sport in the spring semester will be racquetball and basketball.
Gamecocks running out of fingers!

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State senior Oscar Bonds rushed for 111 yards and scored two touchdowns as the Gamecocks won their second straight Ohio Valley Conference Championship with a 31-21 win over Eastern Illinois.

Jax State, which improved to 8-1 overall and 6-1 in the league, wins at least a share of the OVC Championship after Southeast Missouri State upset Tennessee Tech in overtime. The Gamecocks will receive the OVC’s automatic berth in the NCAA I-AA Football Championships, which begins in two weeks.

“This is another great win for our team,” said JSU head coach Jack Crowe following his back-to-back OVC titles. “Our kids came out and fought hard - on the road - and came out with a win. The Championship is a credit to all the hard work these kids have put in all season.”

On their way to the OVC Championship on Saturday, Bonds set a new school record with touchdowns in a single-season after scoring his 16th and 17th of the season in the game.

He also finished with over 1,000 rushing yards on the season and is just the eighth running back in JSU’s history to accomplish the feat. But, the game was close all the way until the final minutes.

Eastern Illinois rallied to cut the Gamecocks lead to 24-21 on a three-yard pass from Matt Schabert to Jordan Campanella with 4:03 left in the game.

Eastern Illinois struck first, taking the opening kickoff and marching 60 yards in 10 plays. Matt Schabert tossed a 15-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Robinson and Steve Kuehn added the point after to give the Panthers a 7-0 lead with 11:47 left in the first quarter.

Jax State then took the lead after going 53 yards in eight plays. Bonds scored on a 3-yard run and Halford added the point after to give JSU a 14-7 lead with 3:43 left in the quarter.

Eastern Illinois answered when Schabert tossed a 38-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Voss with 2:08 left, but the Panthers missed the point after and Jax State held a 14-13 lead.

The Gamecocks built a 24-13 lead after Bonds scored his second touchdown of the day on a one-yard run with 1:23 left in the third and Halford kicked the point after. Jax State recorded its longest scoring drive of the season on the score after going 95 yards in 17 plays.

The Jax State offense continues to roll along, finishing with 407 yards of total offense on 88 total plays. The Gamecocks finished with 275 yards on the ground and 132 through the air and has now recorded at least 300 yards of total offense in every OVC game since joining the league in 2003.

Senior wide receiver Jarvis Houston led the all receivers with 54 yards on five catches.

Jacksonville State plays its final regular-season game on Saturday against Southeast Missouri State. Kick-off is set for 2 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium.

JSU closes BCA tourney with win over W.Carolina

From Staff Reports

Walker Russell scored 30 points Tuesday to lead Jacksonville State to a 90-74 victory over Western Carolina in the Black Coaches Association Classic.

Jeremy Law, Carlos Lumpkin and Anthony Wilson all added 9 points for the Gamecocks, who improved to 1-2 after losing their first two games in the tournament hosted by Marquette. The victory gave Jacksonville State seventh place in the eight-team, three-day BCA Classic.

Rams Brempong scored 15 points, Corey Muirhead 14, David Berghoefer 13 and Antonio Russell 10 for South Carolina State.

Jacksonville State's B.J. Spencer made one of two free throws with 9.1 seconds remaining to tie the game at halftime.

The Gamecocks led early 23-9 after a basket by Russell. But paced by 12 points from Brempong and eight from Muirhead, the Catamounts took the lead twice, the second time on Muirhead's two free throws with 39.8 seconds left at 42-41.

JSU closed the tournament with a victory after dropping the first two games. Brian Mason scored 24 points and Thurman Zimmerman added 18 points to lead South Carolina State to an 80-72 win over Jacksonville State in Monday's second day of the 2004 BCA Classic.
A win basically gives Jacksonville State the opportunity to host the opening round of the playoffs and a loss puts them packing their suitcase to who knows where.

A win would also make this team the only one in school I-AA history to have an undefeated season.

Let's not forget about this senior class who embraced the conference change and made sure Jacksonville State made a good first impression. This class was being written off last year after their unexpected loss to Division II North Alabama. The football team was sitting at 2-3 and looking like a promising season down the drain.

The Gamecocks regrouped and tore up conference play losing only to the Racers of Murray State. The Gamecocks went from the back of the line rookie to the front of the line top dog.

“I can assure you the group of young men who are here have been here for four or five years, hard work and discipline has been there,” said Coach Crowe. “It’s been the solution to every problem. That, and keeping your eyes on your goal.”

One more week of hard work and the Gamecocks won't have to share anything with anybody.

One more win and JSU will host its first home playoff game since moving to Division I-AA.

One more win and this senior class will become something special and go out like a winner.

One more chance to see the fireworks after a Craig Agee punt return.

One more win away from a chance to go deep into the playoffs.

One more win, hold up! Will you be there to see one more win?

Gamecocks remain at 14 in latest polls

From Staff Reports


It marks the eighth straight week the Gamecocks have been ranked in the poll, which is the longest stretch in the school's Division I history of appearing in the poll. JSU appeared for four straight weeks during the 2001 season.

The Gamecocks remained No. 14 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll, which also was released on Monday.

The Gamecocks can win the title outright with a win over Southeast Missouri State on Saturday. Kick-off is set for 2 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium as 13 seniors will be recognized on Senior Day.

Volleyball team will be #3 seed in OVC tourney

From Staff Reports

The Gamecocks (20-8, 10-6 OVC), will travel to Eastern Kentucky for post season play. JSU, who is ranked third in the league tournament, will play Morehead State Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Jacksonville State (20-8, 10-6) won its' final volleyball match of the regular season over Tennessee State (5-27, 2-14) Saturday night, 3-0 (30-16, 30-18, 30-21). With the win, the Gamecocks go into the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament as the third place seed.

"It has been an up and down season," said JSU head coach Rick Nold. "But we are playing really well right now in a conference where anyone could win the tournament."

Shari Weyer led JSU on offense with 15 kills, while Jessica Starck added 14. Kisha West added 16 digs on defense and Emily Withers added ten.

Jacksonville State downed in-state and points and Turner Zimmerman added 16 points to lead South Carolina State to an 80-72 win over Jacksonville State in Monday's second day of the 2004 BCA Classic.

Jacksonville State was led by preseason Ohio Valley Conference pick Walker Russell, who tossed in 19 points, while B.J. Spencer added 13 points off the bench.

Antoine Hood scored 17 points to lead Air Force to a 59-42 win over Jacksonville State in the opening round of the BCA Classic Sunday afternoon at the Bradley Center.

Walker D. Russell and Jeremy Law each tossed in seven points to lead the Gamecocks.