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New University police policies to affect all students

By Elizabeth Thurman
The Chanticleer News Editor

Beginning this semester, the University Police Department will implement new policies that will affect every JSU student on campus.

The new policies are "more innovative and allow students and UPD officers more convenience than in past years," says Cpl. Neil Fetner, an officer at the University Police Department.

The most immediate change in procedure that will affect JSU students is the way they obtain their parking decals. This year, they won't have to go to the University Police Department to pick them up. Instead, the UPD has simplified the process by mailing the decals straight to students' campus mailboxes after the vehicles are registered online. "We wanted to improve our service to the campus community by eliminating long lines for faculty, staff, student" says Fetner.

This year, students must register for parking decals through the Student Access System (SAS) and are given three options of payment. Students can have their accounts charged, order by credit card or register their university-issued J-Tag.

As students have probably noticed, the cost of this year's decals has risen to \$25, a \$10 increase from last year. Fetner credits the increase to results of a poll conducted by the UPD last school year that showed the average cost of all other state university's was \$25.88. The Board of Trustees studied these figures and voted to raise prices accordingly.

Fetner believes the biggest advantage of this new system is the extra trip to the UPD that students and faculty will now be saved.

"You really should never have to come to the police station unless you have a problem. The new system really saves them a lot of headache," he adds.

The online registration process takes less than thirty seconds to complete and students and faculty are saved the stress of waiting in a line for hours. "It's already been an overwhelming success. We're getting some really good feedback so far," Fetner says. Since its August 1, 2004 opening, the online system has sold over 2000 decals to students about 600 to faculty members.



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You still won't find a parking space this year

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It's no secret that Jacksonville State has been aiming towards reaching the 10,000 student enrollment mark in recent years. While the university experienced significant growth in the last two years, it is not expected that enrollment will see much of a boost during the 2004 school year.

So, the inevitable questions need to be answered. Is breaking into five-digit enrollment figures still a priority for Jacksonville State? If so, can it be done? According to Director of Academic Effectiveness Tim Smith, it is and it can.

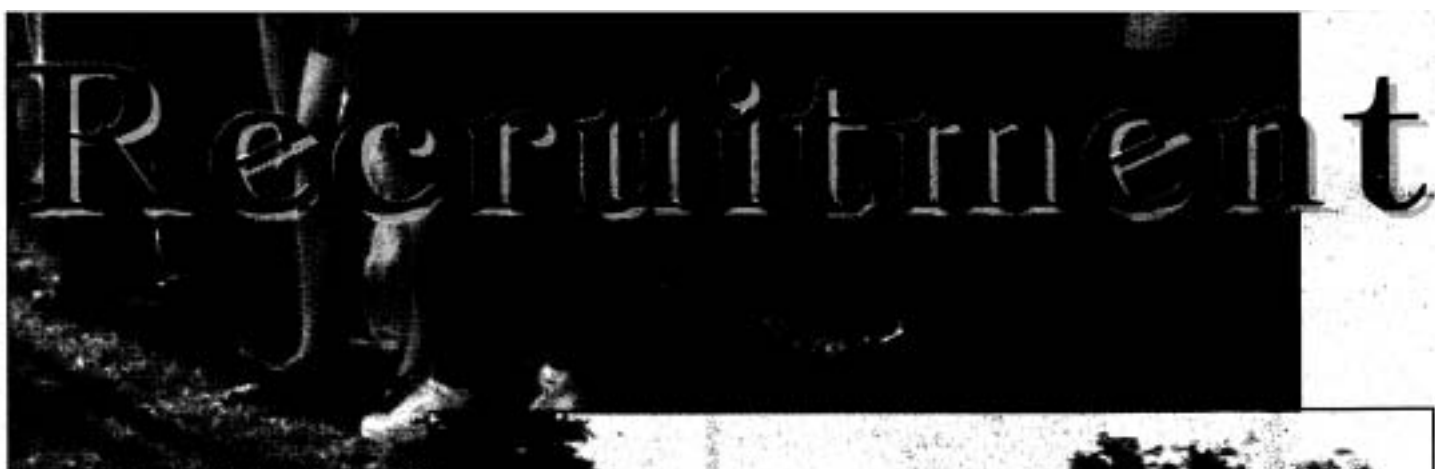
Although final figures will not be available until the last day of registration, Smith expects they will be very close to what they were for the 2003 school year. "It's so important to note that we at least *maintained* our enrollment this year," Smith says of last year's 9,031 student count. "Obviously, there is something about JSU that is attractive to prospective students," he adds.

In a society that is making it increasingly more necessary for its members to have a college degree, Smith credits a "student centeredness," affordability and a "quality academic life" as reasons JSU students keep coming back. "Our students really get the whole educational experience supported by strong academics," he says.

Measures have already been taken to accommodate what Smith hopes will be a growing student population. If the 10,000 mark is met, parking and class additions will be pertinent issues. A shuttle service that would transport students to and from class has been mentioned by university administration as a possible alleviation to parking problems that will undoubtedly arise with a surge in enrollment, Smith says.

In addition to parking issues, the university is already addressing concerns about providing enough variety in the times classes are offered. According to Smith, more sections have been pushed into the afternoon to relieve some of the morning-class traffic rush

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The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie

TOP: The cheering and hollering began shortly before 6p.m. on Sunday and continued steadily for 1 and a half hours.

RIGHT: The newest members of the Greek system at JSU run to meet their waiting sisters.

BELOW: Cameras and posing was the name of the game after the crying and hugging had subsided.



Story By
J. Wilson Guthrie

Cheers resembling the cries of 1000 banshees echoed through the Quad Sunday night. Recruitment took place this year a week earlier than in previous years, 23-28 August rather than the traditional Memorial Day weekend. Radison says that the council decided to move recruitment back because a lot of girls wanted to go home over the 'last weekend of summer. Also as an added bonus the girls who signed up and went through recruitment were all allowed to move into their dorms early.

Roughly 300 women, some dressed in black, others dressed in pink, chanted and cheered, jumped and shook their fists. To the untrained eye they could be considered possessed, but I knew what was going on: sorority rush.

Shortly there after, a group of about 70 women ran (with more screaming and more jumping) into the crowd of women with their matching colors. Some were laughing others were crying and everyone and their mother were taking pictures.

"We don't call it rush anymore," said Megan Radison, assistant director of student life and the National Panhellenic Council (the historically Caucasian sororities) advisor. "We call it recruitment, because rush is a passive



"Some women chose not to complete recruitment, some chose not to show up and some were

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By the numbers:

Number of days left until finals

97

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Saturday, Sept. 4 - Home vs. Emporia St.

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OPINION

Welcome Back



J. Wilson Guthrie
Editor in Chief

Well here we are. Another year, another editor and another newspaper. Hopefully my last year. You shouldn't recognize many of the faces at The Chanticleer right off. Maybe Amado and Erin, but Elizabeth and our yet unnamed copy desk editor I am sure that you don't know. Unless you are a communication student or a technology student... but anyway you know what I'm saying.

You will probably see a much different Chanticleer this year. The sections will look different and the layout will look a lot different. We are going to try to have two student drawn comics this year, and if I can find one, a student editorial comic artist.

Sports I think will take a turn for the

better. Amado has some great, fresh ideas that will help spark some more student involvement in the newspaper. Start looking soon for The Gamecock Forecast, a new section where myself and Amado will reign down our college picks for the week. In theory each week someone will sponsor that ad section in the paper. If you beat us and the rest of the people that enter, your name will go into a drawing for a prize. Sound cool? Let us know what you think about our ideas.

Features welcomes a fresh face also and an Atlanta-take on the concert calendar. Erin is a music-minded sax player who knows her stuff. Look for the concert calendar to go much more in-depth into the Gadsden area as well as more on Atlanta and Birmingham. Also a new section dealing with recipes will show up in the coming weeks. Erin said something about teaching people how to make a grilled cheese with an iron. I don't know.

News will have a new face and new look. Elizabeth worked for the local TV24 news desk and according to several people has a nose for news. Roz left us for greener pastures at housing, we'll miss you darlin'.

And I will be taking over the editorial and opinion section. If you have an educated opinion about something let me know. We are going to try to coordinate the section editor's columns and the some of the opinion pieces in the editorial section. And please send letters to the editor. They don't have to be about a particular section or story, if you see something you like or something you don't like or you just want to see your name in the paper, shoot me a line.

So that's the beginning of the year. Study hard. Party harder, and do your work. Get involved with your university, if it's nothing more than going to the football games on Saturday. Don't forget that you are paying for this, so get your moneys worth.

In Our View: The Olympics

As the Olympics draw to a close there are a few pictures that come to my mind from the great world-wide games. One would be that of a triumphant Michael Phelps after each win, especially after his first gold. Another would be a hardened Paul Hamm, who after a horrible mistake, came back to win yet another gold for the good ol' U.S. of A. Those are tainted though, by scoring mistakes, by doping scandals that have surrounded nearly every country in the games and expectations so high that angels had to look up to fathom them.

Korea has now threatened legal action on the U.S. gymnastics team and Hamm if he does not return his medal. Would you? Would you return such an emotional trophy such as an Olympic gold medal, something that you have trained your entire life to earn? That is a question that only he can answer, and we couldn't blame him if he didn't.

The doping scandal is a whole other cut and dry situation. If you cheat, and taint an institution such as the Olympics, then you should be banned for life and stripped of everything that you have EVER won. Even going back to college and high school, for that and any other sport you play. You should also have every record you ever set (Barry Bonds and Mark McGuire) stripped from you and taken out of the record books. There is NO place in sports for cheaters.

The expectations will take a little more than a paragraph to explain. Since they were small, children of the United States have been told that we are the greatest nation in the world. And we whole heartily agree with that notion. This notion has however, created a situation not unlike that of a middle child with a very successful older brother.

With that said, usually the middle child either A) goes completely insane and starts killing people B) gets really good himself or C) holds a grudge the rest of his life. Now it is safe to say that all of these have happened in the world at some point and time. And the second just happened in the past Olympics.

Case in point: the basketball team. It's not that they were really bad, they did get bronze. They did not however meet our expectations and were touted as being losers. Another thing they got was an awakening. Just because we invented it, doesn't mean that we are invincible at it. We can lose, even at basketball.

Letters to the Editor

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thing they got was an awakening. Just because we invented it, doesn't mean that we are invincible at it. We can lose, even at basketball.

So what the U.S. Olympic teams are bringing home other than a semi precious medal is a lesson. That maybe the rest of the world now thinks they are the greatest nation in the world. Maybe they always did.

IN OUR VIEW:

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

FINISH THIS LINE ... 'T' WAS THE
NIGHT BEFORE CLASSES AND ALL
THROUGH THE HOUSE...'



Amado Ortiz
Senior
Communications-Broadcast
Journalism
"How 'bout settin' the alarm? No thanks, I'll pass. Because no one goes to school on the first day of class."



Elizabeth Thurman
Senior
Communications-Print Journalism
"I tried to clean a spilled drink off my brand new blouse."



Erin Chupp
Senior
Communications-Print Journalism
"Everyone was stirring, even our kitchen mouse."



Jeremy Guthrie
Senior
Communications-Print Journalism
"Miller High Life bottles clanked and cigarettes slowly burned out."

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Another new and decidedly less enjoyable change for students in UPD procedure is an electronic ticketing system. Starting this year, a bar code on every student parking decal can be scanned by officers and will immediately tell them how many outstanding tickets a student has, says Fetner. He encourages students to pay their parking tickets up front, as soon

as they are issued. "If you let them accumulate, an officer will now be able to know that instantly, and that can lead to getting a boot on your car," Fetner warns.

UPD officers will also be able to write up to 300 tickets a day with the new ticketing system, as opposed to last year's 100 a day maximum.

There is, however, a little good news for students under this

new ticketing system. They can enjoy a two-week grace period before officers begin writing tickets on September 17. Although most parking violations during this two-week period will not be enforced, tickets will still be issued for illegally parking in a handicapped zone, parking on a yellow curb, or blocking a fire hydrant, says Fetner.

...Enrollment won't hit 10,000

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and to offer students more opportunities to register for classes they need.

Another feature JSU offers its students that Smith expects will also make the transition into a larger campus a little easier is the Distance Education program. Through Distance Education, students can take classes online or by way of video, with minimal or no class meetings. "It offers quality education that can be delivered

to students wherever they are," Smith says.

Is JSU prepared to cough up the funds that all of these measures will require? Smith says JSU has been allocating resources for the past two years to cover potential costs, instead of scrambling around to find funds at the last minute. "There is an awareness that we have to keep up," he comments.

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released. That happens every year."

The way the recruitment is set up, there are four days, each with a different theme. The first day is Values Day where the sororities tell the women a little about their organization and just encourage them to stick with recruitment and go Greek.

The second day or Philanthropy Day, each sorority does an activity with their groups. The prospective members learn about what the sororities do so serve their community, a theme central with all Greek organizations.

"Some chapters have them decorate different thing for their philanthropy," said Radison. "Delta Zeta actually taught them sign language, they all do something different."

The third day is called Theme day. This is where each sorority puts on a skit. Radison says that this is usually the most fun day for the prospective members because they get to see the sororities out of their element and not acting as serious. The skits must be pre-approved by the council prior and according to Radison they are all very entertaining.

The fourth and final day is Preference Day or Pref day. This is final decision time for the prospective members. This day is very formal with most of the women wearing dresses. This is also where the prospective members hear why each woman joined her sorority.

On that same day is Bid Day. A bid is an invitation to join a specific sorority. That is the day that with all the cheers on

the quad and parents taking pictures. During formal recruitment a woman can only receive one bid. The bids are matched by Radison and Director of Student Life Terry Casey with the preference choices of the prospective members with the help of a computer system.

Assisting the prospective members in making the decision of a lifetime are their Rho Chi's or recruitment counselor. These women are disaffiliated from their respective sororities and are not allowed any contact except with their groups of new members.

Radison also helps with Interfraternity Council recruitment and has organized a National Pan Hellenic Council week this year also.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phi Mu: We want to wish everyone a great Fall semester as well as a wonderful upcoming year! We would also like to congratulate each of the sororities on all of their beautiful new women. WE LOVE OUR NEW PHIS!

SGA: Welcome week will be wednesday Sept. 1- Thursday Sept. 9
SGA Coffeehouse is on Thursday Sept. 2 in Leone Cole Auditorium @ 7:30 pm
Funny Button Photo is Fri Sept 3 in TMB @ 9:00am to 2:00pm
SGA Tailgate Party is @ 12:00 before the game on Saturday in the Tailgate Area
Poster Sale on the Quad is on 7 & 8 from, 10:00am - 5:00pm
SGA Movie Night Featuring "TROY" is Tuesday Sept. 7 in TMB Auditorium @ 8:30pm

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 SGA Comedian is Thursday, Sept. 9 in TMB Auditorium @ 7:30pm
 Congratulations to JSU Soccer Team on their win against Mississippi Valley State

Sigma Nu: Sigma Nu would like to thank the ladies of Delta Zeta for allowing us the honor of sharing Homecoming Festivities with you. Rush Sigma Nu. Contact: Dave Chambers 435-9809

Society of Professional Journalists: Our first meeting will be Monday Sept. 6 at 5 p.m. If you are interested in joining please be at this meeting. Contact Jeremy Guthrie 525-1957

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CAMPUS CRIME

July 15 - Thomas Michael Vaughn II, 24, of Jacksonville was arrested for possession and receipt of Obscene matter.

Aug. 20 - Jason D. Richey, 19, reported the theft of a CD player, speakers, and CDs from his car outside Crow Hall.

Aug. 20 - Robert Swain reported the theft of CDs valued at \$320 and a debit from 507 1/2 Iola Dr. NW

Aug. 28 - Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity reported a disturbance of the peace by members of Kappa Alpha Order.

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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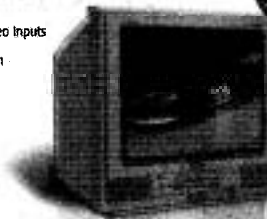
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On her summer study abroad trip, Amanda Miller visited the Cathedral of Toledo. To show religious importance, the cathedral stands as the tallest point in the city.



Story by Erin Chupp The Chanticleer Features Editor

She walked towards an open square at nightfall on uneven cobblestone streets, through arched doorways. On one side she saw a grand bell tower with an ornate clock, striking the time to meet with friends.

She sits at a wrought-iron table with the sky as her ceiling and a Spanish atuna band her entertainment. Who is she? Amanda Miller, junior at Jacksonville State University. What is she doing? Homework. Where is she? Spain. Toledo to be exact—experiencing a study abroad program during six weeks of her summer.

Like many students, Amanda dreamed of traveling overseas for years. Janet Alperstein, dean of study abroad at Barnard College said, “Currently, fewer than three percent of college students study abroad, while two recent American Council on Education surveys report that more than 75 percent of 1,006 individuals over age 18 think that students should have a study abroad experience during college, more than 70 percent of high school seniors think their college of choice should offer study abroad programs; and almost 50 percent plan to participate in such programs.”

If one desires to study abroad, it’s not an unattainable goal. Amanda started her study abroad search like looking for anything else, punching in words on Google. JSU no longer offers a study abroad program, but credits from the university in Spain, as well as many others, transfer evenly. After finding a program through Augusta State University in Georgia, tuition costing about \$5,500, she flew solo to Toledo with extra money to spend and many, many rolls of film.

Before leaving, Amanda opted to stay in a host home with a Spanish family for her month and a half stay. She filled out a rigorous personality profile, answering many specific questions because the families who volunteer to host students get to handpick their new additions.

The program was total immersion, meaning she had to have at least two years of the foreign language before leaving. The tour guides for day trips only spoke Spanish, for example. Living with her Senora, Maria, along with her husband and children plunged

Amanda deep into the culture and really helped build language skills.

“My biggest culture shock came when I got sick and had to go to the doctor by myself,” Amanda remembered. “I was so afraid I was going to tell them I had gangrene on my foot instead of my ear was hurting.”

Taking her doctors suggestions for medicine to the pharmacy also kept her learning new things; they gave out antibiotics over the counter. Amanda said it was not a big deal in Spain because, like



Courtesy of Amanda Miller

Amanda sits on a wall in Toledo with her tour director Jana Sandarg, who coordinated the program and acted as second mom to all of the students on the trip.

alcohol, they don’t have the high addiction problems or black market issues that Americans have with these things.

However, Amanda was not completely alone in another country, far from her hometown of Douglasville, Georgia. Her host family chose to take in two American students, so she quickly made friends with University of Minnesota student, Caitlin Dowden.

The two girls took a scenic 45-minute walk from their home to the three classes they had everyday: grammar, debate and culture. She found the way of life to impose a high level of energy con-

sciousness. The five-member family she lived with had one car to share among them and walking was normal for many.

The family was environmentally friendly with all aspects of life. One afternoon Amanda and Caitlin were studying inside when her Senora came in and turned off the lights. She told them to study outside and that “young girls need sunshine.”

Her favorite part of the trip, though, occurred when she and Caitlin actually got to rent a car and traveled to Granada, where they met up with other students from around the world, all studying in Spain. It was only an overnight stay, but she said she found the beauty intertwined with the history of the city amazing.

Some of Amanda’s experiences required her to be a bit more outgoing. Her family cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner for her each day and she was served delicacies such as cow tongue, testicles and brain. “It was an interesting experience and the only way I can justify eating it was because it was apart of the culture,” Amanda said. It was also hard to enjoy the hot soup she was served at least three times a week while the temperature averaged 112 degrees Fahrenheit!

Through each experience she learned a little something that would help her achieve higher levels in many areas of her life. “I desperately want to go back,” she said. “It’s made me a more well-rounded person, from learning about myself and my surroundings. It was such a wonderful experience and I grew so much and am proud of where I’m from.”

Planning to graduate with a nursing major and Spanish minor in the spring of 2006, her time spent studying abroad has prepared her for her future job—an OBGYN nurse practitioner. There are a growing number of pregnant Spanish women coming to the United States so their children can be American citizens. The birthing process is incredibly stressful, but even more so when the doctor cannot understand the native tongue of the woman delivering.

No matter what major or foreign language skill one has, Amanda encourages every student to take advantage of studying abroad. “Even if you don’t speak another language,” she advises, “go to Australia or London or somewhere else—just do it.”

More than gold: price for 'magic moment'

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



In 1997, the world voted for the feel-good return of the Olympic Games to its birthplace in Athens, Greece. It is a unique opportunity and a very special two weeks for many of the athletes. Not only are they participating in the world's most prestigious athletic event, but they are also running on the same earth Greek feet first raced on in 776 B.C.

The organizers in Athens brought in some ties from the ancient Games to this summer's modern one—winners stood on their blocks and were crowned with wreaths, for example. However, there are many obvious differences in the Olympics as the centuries have passed.

No longer do athletes compete stripped down nude, their bodies slathered in olive oil. And no longer is the once pagan, 4-year event an expensive display. The Greeks budgeted \$4.6 billion for what International Olympic Committee (IOC) chief Jacques Rogge calls "a magic moment."

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Spirit bleeds baby blue

By Erin Chupp
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Jacksonville becomes a ghost town during the summer months, but the university keeps breathing, staying alive all over the states through Spirit drum and bugle corps. The corps is made up of 135 members ages 14 to 21, who travel approximately 12,000 miles every summer.

Marching drum corps, an intense summer performance ensemble, these students compete against other corps across the nation, traveling to a different city every day, and receive college credit.

However, it all commences long before watermelon stands are in business and swimming pools are filled. Drum corps auditions are held in November and after the members are chosen, they meet one weekend a month until May to rehearse.

By the end of May, most college students have packed up their dorms and apartments and moved home for the summer. For the staff and members of Spirit, though, a demanding five-week period of "all-days" begins.

The name is not misleading in any way; all-days consist of strenuous work to build a marching show, lasting 12-15 hours each day. By the end of these weeks, the show has to be finished, and the corps packs up and leaves to go on tour, living on buses and school gym floors till August.

This summer, Spirit marched about 40 shows for audiences and judges, striving towards a show that would land them an honored spot in the national top 12 list. On days they were not performing, all-day practices returned.

Four-year veteran Bryan Sintos said, "Your summer is massive repetition towards perfection." This is not an ordinary marching band, it is a family of individuals



Courtesy of www.spiritdrumcorps.org

Spirit drum and bugle corps performs for about 20,000 people in person and many others watching their marching show broadcast on television every summer.

dedicated to doing their best, making the correct adjustments each step of the way. "You push yourself beyond perceived limitations," Sintos said.

Originating in 1976 as Spirit of Atlanta, the corps took a huge step three years ago and moved to JSU. Ken Bodiford, the university's director of bands, became the new director of Spirit of JSU.

Traditions continued to sound through the corps—

same Spirit, different location. The corps color remains to be baby blue after co-founder and JSU alumni Freddy Martin chose it to be an all-American color, the same as that of the sky.

Spirit's symbol, a delta, has also stayed, whether on paper, jewelry or tattoo art. If you're walking to class you might pass someone with a delta pendant around their neck, cut from cymbals and given to each member. Sintos explains that by themselves, the pendants don't produce any great sound or purpose, but combined together into huge crash cymbals the sound is tremendous. In the same way, when all the members of the corps come together for one purpose, the whole is definitely greater than all of the parts combined.

"You put hundreds of hours of practice into a 10-minute performance, but the thrill of performing in front of thousands is worth it," Dave Crombie said. At age 21, Crombie spent his last summer marching with the leadership position of horn sergeant. "I couldn't have asked for a better age-out year because we continued to get better every day. We came together as a family more than we have in the past."

Spirit members live with the same people 24 hours a day; they travel together, run together, sweat together, bleed together and breathe together. The culmination of their efforts occurs in August at Drum Corps International World Championships. This year Spirit missed making finals by .075. "I'm not disappointed," Drum Major Grayson Lawrence said, "because we worked hard all year and did our very best."

Horoscopes

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

You'll start the week in a dream world of your own. It may be best to take time alone and treat yourself better. A short trip may be the ticket to fun and adventure. Work runs smoothly for a change, but there are tensions in the home. Remember your mate.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Listen to a friend's advice regarding financial planning. Once you have your plan in order, take time to discuss it with your beneficiary. Others may accuse you of living with unrealistic expectations - don't let it bother you, your best ideas come to you this way.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

This week will bring passion and intimacy with your love. Business and household projects are favored, and you'll be surprised at how much you get done. There may be a bonus for your recent efforts. Take time for laughter, and make plans to further

can work through. Self-improvement efforts will succeed.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Spend time with close friends and have some fun. Both your friendships and love relationships are very fulfilling. Keep your cool; someone is trying to undermine your position with flattery or outright bribery. There is a lucrative job possibility in the future.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

It's a pretty effortless and pleasurable week. You have the power to make changes for the better. Personal achievements and romance will be highlighted for the next few months. You need to resolve an old misunderstanding with an estranged friend.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You tend to be overly optimistic or overly negative. Start seeing your partners and cohorts as they really are, not only as you want to see them. Both friends and close associates are going to be particularly important to you for the next several months. Choose your companions care-

Committee (IOC) chief Jacques Rogge calls "a magic moment."

This sounds like a fortune for sporting events until you find out that almost \$12 billion has already been spent. This price tag places a heavy burden, predicted to last a decade, on those that pay for the Games—Greek taxpayers. And Joe Fisherman probably didn't ask for this bill.

Much of the cost for this summer is explainable. When the honor of hosting the Games was awarded to the Greeks, 9-11 had not yet occurred, and there were no unforeseen extra security costs factored into the expenses.

However, some blame is directly placed on the Greeks. Elaborate venues that have been naturally present in other Olympic cities had to be created in Greece, such as the man-made canoe and kayaking venues.

Four years ago the summer games in Sydney were well planned and gained much praise while only spending \$3.51 billion. Instead of running the race leading to gold paved by Sydney, Greece spent much money with from-scratch architectural designs and last-minute details because they did not start construction early enough, leading to paying contractors around the clock.

Once the venues were complete they received rave reviews, but then why were empty seats found all throughout the competitions? Why did the Olympic Committee end up letting in spectators for free?

If the true spirit of the Games was on the minds of Committee members, healthy athletic competition would soar in importance over an extravagant Olympic village.

The finished product, sitting on the shelf of the Mediterranean, is appealing to the eye, but the question remains to be whether the 2-week high will be worth the cost.

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CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

You are in a very practical frame of mind and unusually sharp in all your money matters. In your can-do-anything mood, no matter how busy, you will be more than able to take care of everything. Speak softly and avoid disagreements with a loved one.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23)

Family is highlighted for now. Heart-to-heart talks with children will prove advantageous. The financial goals you've had in mind are going to be realized in the very near future. Strive for fairness in all your decision-making.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

Any problems in family or home life will finally be resolved. Keep your cool in the workplace; co-workers may be overly sensitive. There are changes, from a distance, which will stir things up at work for the next few weeks. Unreasonable demands may be made.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

This week will start on a very upbeat note. Wherever you are, you are surrounded by luck and friendship. Unexpected money is most likely to come your way. Your work and family responsibilities are heavy; you have people relying on you from all sides, take things one at a time.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

There are many things that need your attention right now. Try to prioritize, and do the most important things first. Verbal clashes are unavoidable - both your kids and co-workers will challenge your authority. Check out any opportunities to increase your income.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

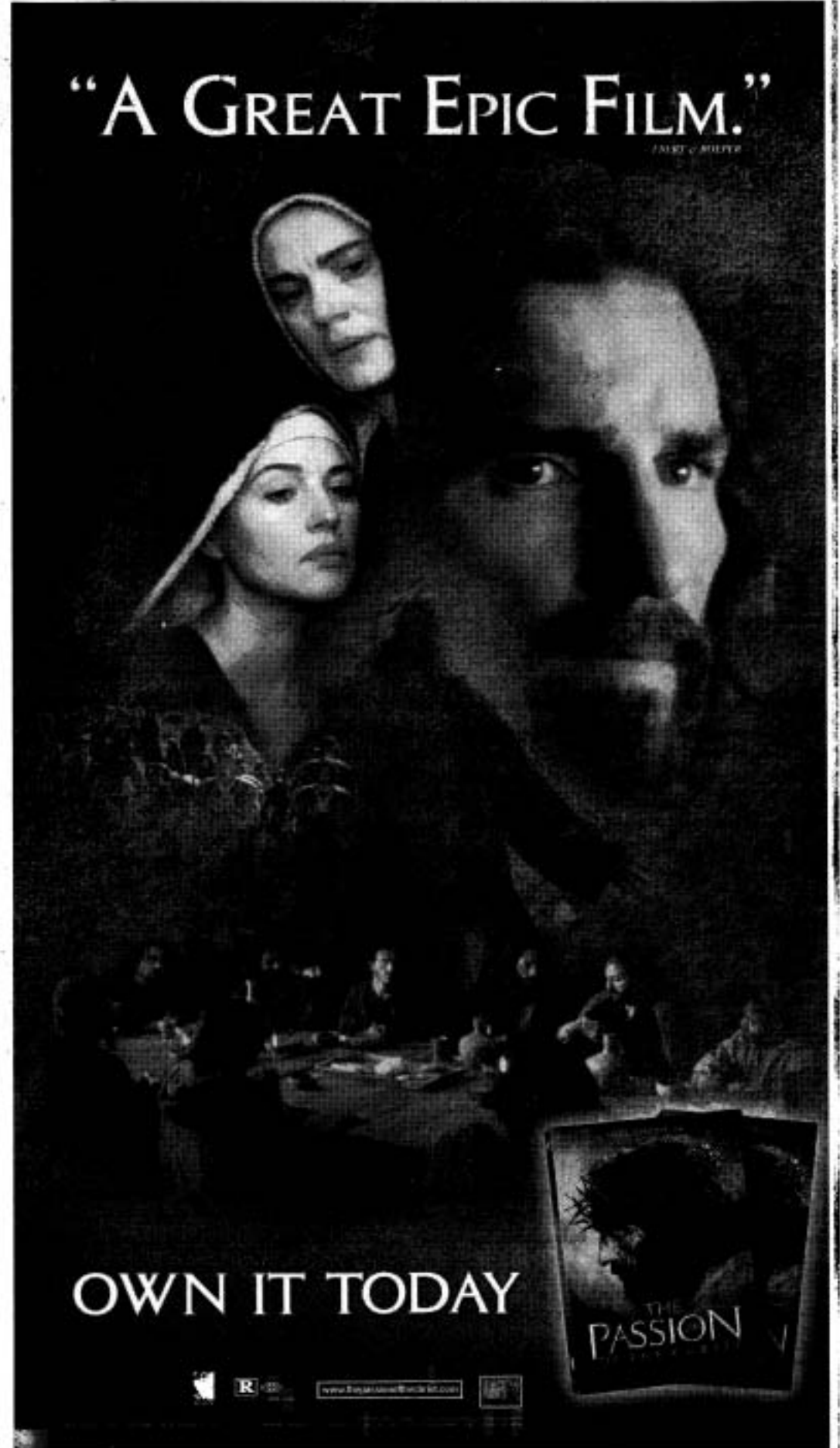
Spend some time with your mate and family. You are both assertive and charming. It feels good to succeed at work and know your family's happy too. The week will be full of heavy mental stimulation and many challenges. Innovative and unconventional approaches may work well.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

The more you depend on your inner reserves, the stronger you are. Your actions inspire family members to strive for their best. There are some self doubts you have been wrestling with which only you

few months. You need to resolve an old misunderstanding with an estranged friend. **IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You tend to be overly optimistic or overly negative. Start seeing your partners and cohorts as they really are, not only as you want to see them. Both friends and close associates are going to be particularly important to you for the next several months. Choose your companions carefully, for they will either help or hinder your dreams.

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**United States.
King of the hill
or just Drama
Kings?**

By
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Sports Editor



The United States of America has won more gold's than any other country in the Olympics, has won more silver's than anybody, was second in bronze and when it is all said and done they will lead in the drama department as well.

Let's start with first things first. Before any American athlete stepped foot on an airplane to Athens, they sat through a briefing that lasted 75 minutes before they could take off for Olympic Village. The briefings included very specific instructions as to how athletes should conduct themselves in public, how to handle victory or defeat on the sporting stage and how they are to use the Stars and Stripes flag in celebration.

That is why it is a complete surprise that the USOC refused to deliver a letter to US Olympic gymnast Paul Hamm from the Olympic committee offering Hamm to consider giving up the gold.

Why not deliver the letter? It would be a great act of sportsmanship and the ultimate public relations move. The United States could put to bed the issue of being the bully and finally walking away a good man.

Especially after the darling of the Sydney games Marion Jones hardly got any applause from the 2004 games as she recently has come under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. Jones failed at both

Are the Cocks ready to strut their rings?

...the proof is in the pudding. We have just turned the heat and the pudding hasn't been cooked yet." - Crowe

By **Amado Ortiz**
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The defending 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Champions Jacksonville State Gamecocks (Sounds pretty good, don't it?) will kick off their campaign this Saturday against the Emporia State Hornets at 2 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium.

If you are like every other student roaming Jacksonville, your saying Who? Emporia who? What? Yeah!

Well here's the skinny on Emporia. The Emporia State official web-site introduces the school like this "Located in the heart of the famous Bluestem Region of the Flint Hills (consisting of the northeast quarter of Kansas)." Just say Kansas. We are from Kansas and there's no place like home, Dorothy.

Basically Emporia State is a Division II school and they are in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Other than a few stats, that is all we have on Emporia State, oh and don't forget about the Flint Hills.

THE GOOD

Fortunately for us, there is no place like home because the Gamecocks strut a 213-86-8 overall home record. Not to mention a 38-17-3 record in home openers and 3-1 record in home openers under head coach Jack Crowe. Let's not get started about the six-game regular season winning streak on the line and for crying out loud, we are OVC Champs. JSU returns 15 starters, including the core of a defensive unit that held opponents to a league-low 120.7 yards and 23.2 points per game last season. So bottom line Emporia State does not have the odds in their favor.

THE BAD

Emporia State has already played a game and earned a victory at the expense of Ft. Hays State 13-10.

Jake Richter gained 87 yards on 18 carries on the ground while JJ Richard caught eight passes for 97 yards. They have some guys that can play but is their ground game and air attack going to be enough?

"Defensively, I have never been impressed more than with the speed, movement and contact of any group of players than these players," said Crowe.

The Gamecocks have really upgraded on defense, in other words their fast, real fast. The Gamecocks have added Defensive back Marcus Woodson, a transfer from Ole Miss, defensive lineman Mike Gibson, a transfer from Ole Miss, linebacker LeMarcus Rowell, a transfer from Auburn, and Memphis transfer Jarren Humphrey at linebacker.

Truth be known, the defense is pretty good so the Hornets are definitely going to have their hands full. Sure there is a reason they play the games and games are not won on paper but not at Paul Snow Stadium.

THE COCKY

Jacksonville State also placed three players on the preseason OVC All-Conference team, including linebacker Jonathan Crutcher, offensive lineman John Pettus, and three-time All-American Richie Rhodes who is going to have the field position game on lock. The offense is going to be led by punishing runner Oscar Bonds at tailback and Maurice Mullins at quarterback who has all the ingredients for having a breakout year.

Gavin Hallford is responsible for the kicking duties and has been impressive in the preseason.

The Gamecocks have the pieces in place to make another run at the OVC crown and the Chanticleer Sports doesn't want to beat the same dog but this defense is good. Real good. So look for Maurice Mullins to score on an option play, Halford to make the PAT true, the defense simply being the defense, and the Gamecocks will strut to a 42-0 final score. You read it here first.



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie

Maurice Mullins and the rest of the Gamecocks hope to pick up where they left off last year and continue their regular season win streak to seven this Saturday at Paul Snow Stadium.

2004 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPS



games as she recently has come under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. Jones failed at both quests for gold in the women's long jump and botching the baton in the women's relay race. The Dream Team became the Cream Team and lost in the semis just as did the volleyball team. The US also failed to win a medal of any kind in diving for the first time in 92 years.

It seems like the perfect scenario for Paul Hamm to give up the gold to South Korean Yang Tae-young demonstrating that sportsmanship is the real reason for the games. Sure everyone wants to be competitive and go after Olympic glory but when your country is already in the limelight for being a bad sport you just got to take one for the team and do the honorable thing.

USOC secretary general Jim Scherr compared the situation to a football game that was over and a bad call earlier in the game changed the outcome.

Is it really like that? Is it fair to compare like that?

What if in this year's Iron Bowl Alabama was awarded five points for a touchdown instead of six on the scoreboard and nobody knew until after the game that Alabama was cut a point. Therefore overtime should not have happened, therefore Alabama wins not Auburn.

One tenth of a point was that big a difference. It was exactly 0.051 of a point. The difference between Olympic gold and Olympic bronze. The difference between bad sportsmanship and good guy, the difference between not doing the right thing and doing the right thing. We all fall short but you only want to stop and wonder what if Paul Hamm was given a start value of 9.9 instead of 10.0 and it cost him Olympic gold.



Courtesy www.gamecocksports.com

The JSU baseball team claimed the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Championship over the break. It marked the first conference championship since claiming the 1991 Gulf South Conference title and first since moving to Division I in 1995.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FRIDAY NIGHT... FUTBOL? YES FUTBOL!

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Is the Fountain of Youth the answer? The Jacksonville State women's soccer team hopes some fresh legs added to the line-up of an already solid defensive team will be the formula for success.

JSU looks to build on last year's 5-0-3 OVC conference record and overall 11-5-4 record. With 10 returning starters and three 2003 OVC First team players back led by senior defender Breanne Milne, junior midfielder Joanna McCaughey and also 2003 OVC Defensive Player of the Year goalkeeper Amanda Stephens, the gamecocks should compete for the OVC crown.

The Gamecocks will be playing one of their toughest schedules to date and are picked to finish fourth in the OVC by a preseason poll of the head coaches but their strong defensive unit should have a lot more to say than that this season.

The Gamecocks will host SEC power Lady Bulldogs of Mississippi State on September 17th and travel to the University of Alabama on September 19th. The first OVC home game will be against rival Samford on September 24th which promises to be an important game in the OVC race.

OVC teams playing at the JSU Soccer Field this season include Eastern Illinois, Southeast Missouri State and Morehead State. Conference road games include trips to Tennessee-Martin, Murray State, Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay.

"That pick is a little low" said center midfielder Ashley Smith. "We have some young players that

"We have to pick up the intensity to reach our potential." -Ashley Smith-

haven't played but the core of the team is back. Bree (Breanne Milne) is going to have a breakout year so all we have to do is get our intensity up and we can have a good season."

The intensity from last years intimidating defense was not as high in the season opener against UAB, arguably the season's toughest opponent, as the Gamecocks started four freshmen in the 6-2 loss.

"UAB is just really fast," said Smith. "We just had some players playing their first games so after they get used to the college level, we will be ok."

Dausha Hudack scored the opening goal marking the first time JSU has scored on UAB in three contests. The Gamecocks were down 2-1 at the half but wore down in the second half as UAB pulled away.

JSU bounced back Sunday in their home opener against Mississippi Valley State as they completed their 28th straight shutout at home.

Hudack sent a cross to Courtney Moore who sent a header in the goal and the defense held on for the lead as Mississippi Valley got off only two shots in the second half.

The soccer will rely on their defensive power this season and will get a jump start this weekend as they begin a west coast swing on Friday against Rice and then travel to Ft. Worth to take on TCU on Sunday.

"We have the potential to be very good," said Smith. "I believe we are going to have a breakout year."



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JSU will be depending on their strong defense and the new fresh legs from Courtney Moore.

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