Nader definitely didn’t win

By Zachary Cole
San Francisco Chronicle

Columbus, Ohio - Just hours before the polls closed Tuesday, President Bush made a last-minute trip to Ohio, knowing that winning this state he won four years ago was critical to his chances of re-election.

"I'm confident we'll carry Ohio and we'll carry the nation," Bush told cheering GOP activists at an afternoon rally.

But, as of early Wednesday morning here, it was still unclear whether the president had made good on his pledge — or whether Democrat John Kerry would carry the state's 20 Electoral College votes and salvage his chances of winning the presidency.

With 83 percent of the vote counted, the president appeared to have a formidable lead with 51.2 percent of the vote with Kerry at 48.3 percent.

Now the nation will wait as election workers in Ohio count the last remaining votes, with the possibility it could take hours — or days — to have a final total.

A massive turnout by both Democrats and Republicans left this state exactly as pollsters had predicted before the election: nearly evenly split.

And as of midnight, some voters in Ohio were still at the polls. In Franklin County, which includes Columbus, some voters who had begun waiting in line before the 7:30 p.m. cutoff were still in line after midnight because polling places had too few ballot machines to handle the surge of voters. In Knox County, voters were still voting at 1 a.m.

It remained unclear whether those last remaining votes would make a difference in the race. Democrats still hoped that they could pull off a victory by winning a huge margin of the remaining uncounted ballots, but Republicans felt they have the advantage because their lead was greater than 100,000 votes.

"We're very optimistic, but it's close," Bush adviser Karen Hughes told CNN just after midnight. "We are doing better than expected in several Democratic areas and we are carrying some swing areas around Columbus, and we have had a huge turnout in several of our base areas."

"We won't know until all the ballots are cast and counted," said Herb Asher, a political science professor at Ohio State University.

Ohio election officials, however, warned it could take time to finish the count. If the election is close, county election officials may have to analyze all the provisional ballots — ballots cast by voters who showed up at the polls, but whose names were not on the voter rolls.

The story of Ohio's election was an unprecedented turnout that led to hours-long lines at polling places around the state.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Rosanne Rosen, a 60-year-old freelance writer and Kerry supporter at a polling place in east Columbus.

"People are really into this election," said Gary Dorn, a Bush supporter. "People either love George Bush or they really hate George Bush."

Ohio has long been viewed as a political bellwether, and its mix of industrial cities, farm communities and fast-growing suburbs makes it a microcosm of the nation. Since Ohio residents began casting ballots for president in 1804, the state has voted for the winner 82 percent of the time. No Republican has ever won the White House without Ohio, and only two Democrats have done so since 1900 — Franklin Roosevelt in 1944 and John F. Kennedy in 1960.

Four years ago, Bush won the state by 3.6 percentage points, but with a major asterisks: He had been leading by 10 points in polls heading into the final weekend, meaning the Democrats had made up significant ground because of a strong turnout on election day.

Democrats, seeing an opportunity, poured money and manpower into the state, registering hundrds of thousands of new voters, especially in Democratic counties, and dispatching tens of thousands of volunteers to get out the vote.

The effort was on display Tuesday at a precinct in Clintonville, north of Columbus, where Berkeley-based MoveOn PAC had 45 volunteers making sure Democratic voters got to the polls. The group had spent months calling voters and knocking on doors to identify voters, who were categorized into several group by acronyms such as "SK" (Strong Kerry), "LK" (Lean Kerry), "U" (Undecided) "SB" (Strong Bush) or "SN" (Strong Nader).

Caroline Clark, one of the group's Ohio volunteers, explained their election day strategy: "We come back and we follow up with..."

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Local voter turnout breaks records

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Many uncertainties entered into Tuesday's election, the biggest being the outcome. Another that was on a lot of people's mind was whether or not the 18-25 vote would turn out in force and better yet would the voters turn out in droves as expected.

Many people in the area reported lines and much higher voter turnout in their polling places. In Franklin County, for example, lines were long in many precincts.

"This will break records," said Areno.

Areno said that he had also noticed quite a jump in the number of students who had been voting. Areno estimated that there were about 100 students who had voted which would be about 11 percent of the vote at that time. At press time, MSNBC had estimated that voter turn..."
By J. Wilson Guthrie
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The Jacksonville State University Student Senate meeting was flooded Monday night, with homecoming and elections.

Senators were putting Homecoming events such as voting for queen, J-Day and Karaoke in the Café, all of which will be this week. Homecoming events for the SGA kick off today with J-Day, which will be from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on the lawn in front of the TMB. In case of rain events will be moved to Leone Cole Auditorium. The SGA will also sponsor a bonfire that night at Paul Carpenter Field beginning at 8 p.m.

Elections for Homecoming Queen will be that day also, starting at 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Elections will be held on the second floor of the TMB in the auditorium. Students will also be faced with another big decision on that same ballot: JAX Cash.

Just in case you have been hiding under a rock and don't know what JAX Cash is, it is a student-sponsored initiative to gain support for the use of student identification cards at places throughout the community, such as big chain food restaurants instead of just at the Café or the TMB food court.

Students living in the dorm would have mandatory meal plans added in with the cost of living beginning with incoming freshmen. The next year the plan would slowly incorporate the new students until everyone living in dorms had incorporated meal plans already added into their cost of their dorms.

Friday continues the homecoming fun with Karaoke in the Café. Students and faculty

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JAX Cash added to today's ballot

Students will get the chance to decide if they want JAX Cash added to their student cards that will enable them to use their I.D.'s at various local businesses and restaurants. If passed, JAX Cash will allow students to use their cards at fast food chains other than Chick-fil-A and Taco Bell in the TMB food court. Voting will be held Thursday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the TMB.

By the numbers:
Number of Chanticleer issues left in the semester: 4

Football: Nov. 6 Homecoming 4 p.m. (Samford)

Come support all of your Gamecock Sports!
Homecoming Queen elections set for Thursday, SGA activities to begin

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Alpha Xi Delta: Our annual fundraiser, Bachelor Beauties, will be held on Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium. The deadline to sign up to be a contestant in the pageant is Nov. 7. Applications are at the Alumni House and the Office of Student Life. We hope to see you there! Contact: Jenny Wentruth, 435-5152.

Delta Zeta: Hope everyone is having a great week. Congrats to the Homecoming Court. We are looking forward to a great week with Sigma Nu. Sister of the Week is Jen Smith. New Member is Elizabeth Allen. Twisted Sister goes to Betina and Jen Toth gets the spirit award. Good luck Southerners! Go Gamecocks! Contact: Jessica, jessiedzqt@aol.com.

JSU Ambassadors: We hope that everyone enjoys the Homecoming activities this week. Thank you to all of those who are helping with football recruiting! Remember our upcoming Emerging Leaders Day on Nov. 9. Have a great weekend and GO GAMECOCKS! Contact: Ashlie Holland, 782-5260.

Pi Kappa Phi: Congratulations to Brooke Davis and Allison Land for making the Top Five. Thanks to Alpha Omicron Pi for a wonderful Homecoming Week. Come support our flag football championship team and AOPi’s as we both take on Samford, Saturday @ 11 a.m. Contact: Shu Cunningham, 782-6333.

Phi Mu: We have had so much fun with the gentlemen of the Kappa Alpha Order this week, and congrats to Miss Abbie Wilbanks and Rachel Townsend on advancing into the Homecoming Court. We love you! We want to wish the best of luck to our JSU Volleyball girls, as well as our Soccer ladies in their tournament this weekend. Good luck to our football guys against Samford on Saturday, and we hope everyone has a safe and happy Homecoming. Go Gamecocks! Contact: Allison Crow, allisn1182@aol.com.

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had originally come from the executive members of the SGA.

“We all came together and decided that would be the most creative idea,” said Davis.

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Watchful eye kept on Illinois voter turnout

By Maurakelly Lannan
Associated Press Writer

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Sociology Club: Thanks for the Hurricane Ivan donations! Everyone is welcome to our next program on body image on Nov 9 @2:30 p.m. in 231 Brewer Hall. Our next organizational meeting is Nov. 11 @ 2:30 p.m in 231 Brewer Hall. Come and see what our club is about! Contact: Dr. McCain, 782-5350.

Up Til Dawn: Just a reminder about Elephant Puzzle Fundraiser Nov. 10-11 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. All the funds will go to St. Jude Children Research Hospital. Give a life to a child! Contact: Megan Radison, 782-4492.

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

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

**CAMPUS CRIME**

**Oct. 29** - Lyle Brandon Cardwell, 18, was arrested for DUI in the International House parking lot.

Brandon Antonio Parise, 19, was arrested for minor possession of alcohol in the International House parking lot.

Jessica Ann Moersch, 19, was arrested for minor possession of alcohol in the International House parking lot.

Craig Alan Jackoway, 21, was arrested for providing alcohol to minors in the International House parking lot.

John Zenes Pettus, 22, was cited for open container on Miller St.

Charles Matt Hardin, 21, was cited for open container on Miller St.

**Oct. 28** - Jaime Lynne Miller, 19, was arrested for minor possession of alcohol on Pelham Rd. South.

Joanna Pirkle Bynum, 20, was arrested for minor possession of alcohol on Pelham Rd. South.

**Oct. 25** - Gavin Whitman Hollford, 18, was arrested for minor possession of alcohol in Crow Hall, Rm. 232.

Taylor Jackson Woodrow, 19, was arrested for minor possession of alcohol in Crow Hall, Rm. 232.

**Booted Vehicles**

**Nov. 2** - Carl Brown received a boot on a Ford Expedition.

**Nov. 1** - Richard Clay Searcy received a boot on a Toyota 4Runner.

**Oct. 27** - Betina Lynn Jones received a boot on a Ford Mustang.

Christopher L. Kirk received a boot on a Buick.

**Oct. 26** - Sica Dado Sankare received a boot on a Mitsubishi Galant.

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

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**Republicans likely to maintain control over Florida legislature**

By David Royse
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - In an election largely over before it started because of redistricting that locked down many incumbents’ seats, Republicans expected to easily keep their grip on the state House and Senate Tuesday.

Even if Democrats were able to pick up a little ground, the GOP-dominated Legislature was expected to remain so. Going into the election, Republicans held an 81-39 lead in the House and a 26-14 majority in the Senate.

In the Senate, of the 22 seats up for election this year, only eight were contested and only six had a candidate from both major parties.

The most closely-watched Senate race involved a central Florida seat where Republicans were targeting incumbent Democrat Gary Siplin of Orlando for defeat.

Democrats were hoping to knock off a couple House incumbents.

Among the targets was Franklin Cardona. In the House, where all 120 districts are up for election every two years, only 45 seats, far fewer than half, were contested. Of those, only 36 have both a Republican and a Democrat, with the other 9 contested only by one of the major parties and a third party or independent candidate.

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Republican Rep. John Quinones, R-Kissimmee, was in a tight race with Democratic challenger Israel Mercado.

Other Republican incumbents facing tough challengers were Rep. Adam Hasner, R-DeLand, who was being challenged by Democrat Doug West and Rep. Pat Patterson, R-DeLand, who was being challenged by Democrat Dana Rasch.

But Republicans extended 14 days after the election, some jurisdictions planned to follow the recommendation and others did not.

The board recommended the extension for military and overseas ballots postmarked before Tuesday. But it refused to recommend the same extension for other absentee ballots, saying the law addresses the two groups with different wording that allows the extension in one case but not the other.

White said state elections officials would be taking calls throughout Election Day about any allegations of voting irregularities, such as electioneering or polling places not being open on time.

Voters in about half Illinois’ election jurisdictions were using optical scan machines that read paper ballots with the voter’s choices shaded in, while the rest were using punch-card ballots.

Illinois’ previous registration record was set last spring, when nearly 7.14 million registered to vote in the primary. State records of voter turnout go back only to 1960, when there was a record 88 percent turnout and just under 5.5 million residents registered. White said.
Residential housing implements new policies, buffs up security; sees increase in occupants

By Ebony Pearson
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Residential life is one of the many aspects of college life that appeals to so many students. Whether it’s living in a residence hall or in a campus apartment, the idea of a little bit of freedom away from parents is quite an appealing one. Living on campus allows students to experience college life to its fullest. Jacksonville State residence halls and apartments give students that much needed taste of freedom as well as providing convenience. So what’s going on in the residences halls at JSU?

Kevin Hoult, JSU housing director, said that there have been some changes in housing. “Several changes have been made to better serve students and make the jobs of the housing staff less difficult.” One of those changes is the agreement release policy. According to Hoult, the agreement release will enable a student to be released from his or her lease agreement. This new policy is already being implemented. Students must submit their agreement releases before November 15 to submit their agreement release forms. Students can get more information about the agreement release at the Housing Office in Bibb Graves.

Along with the agreement release policy, Hoult explained that there will be some security changes. The current security measures will not be completely revamped, but Hoult said that they are working on having “better security within the halls.” Currently, housing is looking at other universities to get ideas and see what new measures need to be taken to improve housing security.

Security in the halls has always been a prevalent issue with housing students. According to Hoult, students have voiced concerns about inadequate security. Holt says housing will concentrate on this issue this year. “This year our focus is on enhancing security issues and continuing with the renovation of the residence halls.”

As a part of the security measures, Hoult also mentioned that visitation policies are strictly enforced but there are no curfews. Other than security issues, Hoult says that there haven’t been any other problems or issues that would be a reason for heightened concern.

Hoult credits the Resident Life Coordinators and the Resident Assistants for making sure that the halls run smoothly. “We have a great staff that works hard to build strong relationships in the halls.”

In order to strengthen the relationship with its students, housing had to make some changes to the housing application and procedures. At the beginning of the Fall 2003 school year, many students found themselves on a long waiting list without a place to live. This year adaptations were made so that although there was still a waiting list, it was not as long as last year’s list.

Despite the need for a waiting list, Hoult says that housing is currently able to accommodate all of their students. There are approximately 1,500 students in campus housing. Compared to last year’s fall numbers, there was a 10% increase in the number of students in campus housing.

Along with changes in policy and the increasing housing demands, the housing department is also completing renovations to the residence halls. Although the major renovations are usually done during the summer, the renovation of the residence halls will continue throughout the year. Hoult says that there has been major painting done in both Logan and Patterson Halls, floor replacement in Spaceman and roof and door replacement in all of the halls.

Hoult says that changes will be made continuously in order to accommodate student needs and make the housing department run smoothly.

Florida Republicans vying to keep seats; hope dim for Dems

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were also aiming at a few seats currently held by Democrats. Democratic incumbent Rep. Shelly Vana, D-West Palm Beach, is trying to fight off Republican challenger Andy Edwards in what has been a bitter battle marked by negative ads and a lawsuit over a campaign mailing.

Another seat Republicans are hoping to pick up is one in northeast Florida being vacated by House Democratic Leader Doug Wiles who is being forced out by term limits. In that race, Barbara Revels is trying to keep the seat in the Democrat column while Flagler College Chancellor Bill Proctor is trying to win it for Republicans. A well-known local politician, Jerry Cameron, is also running as a Libertarian.

Republicans also believe they have a chance to win two other House seats being vacated by Democrats.

In District 28 in Volusia County, Republican Dorothy Hukill is trying to win a district that has been in Democratic hands for almost 20 years. Longtime Democratic Rep. Suzanne Kosmas was also forced out by term limits, opening the door for the GOP. The Democratic candidate is Jim Ward, a former mayor of Port Orange like Hukill. Both parties are putting lots of effort into winning the seat, which is also being sought by independent candidate Richard Paul Dembinsky.

Republicans are also making the race for a Broward County House seat competitive. Normally, a staunchly Democratic county, the GOP is putting money behind children’s advocate Susan Goldstein in the race for the District 97 seat, left open by Rep. Nan Rich’s departure to run for the state Senate. The Democrats are backing Barbara Herrera-Hill, a Weston city commissioner and political science professor at Florida International University.

Ten incumbent state senators and 51 House members returned to their seats this year. Among them was Rep. Allan Bense, R-Panama City, who will be the speaker of the House in the upcoming session. Sen. Tom Lee, R-Brandon, will be the Senate president. His seat wasn’t up for re-election this year.

Presidential race still undecided

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Among Ohio voters who said the economy was the most important issue, 85 percent supported Kerry and 15 percent said Bush. Among voters who said Iraq was the top issue, Kerry was favored 75 percent to 25 percent for the president. But Bush held a strong edge on the other issues. For voters who said moral values were their top concern, 83 percent backed Bush and only 17 percent chose Kerry. Ohio voters who said terrorism was the most important issue chose Bush by 89 percent to 11 percent margin.

Bush had banked on a huge turnout by evangelical Christians, many of whom were also drawn to vote by an anti-gay marriage amendment on the ballot. The measure was endorsed by nearly all the people who were undecided, strong Kerry or lean Kerry. We said, ‘You said you planned to vote. We just wanted to make sure you got out and voted.’ ”

But Ohio Republicans also built up a formidable ground operation, tapping evangelical and conservative churches to register voters and an army of as many as 80,000 volunteers.

We learned a lot from the last election that we have to put to use in this election,” said Jason Mauck, a state GOP spokesman.

Early exit polling showed that 25 percent of Ohio voters said the most important issue was the economy, 23 percent felt it was moral val-
Anglican battle over homosexuality rages on; gay bishops controversial

By Dulue Mbachi
AP Writer

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) - Widening the growing global Anglican rift over homosexuality, Anglican bishops in Africa said Monday they would stop theological training of African clergy in Western institutions.

Bishops also were studying creation of a separate, "African" theology rejecting gay clergy and same-sex marriages, they said.

The African Anglican leaders, ending a six-day meeting, stopped short of calling for an outright split in the Anglican church as some had feared.

Africa accounts for about half of the world's 76.5 million Anglicans, and Nigeria's 17.5 million Anglicans are the biggest congregation outside England, where the church has its origins.

The African churches are the fastest-growing in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Nigerian Archbishop Peter Akinola said the bishops will weigh proposals to build new theology institutions to train its priests on theology consistent with African culture.

Top among the decisions reached was the resolution to end theological training for African clergy in Western institutions, per-
Len’ me yo’r ear an’ I’ll sing you a song

By Elizabeth Thurman

Did you vote? Why?

At 1:30 Wednesday morning, we learned that Iowa and Ohio were having some trouble. Iowa cited technical malfunctions and Ohio wouldn’t be counting provisional votes right away. This could change in a few hours or it may be taken care of by early Wednesday. We don’t know. So this editorial could have been written in vain by the time you read it. Let’s hope so.

It’s safe to say that Nov. 2, 2004 will go down in my personal history book as one of the most emotionally draining days of my life. Lend me your ear, and I’ll sing you a song. If it’s out of key, I blame Bush.

George W. Bush could be in office for another four years, barring any stroke of my good fortune that might remove him from a position that he was hideously unqualified for in 2000 and remains to be so today. The only difference in my weary mind’s eye is that America should have known better this time around.

Surely I’m not the only one who watched incredulously as our commander-in-chief led us to war not as a last result, but as an uninformed, gun-jumping, havoc-wreaking mistake? Am I the only one who feels betrayed and misled by the administration’s efforts to make a connection between Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein? And what for? All in the name of covering his own ass. Honesty and duty were thrown to the wolves, just like America was.

I’ve watched my mother suffer through semesters when her classrooms are filled with 28 students who are on the same learning level, and two who can’t write their names. I have seen the frustration she feels each time she has to hold her entire class back because of No Child Left Behind.

I watched all the debates, and I dare say, I thought it was

Stupid things people do that we find amusing

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (AP) - A man who wore a John Kerry T-shirt and President Bush mask to a county election office was arrested Friday for disorderly conduct.

Police say 35-year-old Kevin Daniel Dodds, of Gainesville, broke a law against campaigning outside a polling place when he wore the costume to a voting place on the last day of Georgia’s early voting period.

The incident started Friday when Dodds’ wife came to vote with an infant child wearing a Kerry-Edwards shirt. Poll workers asked Mrs. Dodds to turn the child’s shirt inside out so she could remain and vote, but the mother allegedly refused and left.

Later that day, Kevin Dodds went to the polling place saying he would protest the baby shirt matter. A police report said Dodds stood outside the polling place screaming, sometimes using foul language, and refused requests to take off his mask.

When Dodds was arrested, he “reeked of alcohol,” said Sgt. Chris Robinson of the Gainesville police.

Dodds was charged with obstruction of an officer and disorderly conduct. A state law prohibits campaigning within 150 feet of a polling site. Red, diamond-shaped signs outside polling places explain the law, which prevents voters from wearing even stickers for a candidate.

Dodds was also charged with the unusual crime of wearing a mask. In Georgia, a law inspired by the Ku Klux Klan makes it illegal to wear masks except on “holidays and special occasions.” The charge is seldom invoked.

PORTAGE, Wis. (AP) - A woman dug up her dead boyfriend’s ashes more than 10 years ago and drank the beer that was buried with him, possibly out of spite for his family, authorities said.

The family of Michael Hendrickson contacted authorities three weeks ago when they received information that his remains had been stolen. An exhumation revealed Hendrickson’s cremated remains, along with beer and cigarettes that were buried with him, were missing.

Detectives searched the home of his ex-girlfriend, Karen Stolzmann, and discovered her hiding in the shower. Remains believed to be Hendrickson’s were found in the garage, according to Columbia County Detective Wayne Smith, who called the case “twisted and bizarre.”

Stolzmann, 44, was charged Tuesday with a misdemeanor count of concealing stolen property.

Stolzmann was present when the 27-year-old Hendrickson shot himself in January 1992. Yerges said Hendrickson’s family blamed her for his death and she was not invited to his services.
I have seen the frustration she feels each time she has to hold her entire class back because of No Child Left Behind.

I watched all the debates, and I dare say, I thought it was sort of a prerequisite that your president speak in complete, grammatically correct sentences. Forgive me if I wanted someone more intelligent than sawdust to serve as leader of the free world.

I remember thinking in 2000, “It’s only four years; it can’t be that bad.” Well, it is. The idea of four more Bush years is incomprehensible to me. I honestly cannot see how it could get worse. I’m even more disturbed that other Americans can’t see the same thing.

If Bush wins, get ready for more of your brothers and sisters to die needlessly in Iraq. Get ready for more lies, deceit and above all, stupidity.

For weeks, I’ve envisioned myself writing my editorial for the Nov. 4 issue. I’d planned for it to be celebratory and light. My birthday was Election Day, and true to form, it was a disaster. I had plans to write about that catastrophe, and not even broach the subject of the election. I was banking on Kerry, and I wanted to accept his victory in silence. It wasn’t to be.

I had an encounter with someone today who was wearing an “I Voted” sticker, just like I was. I didn’t ask him who he voted for, because I felt like it was none of my business. However, he readily volunteered the private information and shared that he had voted for Bush. I must have looked slightly uneasy because he said, “Tell me you didn’t vote Kerry.” I smiled and nodded my head, not wanting to go any further with it. I didn’t go lucky. He became agitated and blurted out, “Kerry’s a crack job.”

First of all, he initiated that whole interaction. After I’ve voted, I prefer not to discuss it until the election is over with. I keep my sanity that way. Second, somebody tell me what a “crack job” is, because I sure can’t figure it out. As I’ve mentioned before in my editorials, name-calling is a technique for the uneducated and is best left to the children on the playground. Third, if you’re going to get on your soapbox, make sure you stand taller than that.

Prepare yourselves, people. If “W” wins, it ain’t gonna be pretty. We’ll have nobody but ourselves to blame. We will have dropped the ball.

I’ve never felt so affected by anything that has gone on in this country, except maybe September 11. The difference is, on September 11, 2001, I was still proud to be American, and I was hopeful that we could recover. If Bush is re-elected, I will not be proud, and I will not be hopeful.
Get Pumped

I'm a little teapot, short and stout

By Jan Ackerman
The Hays Daily News

ATWOOD, Kan. (AP) - A gift from her husband started an Atwood woman's passion for collecting tea pots, and she has the art of "tea time" mastered.

Dianne Treon received her first tea pot from her husband, Tim, in 1977, and since then she's scoured antique stores across the country in search of the perfect pot.

"When we got married there used to be a coffee and tea shop in where we lived before moving here a year ago. Tim bought me this Sadler tea pot and I liked it and started learning about teas," she said.

Treon's love of taking time out of each day for tea and scones or muffins happens about 3 p.m.

"To me, I drink tea in the afternoon to take a break and calm down. My husband tells me I'm going down to my room to hide out," she said about a special room in her basement which is set aside for nothing other than reading and drinking tea.

Treon boils water and steeps it for five or six minutes.

"While the water is boiling for the tea, you put really warm water in the tea pot to allow the pot to keep the tea warm longer. I use one tea bag per cup of water, and if it's strong like Earl Grey, I used two," she said.

And now I have over 50. And, I don't mind giving them away as gifts.

"I like tea and I just think the pots are pretty. And, if I don't get too carried away, I can have some nice ones. Every tea pot has a story," she said about knowing where she bought each pot and its history.

Treon's collection ranges from very low cost items valued at a few cents to a few more expensive items valued in the hundreds of dollars. But the value of a pot is not one of Treon's priorities.

Learning to prioritize has been accomplished because of weathering many challenges over the years, and she often jokes that her second marriage was created on a whim.

"It was a Friday night and we didn't have anything else to do so we got married."

Treon's two grandchildren, Julius, 7, and Alaina, 5, reside in Castle Rock, Colo., and she's taught them how to enjoy tea at their young age.

"When they come over here they'll go by and lift the lids off every tea pot. My daughter freaks, and I just tell her to leave them alone because they aren't hurting anything."

"They've lasted this long, and if we use them and one gets broken I'd be disappointed but if we've had fun, that's OK," she said.

Treon's tea pots vary from ceramic to china, and have been

Politics in the pulpit

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer Features Editor

This is the second presidential election I've had the opportunity to vote in. This first time I was a senior in high school, taking a government and economics class. It was exciting, but I've enjoyed this year's vote a bit more. Since the candidate's announcements I've been in Communication classes, many which require reading daily paper. This has armed me with information to discuss the future state of our country with my father, my professors and my classmates.

A journalist's job when writing a news story is to provide the reader with as many objective facts as possible so the reader may make an informed decision, concluded by herself. The leaders in our churches should also take this charge.

Lately I have experienced two different schools of thought when it comes to church leaders preaching politics. Some people place their lives in the hands of the leaders of their faith and rely on them to push the stroller they sit in relaxed. Their leaders push campaign issues from their pulpits and encourage the congregation to vote a certain way.

Many people see this as the right thing to do because they
Nature sights along the Ladiga Trail. Even as the winter gets chilly, a run or bike ride is still pleasant and manageable.

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"Get off the couch and turn off reality shows. Do you crave having the body of one of "America's Next Top Model's" while satisfying the craving your stomach has for easy-to-order Chinese take-out? Face the reality of exercising during the winter.

Lately, with temperatures quite warm for October, it has been easier to keep a resolution made at the beginning of the year to lose weight and exercise on a regular basis. However, as the campaigning, debates and elections come to a close, the temperature drops off as well, and a resolution recall will be in demand. Plus, since the clock's "fell back," daylight hours are short after classes.

"If you don't use it, you'll lose it," said Jennifer Anderson, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Food Science and Human Nutrition Extension Specialist. "When one places a piece of chewing gum in a drawer overnight, the gum gets hard and loses its flexibility. The same is true of our bodies."

If the weather outdoors is putting a freeze to your regular workout, check out some indoor options. There are many ways to keep moving through the winter months, so when spring arrives you won't have to start with tense, hard muscles each year.

Mall walking is a popular form of winter exercising. Some senior citizens enjoy it so much they form clubs. Whether you enjoy walking in a large group or just going along at your own speed, it's a great idea! It's not an option only for your grandparents, and it may help you catch the Christmas bargains.

Anderson suggests mall walking as a great alternative because "you don't have to battle with the nasty winter weather while walking, so you don't have to "bundle up." You can walk in light, comfortable clothing, and since there are many sights to see at the mall, you are guaranteed and interesting trip."

"If you don't want to make the drive to Oxford, or you're worried about spending money you don't have, look out your front door. Stevenson Hall and the Coliseum are both excellent, well equipped places to exercise here on campus. Racquetball courts, weight rooms, steam rooms, indoor swimming and aerobics classes are easily accessible and free to students, faculty and staff members.

The Recreational Sports Development at JSU offers a wide choice of intramural events for all students to participate in as well. They also just installed new Cybex Weight Equipment in the weight room and replaced the carpet.

However, if you don't even want to walk out of your dorm, apartment or house, there are a few more options. You can purchase a workout video and exercise in the comfort of your bedroom. The climate is controlled, no one is watching and you can wear whatever you want. Simply pop in the video, mute it and get some drive and energy from your own selection of upbeat tunes.

It's also important not to ignore strength training as a form of exercise. "Adding muscles to your body will raise your metabolism, allowing you to burn more calories all day long," said Dale Reynolds, a weight loss counselor, writer and speaker in New York. She suggests watching your favorite 60-minute show and doing a set of repetitions during each commercial break.

You can find resources on strength training in a book, magazine or online. If you're the cliché college student scrapping just to buy laundry detergent, though, you don't even have to purchase weights. One student said he completes reps by lifting the end of his couch. I suppose when you want to add resistance you invite a friend over to watch TV with you. If you just can't bare to miss a show like "Average Joe," you don't have to look like one too; you can get a 20-minute workout watching an hour show.

If your schedule does not allow for time to exercise at the gym or even watch TV, just remember to walk when possible. The next time you go to check your mail at the TMB, enter from the food court and make the climb up the stairs instead of using the elevator.

Also, Reynold suggests "using restrooms, copy machines, etc. on a different floor just to get more exercise." If there's no time to burn calories because you have to hit the library to meet with your study group, walk up to the sixth floor.

Exercise Scientist Dr. Thomas Cureton said, "The body is the only machine that functions better the more it is put to use." So whatever you do, keep moving!

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**Dinner and opera: new tastes at JSU**

On October 29, guests enjoyed dinner and wine at Classic on Noble and returned to JSU's Stone Center for two opera performances. May of this year marked the return of opera at JSU after more than 15 years of silence.

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Pots are something Treon enjoys. "I used to have 28 tea pots in the tea pot to allow the pot to keep the tea warm longer. I use one tea bag per cup of water, and if it's strong like Earl Gray, I use three bags to a six cup pot," she said.

Treon said while drinking tea varies per individual, many drink it plain, while some people add cream or sugar.

"You are supposed to add the cream to the cup before you pour in the tea," she said.

Participating in a tea time and knowing about collecting tea pots are something Treon enjoys sharing with others.

"I used to have 28 tea pots that I'd be disappointed if we've had fun, that's OK," she said.

Treon's tea pots vary from ceramic to china, and have been manufactured in the United States, England, and as far away as China and Japan.

"I like Sadler and it was made in England. My most favorite tea pot is the one Tim gave me, and my least favorite is the Coralene. "Coralene is a brown color and red type pottery. A lot of these were made in the 1940s and 50s and people used them every day. I'm not real crazy about that," she said.

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"The right thing to do because they rely on their religion's leaders to live out their lives. Whereas preachers and priests give people advice on how to better live out a faith, they should not try to persuade someone's vote for his country. This is not what they have been called to do and they are just as imperfect as the rest of us.

Instead, a religious leader has the same job as the press. Preach your faith, not your opinion. Encourage people to vote and trust they will use their best judgment.

And now a call to these people: the type to sit in a pew on Sunday morning and wait to be told what to do and perhaps do it if it's convenient for them. It is just as much your job to realize your own responsibility as a citizen of the United States. After registering to vote, you have to seek to find which candidate is your right choice. Ask questions. Take part in political discussions. Lest some people believe, two people can voice political opinions in a healthy manner.

Candidates, and not just presidential ones, should also be addressed in this manner. They should be free to worship in any way they desire because they have the same constitutional rights as everyone else. However, I am easily frustrated if a religious leader acknowledges the presence of a candidate at the end of the service and thanks them for attending.

As a character for "Empire Records" once said, "There are 24 usable hours in a day." If a candidate chooses to take time off his campaign for personal worship, then it's his or her own choice. However, there should be no killing of two birds with one stone here. There should, instead, be a respect for our rights.
Horoscopes

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
A calm and cool exterior will do more for you than hysteria this week. There is a good reason to not let your feelings get the best of you. Your primary love relationship seems to be heading in a new direction, one that will be beneficial for the both of you.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 20)
The weight of the world seems to be on your shoulders during the week. Just continue to do a good job, but don’t take it with you. Your primary love relationship seems to be heading in a new direction, one that will be beneficial for the both of you.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)
An opportunity this week needs to be seized now before it is snapped up by another. Things around you may have become a little slow, even to routine. Try something new to ejection your creative juices and let those creative juices start to flow.

CANCER: (June 22-July 22)
A fortress in your life may be slowly crumbling away during the week, but if you look at the situation on a positive note, it may be able to provide you with the chance to rebuild according to your own design and desire. Don’t take any foolish risks with your health.

LEO: (July 23-August 22)
Someone in your life seems to be trying to dominate your every move. This person needs to put in their place with as much tact as possible, with no question of your intent. Things may be changing regarding your personal lifestyle, but it will work out for the best.

VIRGO: (August 23-September 22)
Don’t take any foolish risks but don’t take it with you. Your primary love relationship seems to be heading in a new direction, one that will be beneficial for the both of you.

LIBRA: (September 23-October 22)
The choices you make this week will depend on your ability to tell the difference between what looks good and what is really in your best interest. You must be able to maintain a certain level of enthusiasm if you want to accomplish everything on time.

SCORPIO: (October 23-November 21)
Hindsight is always 20-20. So stop feeling sorry for yourself this week and look around to see just how rich and full your life really is. A friend may be the remedy to pull you out of the doldrums. Take a tip from their enthusiasm and childlike sense of wonder.

CAPRICORN: (December 22-January 19)
There is an overlooked detail in your financial dealings that needs to be searched out and taken care of, otherwise it may cause some inconvenience. Since you love tradition and are not overly fond of change, don’t be alarmed of the changes, but roll with the punches.

AQUARIUS: (January 20-February 18)
This week may find you finishing a project with the help of a cool and calm approach. Take a moment to review your work and look for any possible improvements for the next time. A little soul searching is in order, so bring up old memories, however painful.

PISCES: (February 19-March 20)
Your money matters may need a bit more juggling than usual during the week, and may be due to your dependence on someone who is not very dependable. Cut your losses and move on. Just who or what are you saving your love and affection for - put your own needs as a priority.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are naturally very practical and grounded in your thoughts and actions. Your good sense of comfort will find you in plush surroundings and sensual pleasures are very important to you. You prefer monogamous relationships, where you can put your best foot forward.
College Concoction

Microwave Beef Stroganoff Recipe

Ingredients:
1 lb Boneless beef sirloin steak
1/2 c Chopped onion
1 cn (10 3/4 oz) Campbell’s Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
1/2 c Sour cream
1/2 ts Paprika
Hot cooked noodles

Freeze steak 1 hour to make slicing easier. Cut steak into very thin slices across the grain. In a 2 qt. microwave-safe casserole, combine beef and onion. Cover with lid; microwave on high 5 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, stirring once during cooking.

In small bowl, stir soup until smooth; stir in sour cream and paprika. Add to beef, stirring to coat. Cover, microwave 50% power 3 minutes or until heated through. Serve over noodles. Makes about 3 1/2 cups or 4 servings.
Rudy Abbott to be inducted into Alabama Sports Hall of Fame

Led baseball team to consecutive Nat’l titles in ‘90, ‘91

Abbott spent 32 years as head coach of the Gamecocks and claimed his 1,000th career win with a 4-3 win over Belhaven College on March 10, 2001. He was just the 29th coach in NCAA history to win 1,000 games.

He ranked fifth in Division I among active coaches by winning percentage. His 1,003 career wins was 15th all-time among active coaches and he won or shared three Atlantic Sun Conference division titles.

Abbott led the Gamecocks to two NCAA National Championships, claiming back-to-back titles in 1990 and again in 1991. During his tenure at JSU, he was named NCAA District Coach of the Year six times. His teams won five Gulf South Conference titles and 11 GSC Conference Division titles.

He helped Jax State to seven NCAA Division II World Series appearances and was elected to the Jacksonville State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.

A native of Anniston, Abbott had a distinguished prep career at Walter Wellborn before heading for Jones Junior College in Mississippi.

After lettering in football, basketball and track at Jones, Abbott returned home to Jacksonville State to pursue a career in baseball. He later signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates after tossing a pair of no-hitters during his junior campaign.

After his stint in professional baseball, Abbott returned to Anniston, landing a job as a sports writer at The Anniston Star. His love for baseball didn't dwindle, as he served local youth league teams each summer as a head coach.

His next position came at his alma mater, where he was named Sports Information Director at JSU in 1964. Several years later, he filled in for ailing baseball coach Ray Wedgeworth and he continued to “fill in” for over 30 years.

The 2005 induction banquet will take place in the Birmingham Ballroom, at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Sunday, June 12, 2005. Reception and banquet tickets will be available at a later date.

Rudy Abbott waves to the crowd at Rudy Abbott field.

Cross Country team finishes strong in OVC

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State's Josaphat Waweru finished second at the Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Meet.

"One thing I can say is that we have come a long way with both programs in the last year and half to get them where we were not even able to finish next to last in a meet and now we are not completely satisfied with setting new highs for the program," Dudley said. "This is a credit to these men and women along with Coach Downs and the job he does."

Waweru, with a time of 26:10.53, helped JSU's men to the highest finish in the program's history, placing third overall.

"On the men's side, we are disappointed. Coming in nobody thought we had a shot of being in the top two or even winning, but our expectations were different," JSU head coach Heath Dudley said.

"We truly believed we were going to win and to finish third, the highest finish ever for the program, I hope we are not satisfied. I as the coach of this team did a very poor job of getting us ready for the meet. We did not carry the same intensity and focus that we have for every meet to this one and that falls on my shoulders. I would like to commend Robert Stevenson on a great race."

Freshman Megan Ziarek was the top finisher for JSU's women, posting a time of 20:21.94 and a 25th place finish. Jax State's women finished seventh overall in the meet.

"We are very pleased on the women's side. This group put themselves in a position to be in the top half of the conference and that was our goal was from the start of the season," said Dudley. "Even from last year we have improved our position and have this ladies team heading in the right direction. Megan Ziarek was our top finisher today and ran a great race on a very tough course."

"I have said this many times, but we are going to win championships with these men and women," Dudley said. "There is no reason next year our men should not contend for the conference championship while our ladies take the next step of being a top three team. These will be our goals!"
SGA Homecoming Events
Thursday, Nov. 4th

Elections for:
- Homecoming Queen
- Amendment Jax Cash

J-Day
TMB Lawn
11am-5pm
- Laser Tag
- Sumo Wrestling
- Wacky 3D Photo
- Mechanical Bull Riding

Bon Fire
8:00 pm
Paul Carpenter Village

SGA

9am-5pm

Sponsored by the Student Government Association
It has been election week. There has been a lot of politicking in the air. There has been a very patriotic feeling around the campus. Everyone has been cheering for the land of the free, the home of the brave and... the only place on earth that a football team can not play and help themselves out.

On Friday morning the Gamecocks were getting ready for a much anticipated off-weekend. JSU was ranked 20th in the latest I-AA polls. Jacksonville was tied atop the Ohio Valley conference.

Without even taking the field on Saturday, Jacksonville State regained control of the race for the 2004 OVC football crown as fellow co-leaders Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee Tech dropped their respective conference matchups. Eastern Kentucky dropped a 19-16 decision to Murray State, while Tennessee Tech was upset by Ohio Valley conference.

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi and sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi cleaned house this season as they took home the regular, fraternity and university championships respectively.

"It was a tough season," said Pi Kapp Ross Nelson. "We knew going in we had a good team but going undefeated was beyond our expectations. We'll take it though."

Pi Kappa Phi completed their memorable season by defeating four time defending university champions T-Dawgs, 36-0.

Pi Kapp scored on their very first play from scrimmage. Ryan Shell threw a 45 yard bomb to Ross Nelson who walked in for the touchdown.

"That play set the tone early for the game," said Ryan Shell. "They really never recovered after that."

The T-Dawgs would get inside the five yard line twice on Pi Kapp but Pi Kapp held them out of the endzone both times.

"We have a lot of confidence in our defense," said Shu Cunningham. "We knew going in this would be our hardest test but we knew if we played our game, we would bring the championship back to where it belongs."

Pi Kappa Phi and Alpha Omicron Pi will take on Samford's intramural champions this Saturday at the intramural field beginning at 11 a.m.

The annual meeting between the two schools will showcase Pi Kappa Phi versus Dynasty (a team compiled from Samford's baseball team) and Alpha Omicron Pi versus Alpha Delta Pi.

"It is almost like real football when a team gets to travel to a bowl," said Bo Cashio. "We just want to represent the university well."

"Our girls are very excited about playing Alpha Delta Pi," said AOPI Head Coach Woody Rozier. "We have scouted them a little bit and the girls are going to give it all they got."

After the annual contest (what has been called "beating of the Bulldogs") the two teams will travel to the regional championships in Pensacola, Florida on November 12 and will travel to the New Orleans regional tournament in January.

"I'm sure the Samford baseball team is going to be pretty athletic," said Nelson. "Running through the league like we did is probably going to hurt us a little bit but hopefully we'll be okay. Nonetheless, Samford can't take away our university championship."
Jacksonville State (18-6, 8-4) spoiled Eastern
the hardest things to do in
take care of business, nobody
only one of the hardest things to do in
in control of their own destiny. How
thing is going to have to deal
I know, knowing that we have control
own destiny again. We took back sole possession of first
JSU's Daniela Malta scored the first
Byrnes a player tonight and won an intense match.”
Kisha West became JSU’s all time digs leader Saturday
The Gamecocks have been ranked in the poll,
DJU moved up from 20th to 15th in the polls
Maurice Mullins even taking a
The Gamecocks are back in control
Don’t worry, because the
(JSU appeared for four straight
weeks during the 2001 season.
Despite having an off week last week,
JSU jumped into first place thanks to a
JSU will travel to Tennessee Tech Friday.
Soccer advances to play Samford on Friday night
The Gamecocks fifth-seeded soccer
team defeated four seed Morehead State
3-0 in the first round of the O'Keefe Ohio
Valley Conference Tournament Tuesday
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tournament without the top four seeds
advancing to the semifinals.

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Jacksonville State took sole possession
of first place in the Ohio Valley Conference
and moved up five spots to No. 15 in The Sports Network 1-AA Top
It marks the sixth 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

Samford, did you?

Gamecocks take back sole possession of first

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State's Head Coach Rick How.
“We really picked up our play tonight and won an intense match.”
Annie O'Connor and Emily Withers shared the setting
duties on the night. O’Connor tallied 25 assists
and Withers recorded a double-double with 24 assists
and 11 digs for the Gamecocks. Kisha West added 25
digs defensively and Shari Weyer led JSU in blocks with a

Orange County Express, Inc.
Teresa hoop group.

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The Gamecocks played the aggressors
in the contest taking a 13 to 8 shot advantage
against Morehead and gaining some revenge
for a 2-0 loss earlier in the season.

“We played with three forwards tonight
and wanted to put pressure on them,” JSU
head coach Lisa Howe said. “We wanted
to make them deal with high pressure
and make mistakes.”

JSU’s Daniela Malta scored the first
goal for the Gamecocks, as Ashley Smith
fed here 5:33 into the first half. Jax State’s
second goal came when Joanna
McCaughy put a shot in the net at the

34:28 mark.

The Gamecocks third goal came when
a shot near JSU’s net bounced off an
Eagle player and gave JSU all the goals
they needed to hold off the Eagles.

“We have played with two forwards
all year and it took them two goals, before
they realized what had happened,”
said Howe. “We had free players running
around several times. I have to say
(Daniela) Malta played well for us
tonight. She started most of the offense.
She was putting others in position, over-
lapping and even had a goal.”

Jax State’s Amanda Stephens played all
90-minutes in net for Jax State recording
three saves. Morehead State’s Stefi
Workman recorded all the minutes in net
for MSU and recorded six saves.
JSU will play top-seeded Samford
Friday, November 5th in Birmingham
with the winner advancing to the finals
to play either Murray State or Eastern
Illinois.