Colorado student dies mysteriously in fraternity house after getting bid

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. - Police were awaiting autopsy and toxicology reports to help determine why an 18-year-old University of Colorado student from Texas died at the fraternity where he'd just been accepted as a pledge.

Officers found the body of Lynn Gordon Bailey Jr., 18, of Dallas, in a first-floor library of the Chi Psi house on Friday after someone called 911.

Police spokeswoman Julie Brooks said officers had not determined whether alcohol was a factor in Bailey's death. The investigation was to resume Monday.

Bailey was found a few hours after he had called his mother to tell her he had been accepted by Chi Psi and had earned a spot on a club lacrosse team.

"He had it all, he was absolutely at the top," his aunt, Lyn Feldman, said from Dallas. "He was thrilled about making the lacrosse team, and he was so excited about joining the fraternity."

Feldman said Bailey considered himself an athlete and did not have a drinking problem, although he may have been celebrating Thursday night.

A candlelight vigil with Bailey's parents was held late Sunday at the Chi Psi house.

Feldman released a statement from the family, which said, "We are heartbroken over the tragic loss of our son, L. Gordon Bailey Jr. Gordie's life may have been short-lived, but he lived it fully with humor, affection, optimism, integrity and honor. Our tragedy is widely shared by all of those who had the privilege of knowing him."

Bailey's death came less than two weeks after the death of Samantha Spady, a 19-year-old sophomore at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Authorities Friday said she died of alcohol poisoning at the Sigma Pi fraternity on Sept. 5 of alcohol poisoning.

Investigators said Spady, of Beatrice, Neb., had consumed 30 to 40 beers and vodka drinks in 11 hours.

Gov. Bill Owens said the deaths of Bailey and Spady were wake-up calls.

"We need to take the scourge of alcoholism very seriously, realizing it can kill, not just on the roads, but it can also kill as we've seen on these universities, perhaps just from overuse," he said.

Bailey's father, Lynn G. Bailey of Sun Valley, Idaho, and his stepfather, Michael Lanahan of Dallas, were on campus Saturday. Family members met with Sam Bessey, executive director of the Chi Psi national organization, and CU-Boulder Chancellor Richard L. Byyny.

Chi Psi's national charter has been suspended, but the Boulder members were allowed to remain in the home.

Social activities at the university's Greek houses have been suspended indefinitely by the Interfraternity Council, which governs fraternities. The university also plans a review of the Greek system.

Bailey also is survived by mother, Leslie Lanahan, of Dallas, stepmother, Claire Bailey, of Sun Valley and a 14-year-old sister.

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About war, outlines plan to end conflict

By Nedra Pickler
Associated Press

NEW YORK - Senator John Kerry is challenging President George W. Bush to immediately begin taking steps to stop the surge of violence in Iraq even as the president came under unusually harsh criticism from members of his own party about Iraq, including accusations of incompetence.

Kerry was laying out a four-part plan to bring peace to Iraq during a speech Monday at New York University, seeking to offer a persuasive alternative to Bush's management of Iraq's reconstruction and the overall war on terror. He also was arguing that Bush has not been honest about the rationale for war or its costs, according to Kerry campaign officials.

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In escalating violence in Iraq, some 300 people have been killed over the past week in bombings, street fighting and U.S. airstrike. So far this month, 52 U.S. soldiers have died.

With six weeks remaining until the Nov. 2 election, Kerry was inviting debate on an issue that has given him trouble in his bid for the White House.

Rivals of the Democratic senator have accused him of staking unclear, even contradictory, positions on Iraq. His speech was aimed at explaining his stance and drawing clear differences with Bush's leadership at a time when troubles in Iraq are mounting.

Kerry, speaking on the eve of Bush's scheduled address to the U.N. General Assembly in the same city, is arguing the president has made miscalculations in Iraq that have left the United States less safe by distracting from the real war on terror and creating a potential breeding ground for terrorists in chaotic regions of Iraq.

During the campaign, Kerry has said his goal would be to pull U.S. troops out of Iraq in his first term.

That sends "a clear signal of defeat and retreat to America's enemies that will make the world a far more dangerous place," said Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt.

Over the weekend, several Republican senators criticized Bush's handling of the situation in Iraq.

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The crew began work Thursday and according to Thompson, was finished by Friday. Only one campus power line was knocked down during the storm, knocking out about a third of campus power. The Physical Plant and its team were able to get those parts of campus affected by the outage “back on line fairly quickly, in about six or seven hours,” said Thompson.

Most of the tasks that occupied the cleanup crew’s time were dedicated to removing debris. “The majority of our damage was caused by fallen tree debris,” said Thompson. “We had 15 trees, whether it was just partials or the whole tree itself, come down.”

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Good luck to our intramural football team at their games this week. Sister of the week is Lauren McKenzie. Have a great week and go Gamecocks!

Contact: Jenny Wentworth, 425-5152.

Delta Zeta: Great job to the football team. We are so excited about Homecoming with Sigma Nu. We are so proud of our new members. Weekly Awards: New Member-Alana; Twisted-Stacy; Spirit-Molly; Support-Kristi. We had a blast on our sisterhood retreat. Learn more about Delta Zeta at www.jaxstdeltazeta.org. Have a great week GAMECOCKS! Contact: Molly Sosebee, JSUMLS@aol.com.

Friends of the Houston Cole Library: We would like to invite all students to attend a book reading and signing on Thursday, September 23 at 7 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. Novelist T.R. Pearson will be the guest. Contact: Dr. Gates, 782-5548.

JSU Ambassadors: We would like to encourage all students to support the SGA in all of their upcoming events. Special thanks go to President and Mrs. Meehan for hosting the JSU Ambassador reception. GO GAMECOCKS! Contact: Tracy Phillips, 782-5260.

JSU Peer Educators: Just a friendly reminder, please do not drink and drive. Have a great fall semester. Contact: TMB 3rd floor ACE, 782-5475.

Marching Southerners: The band will be performing at the Mid-South Band Festival on Saturday, October 2, 2004. The event starts at 12:30 at Murphree Stadium in Gadsden, and the Southerners will perform at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $5. Contact: JSU Music Department, 782-5562.

Phil Mu: We love our PHIs, and congrats to Crystal and Kat! We love you! We hope everyone has a wonderful week, and good luck to JSU soccer, volleyball, and football! Go Gamecocks! Contact: Allison Crow, allisn1182@aol.com.

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Sigma Nu: Congratulations to all the Jacksonville State men who chose to go through IFC Recruitment. We hope you made the right choice. Contact: Dave Chambers, 435-9809.

Society of Professional Journalists: Our first meeting will be Monday, the 27th in the Chanticleer office in Self Hall rm. 181 at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Jeremy Guthrie, 782-5701.

Zeta Tau Alpha: Congratulations Gamecocks on your win against UTC! Good luck this Saturday. We love all of our wonderful new members. Have a great week! Contact: Heather Moore, heatherm16@hotmail.com.

92 J: We are looking for new DJs and a local music director. Contact: Josh Hylden, 782-5572.

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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**

Sept. 9 - A male subject at the Delta Chi house was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. An assault rifle was confiscated from the subject’s vehicle.

Sept. 10 - A female subject was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol at Mountain St. and Forney Ave. The driver and her passenger were also charged with possession of marijuana.

Sept. 12 - A male victim reported his car hood had been scratched outside Daugette Hall.

Sept. 12 - A firearm was allegedly fired when members of Sigma Nu fraternity attempted to take the gun away from an unknown male subject at the fraternity house at 235 Mountain St. NW.

Sept. 13 - A male victim reported theft of his backpack at Pannell Hall, valued at $102.

Sept. 13 - Property valued at $50 was reported stolen from faculty mailboxes in Ramona Wood Hall.

Sept. 13 - A female victim reported damage to her vehicle outside Curtis Hall.

Sept. 13 - An unattended toddler was reported wandering around Jax Apartments’ parking lot.

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.
Bush throws counterpunches at Kerry, asks Americans for renewed support in Iraq

By Scott Lindlaw
AP Writer

WASHINGTON - President Bush is striking back at John Kerry’s increasingly aggressive criticism on Iraq, asking Americans to stick with him in the war in the face of surging violence there.

But Bush is facing a fresh wave of attacks from members of his own party, including an influential senator who said Sunday the administration’s “incompetence” was to blame for the country’s slow recovery from war.

Kerry has been lambasting Bush in recent days on the cost of the Iraq war in lives and dollars, and the Democratic senator planned a new assault Monday. The Democrat "will lay out his plan for cleaning up the mess George Bush has made in Iraq," said campaign spokesman Phil Singer.

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As evidence of the pessimism, Stanzel pointed to remarks last week by Retired Adm. William Crowe, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and an adviser to Kerry. Crowe said Friday the situation in Iraq is deteriorating and the United States must reconsider its military efforts.

“That is the No. 1 lesson of Vietnam. We must decide if we’re paying a larger price at home than justifies the gains made in Iraq,” Crowe said.

Separately, it was reported last week that the National Intelligence Council presented Bush this summer with three pessimistic scenarios regarding the security situation in Iraq, including the possibility of a civil war there before the end of 2005.

Six weeks before the election, Bush was also the subject of unusually harsh criticism from members of his own party, some of whom also invoked Vietnam.

“The fact is, a crisp, sharp analysis of our policies is required. We didn’t do that in Vietnam, and we saw 11 years of casualties mount to the point where we finally lost,” said Sen. Chuck Hagel, a Vietnam War veteran who is co-chairman of Bush’s re-election committee in Nebraska. He spoke on CBS’ "Face the Nation."

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Richard Lugar, noted that Congress appropriated $184.4 billion a year ago this week for reconstruction. No more than $1 billion has been spent.

“This is the incompetence in the administration,” Lugar, R-Ind., said on ABC’s "This Week."

Lugar added that the United States needs to train more Iraqi police officers and better coordinate military bombings with Iraqi forces “so that we do not alienate further the Iraqi people by intrusions that are very difficult and are costly in terms of lives.”

Sen. John McCain, another Vietnam War veteran, was asked on "Fox News Sunday" about Bush’s often rosy pronouncements about progress in Iraq.

McCain, R-Ariz., said Bush was not being "as straight as we would want him to be" about the situation.

An adviser to McCain, John Weaver, sought to soften McCain’s remark, saying it should not be considered a broad critique of the war. Weaver said McCain simply “has some concerns about the day-to-day tactics.”

New England was hostile territory to Bush in 2000, with every state voting against him except New Hampshire, and as president, he’s never visited Vermont or Rhode Island. But he moves Monday to build momentum in New Hampshire, where a new poll shows him with a solid lead over Kerry, a New Englander.

Bush was wedging in a day of re-election campaigning in New Hampshire and New York on Monday before sitting down for two days of heavy diplomacy at the annual U.N. meeting in Manhattan.

In his ninth trip to New Hampshire, Bush will employ a forum he also used in his eighth trip to the state, on Aug. 30: “Ask President Bush.” It’s a rally where he gives a speech, hears testimonials on his policies from supporters, and then takes a few questions from them.

Bush almost never fields questions challenging his policies. Last month in New Hampshire, one woman used her opportunity to question the president to declare, "New Hampshire chicks love you."

Kerry calls neighboring Massachusetts home, but a new poll puts Bush ahead of Kerry in New Hampshire. The Mason-Dixon poll for MSNBC and Knight-Ridder had Bush at 49 percent and Kerry at 40 percent. The poll of 625 likely voters was conducted Monday through Wednesday. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

A poll in August and two in late July showed Bush and Kerry about even or Kerry slightly ahead in New Hampshire.

Bush attends a fundraiser for the Republican National Committee in New York City on Monday night.

Kerry proposes four-point plan to end war in Iraq, welcomes help from other nations

By Nedra Pickler
AP Writer

NEW YORK - Sen. John Kerry said Monday that President George W. Bush’s invasion of Iraq has created a crisis that could lead to unending war and raises questions about whether Bush’s judgment is up to presidential standards. He offered his own four-point plan starting with the president’s decision to go to war against Iraq has distracted from a greater threat to the United States, more terrorist attacks.

"Iraq was a profound diversion from that war and the battle against our greatest enemy, Osama bin Laden and the terrorists," Kerry said.

"Invading Iraq has created a crisis of historic proportions and, if we do not change course, there is the prospect of a war with no end in sight.

Kerry’s speech was timed one day ahead of Bush’s scheduled address to the U.N. General Assembly, where the president is expected to give an update on Iraq. His speech was aimed at explaining his stance and drawing clear differences with Bush’s leadership at a time when troubles in Iraq are mounting.

Kerry tried to turn the criticism back against the president by pointing to varying administration arguments for going to war.

“By one count, the president offered 23 different rationales for this war,” Kerry said. “If his purpose was to confuse and mislead the American people, he succeeded.”

Kerry said Bush’s two main rationales, Indiana Republican Richard Lugar, who said Sunday problems with reconstruction show there is “incompetence in the administration.”

Sen. John McCain, an Arizona Republican, said he would like to see the president be clearer about the dangers in Iraq.

Polls show that most voters think Bush is a better leader on Iraq than Kerry would be. But Democrats say Kerry could turn public opinion by pointing out problems there, plans for a January election are in doubt, troops are stretched thin and more than 1,000 U.S. troops
President Bush addresses upcoming Hurricane Ivan relief in Orange Beach, promises Congress will soon have complete plan

**Associated Press**

ORANGE BEACH, Ala. - President Bush got a close-up look Sunday at the destruction caused by Hurricane Ivan as he took a walk along the sandy coastline and dropped in at the Orange Beach Fire Station.

A small crowd gathered in an adjoining park and cheered as Bush entered the fire station, where Ivan ripped tiles off the roof and forced firefighters to flee during the storm.

Bush walked through the sands with Orange Beach Mayor Steve Russo, examining the wreckage of several homes and condominium complexes.

"The devastation caused by Ivan is terrible," Bush said at beach town following a stop in Pensacola, Fla., for an intimate view of Ivan's destruction.

"This was a big storm that caused a lot of damage and a lot of suffering. I want to thank the people that are working hard to bring some sense of order into the lives of these citizens, both at the state level and the local level," Bush said.

Alabama Gov. Bob Riley and members of the state's congressional delegation accompanied Bush on his tour at Orange Beach.

About 322,170 homes and business in Alabama remained without power Sunday night, down from about 460,000 Saturday and a state record 1.1 million after the hurricane moved through the state Thursday.

After visiting with firefighters and rescue workers, Bush spoke for five minutes in front of the fire station, with a large U.S. flag and an Orange Beach ladder truck as a backdrop.

I know people all across our country join me in praying for the families of those who suffered loss of life," Bush said.

"We understand thousands don't have power. We thank the power companies that understand that they have an obligation and a duty to restore power as quickly as possible."

Bush also expressed concern for Ivan's victims in rural Alabama. "whose lives have been turned upside down by this storm as well."

He also expressed his appreciation to the National Guard troops, police and firefighters who said they were providing stability to storm victims. Some farmers saw their crops wiped out by the massive storm and Bush promised the government would help them recover.

"We will have a plan worked out to help you," Bush said.

He also pledged to work with Congress to insure that highways and bridges are repaired as quickly as possible.

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Worse for some

By Elizabeth Thurman
The Chanticleer
News Editor

Writing a column laced with my usual tongue-in-cheek attempts at humor doesn’t really seem appropriate this week, given the circumstances. So, just this once, I’ll refrain.

Instead, I want to tell you what I did during the hurricane.

Last Wednesday, JSU administration made the decision to cancel all classes for the remainder of the week. This decision set us all into a tailspin, whether it be rushing to the store for the ubiquitous loaf of bread, or rushing to the party down the street to usher in Sir Ivan.

Myself, I must admit, stood clustered together with Gore-Tex clad friends Wednesday night waiting to see what the hurricane had in store for us. Due to a rough bout with bronchitis and the pleas of my worried mother, I had to retire early, but not without first catching out of my friends enact an impressive parody of a weatherman caught in the storm. Funny stuff, but I had to go.

For the most part, Wednesday night’s weather didn’t daunt me. I slept all day and caught up on all the Z’s I’ve missed since this semester began.

At first, the whole situation struck me as mildly humorous. I felt removed from everything that was going on around the Coast. After all, the worst thing that had happened to me as a result of the storm was that my cell phone quit working for a few hours because of damage to towers. I’m not even positive that the hurricane caused the damage. As a general rule, Cingular isn’t the way to go.

Friday, I woke up to clear skies and a phone call letting me know a previously planned road trip to Chattanooga was still on. Thoroughly excited and anxious to get out of Jacksonville for a weekend, we hit the road. On the way up to Tennessee, one of my travel companions made the comment that “Ivan wasn’t such a bad ass after all.”

That got me thinking (a novel concept, I know). Sure, Ivan didn’t do nearly as much inland damage as was predicted. Maybe some of us lost power for a day, or lost cell phone service or lost a tree in our backyards. But can you honestly imagine waking up and realizing that every single piece of clothing, every photograph, every piece of furniture, every vehicle, and every feeling of security you ever had has been stripped away from you? I’ve tried for days to gain a small understanding of what that might feel like. I can’t and I hope I never have to.

It’s so ironic that the word “leveled” is used to describe the end result of a destructive storm. “The Flora-Bama was leveled” or “houses on Mobile Bay were leveled.” That word implies balance and peace, two things I think we can all agree were not borne from Hurricane Ivan.

I’m as happy as the next JSU student that we didn’t have to come to classes Thursday or Friday. I’m thrilled. But I wish it could have happened because Er. Mechan loves us that much, instead of a natural disaster that killed people and took away their homes and our favorite vacation hangouts.

I’m ashamed to admit that I enjoyed my time off school; it makes me feel guilty, as well it should. All of us have our own Ivan stories: what parties we went to, how late we slept, how much schoolwork we didn’t do. And that’s fine, as long as we remember to be thankful that our stories aren’t about what family members we lost, how much money we’ll get from our insurance company to rebuild our beach house or how chilling the sound of a storm that size can be.

I’ll be saying prayers for everyone that lost someone or something they love in Hurricane Ivan. Please do the same.

I’ll also be saying prayers for myself, because I laughed about the Flora-Bama and that can’t be good for my karma.

I maintain, however, that the loss of the mullet tuss is humorous, and I don’t take it back.
May I have some insurance please?

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Editor in Chief

Well Ivan wreaked havoc with the southern portion of Alabama. I don't know about the rest of you guys, but me and mine made it out rather unscathed, minus the fact that we didn't have any power for a lot of the weekend. I spent much of my time this weekend either at work or watching the amazing Southeastern Conference football.

It was overall a good break from school. I have been here for six years and this is the first time that I coerently remember this university closing for any reason. It was cool.

But that's neither here nor there. What I am really wanting to talk about this week is Bush. I will have to give you a little background into what I am talking about so let me take you back to Monday.

I was quietly sitting at home doing nothing getting ready for rush. I had been charging my cell phone and saw two missed calls. One was a message to pick up some milk. The other was from my unit administrator, saying it was an emergency and I needed to call him.

Great, just great. I have just started to get things in order in my life and I am about to leave again. I was racing around town, running here and running there, even before I had called him back, because I was sure that I was leaving AGAIN.

I had my fraternity going nuts, my parents had already started praying and my girlfriend was in tears. And I had smoked a half of a pack of Camels. I finally located my phone list and called him at home. I had failed to turn in paper work.

Paper work. Yes, paper work. I had been sent into another realm of pissed off. So there I was; having to call everyone back and explain what had happened. But it made me think.

I am literally balancing on a needle. One phone call will change every aspect of my life. But even as a veteran already I can't have my thoughts torn around the world and daily soldiers and veterans are going on welfare to support their families.

I didn't expect a hero's welcome when I got back, nor did I get one. I came home to a loveless life and really wanting to talk about this week is Bush. I had my fraternity going nuts, my parents had just started to get things in order in my life and I am about to leave before extending a useless war.

And I am not a W. hater (although I will vote for Kerry for other reasons). I would just beg of our government to try to fix some problems at home before extending a useless war. Saddam was a bad guy and did bad things, but we didn't rush into Sudan, as well we should not have.

All I am saying is take care of our men and women who are there now and the ones who have returned home. If we get into a big enough mess you might end up being one of those men and women yourself.
We've all had it happen. Someone stole that great idea you came up with in a moment of study-hiatus. Now what if everyone seemed to jump onto the idea-stealing bandwagon? Or if everyone seemed to recognize him on the street if he walked with the trademark "Gabba Gabba HEY!" sign held over his head, but the Billboard Top 20 Modern Rock set owes him most of the last 30 years.

John Cummings, better known as Johnny Ramone, a founding member of the quintessential punk band, died Wednesday, September 15, losing a five-year battle with prostate cancer. He was 55. The "Defender of the Ramones" died in his home surrounded by his wife Linda, mother Estelle, and friends such as Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam, Rob Zombie and John Frusciante of the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Johnny's death leaves Tommy Ramone as the lone founding member still alive. Joey Ramone died in 2001 from complications due to lymphoma, and DeeDee died from a drug overdose in 2002.

The Ramones were the first punk band to get a record deal and tour extensively. From their beginnings in the borough of Queens, New York City, they made rock and roll for the underdogs, which they exemplified even to their last show in 1996. Throughout the years they and over-produced rock acts like Wings and Aerosmith ruled pop/rock charts. Jeff Hyman, Douglas Colvin and Cummings grew tired of 17-minute gui-

With the addition of Thomas Erdelyi soon afterwards, the lineup was complete. Each of the band members took on a stage name and the first incar-

around two and a half minutes (much like pioneer Buddy Holly, who never wrote a song over three minutes). Joey and DeeDee wrote most of the lyrics, but Johnny's minimalist, grinding guitar helped these songs become the pillars of a movement.

It seems so simple in retrospect, but the best ideas always do: simply down-stroke the lowest three strings on the guitar and add a bit of palm mute to help drive the rhythm. More than four chords are not needed for a song. No one can hum complicated solo parts, and intricate bridges can get annoying, so there's no reason to add either of them. Johnny claimed to have studied legendary guitarists such as Bo Diddley and Jimi Hendrix to determine what he didn't want to add. When asked his influences, Johnny routinely replied "nobody", his speech as curt as his playing.

Songs were built as chorus-verse-chorus assaults on the ear. While playing live in the early days the band could make it through most of their catalogue in an hour, with DeeDee shouting "1-2-3-4" as soon as one of the musical attacks ended in order to begin another. On many albums the count-offs have been left in to give the listener a feeling of experiencing the music along with the Ramones, rather than a performer playing to an audience. What else could be expected from the "band for the common man"?
Ramones, was doing so. A back to basics approach to an audience. What else could be chart this week. If you enjoy it, 

The 1960s was the first decade of rock’s true power, but during the glam and disco of the 1970’s, a punk rock ethic turned into paintbrushes used to create masterpieces. In 1974 “punk” was still most widely used as UK slang for small pieces of tinder used to light cigarettes. Singers/songwriters like Harry Chapin, The Ramones and Johnny Cash were born. Joey, DooDee, Johnny and Tommy all took the last name Ramone and decided songwriting credits would be shared by the new “family.” The songs returned to pop sensibilities, with most coming in right fours. So, Travis did what any level-headed rally driver would do, start the car again and finish the race dragging Evo bits behind him across the finish.

This is Travis Pastrana. Travis is no stranger to crushingly and, so, has become no stranger to upgrading up the pieces and finishing what he starts. Up until the Race of Champions event, Travis was best known for his escapades on two wheels. Given a bike at age four, Travis took off and never looked back, winning the first 125cc race he ever entered, racking up five national amateur championships, four ESPN X-Games gold medals, and a host of other awards. Mounting season injuries, coupled with a car accident during the summer of 2003, led to a reduction of events over the 2002/2003 campaign and contributed to his emergence into the world of rally racing in 2004.

During the unrequited time off, Travis bought a Mitsubishi Evo VIII, had it prepped for racing, and began learning on the gravel roads of Tim O’Neill’s rally school. His experience on two wheels led to an invitation to the World Rallycross Championship Series and a chance to race against the best. Despite the tricky maneuver that ended Pastrana’s hope for a podium spot at the event, the 20-year-old from Maryland did extraordinarily well, finishing fourth behind Gilles Panizzi, Marcus Gronholm and rock nation of the Ramones was born. Joey, DooDee, Johnny and Tommy all took the last name Ramone and decided songwriting credits would be shared by the new “family.” The songs returned to pop sensibilities, with most coming in right.

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By today’s standards the Ramones’ lyrics and tunes seem tame, but they set the stage for today’s rock. For example, Green Day’s Freefall is number one on the Modern Rock Singles chart this week. If you enjoy it, remember Johnny.
Horoscope

ARIES:(March 21 - April 20)
Take into consideration those things which you value most and put your energy behind it. Use your financial resources responsibly. Attending to details about money will save you from wasting time and money later on. An opportunity for wealth has strings attached.

TAURUS:(April 21 - May 21)
This week you may be inclined to take a deep look at your philosophical approach to life. It may be time to shift your long held views in order to come up to date with your maturity level. Accept any praise coming your way about a job well done, but don't let it go to your head.

GEMINI:(May 22 - June 21)
There may be anxieties just beneath the surface that wreak havoc on your physical and mental health. Look to positive long-range plans in order to subdue your anxiety. Take changes in stride and you will see that something new may just suit you better.

CANCER:(June 22 - July 23)
Compassion and flexibility is essential during the week. It may be hard for you to watch someone you care for wallowing in self-pity, but there isn't much you can do about it. The way you approach solutions to a problem may not be the way others do. Set your sights on the future.

LEO:(July 24 - August 23)
A more assertive approach in the workplace will win points with someone higher up who is watching you. Maintain your cool and co-workers will be impressed also. If the information coming to you seems confusing, take time to analyze everything before deciding anything.

VIRGO:(August 24 - Sept. 23)
Don't undertake a project this week that you are not equipped to do properly. It is very important to recognize your limitations. Don't take yourself so seriously, or else things will cease to be enjoyable. Everything is not a contest, no matter what others lead you to believe.

LIBRA:(Sept. 24 - October 23)
Don't believe everything you hear; make sure to check sources and facts. Work at staying debt free. There may be a confining relationship that has been on your mind for some time. Give yourself some breathing space to think about which approach you want to take.

SCORPIO:(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
This week may bring a difficult problem. Keeping your perspective will help you to hold your temper and avoid any unnecessary blowups for such trivial problems. Later, you may feel a bit unsure of your next step, give it time and it may take care of itself.

SAGITTARIUS:(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
Love is in the air this week. It's quite possible that you may find yourself in the midst of a new and exciting relationship, or finally seeing a romantic possibility that has been right under your nose. If you already have a committed sweetheart, the sparks are going to fly.

Beating Around the Bush

by Bryan Stone
College Concoction

Dev's Dorm Casserole
Prep Time: approx. 10 minutes.
Cook Time: approx. 35 minutes.
Ready in: approx. 45 minutes.
Makes 2 servings.

Ingredients:
- 4 cups water
- 4 ounces spaghetti
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can reduced fat reduced sodium condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup French fried onions

Directions:
Place 4 cups water in a 2 quart microwave-safe dish. Heat on high until bubbling, about 15 minutes. Break pasta in half, and drop into heated water. Microwave on high for 10 to 15 minutes, or until tender. Drain and set aside (keep warm). Cook broccoli according to microwave directions. Add cooked broccoli to noodles, reserving liquid. Stir in 1/4 cup fried onions and mushroom soup. Add reserved broccoli liquid. Toss thoroughly, and top with remaining onions. Cover, and microwave on high about 15 minutes, or until top is crunchy. Let stand for a few minutes.
Quotes from the ol’ football coach

“They weren’t picked first in Ohio Valley Conference because people didn’t expect them to be the champions” - Head Coach Jack Crowe-

From Staff Reports

“We had a very consistent game with Chattanooga. We had every phase of our football team make a contribution. We had receivers make great catches. We had quarterbacks make great throws. The secondary and linebackers made plays. The areas that made significant improvement were the defensive line and the development of some young receivers. Adrian Smith and Taurean Rhetta made some plays, and I’ve talking about plays that they could make and they did. A new player that shows a lot of promise is John Scott. He was our leading points player and it’s only his second game. He’s from New York and never played much football in high school. He has the possibility of emerging as a special player. Oscar (Bonds) and Clay (Green) both made plays. Both quarterbacks made plays. When you score that many points, there were a lot of people who contributed.

On the other side of it, we had some things that are not going to allow us to get where we want to get. We allowed a pass down the middle of the field for the second week in a row. We had 12 missed tackles in the ballgame and that is well beyond the acceptable number. We had a long run; actually we had a long run after a catch as a result of those missed tackles. I think Alonzo Nixon is a great player, who made that play. He’s been all-conference, All-Southern Conference and might be an NFL caliber of football player, just watching him run around out there. It was a good trip for us. I hope it turns out to be a tradition for us. It’s good to get off to a good start, especially since our record of 25-6 isn’t so good against them.

Moving on, we start our real season, if you want to call it that. It’s the season we talk about all winter and spring as a team and that’s repeating as the Ohio Valley Conference champions. We weren’t picked to win the league after winning last year. We are about to play the team that was picked to win the Ohio Valley Conference championship. I don’t say that begrudgingly at all. I think they ended it last year on a high note in the league and they have a lot of returning players. They have been very impressive statistically. They have had problems at quarterback in Matt Guice, who is their returning quarterback and was a first team pick in the conference. He has had some injuries and has probably been the key to their season not getting off to a great start. They didn’t get off to a great start last year either and got better and better. I think Danny Hope and his staff are that kind of stuff. Without Guice, (Josh) Greco is the redshirt freshman quarterback from Naples, Florida. He had several interceptions in the (Western Kentucky) ballgame and was the difference in the ballgame. I know they will do something to correct that, particularly, because of the good running back in C.J. Hudson. He is singularly the biggest threat. C.J. Hudson led the nation in rushing as freshman. He went through some personal issues and was the back-up last year to a good running back named Enis. He’s back and represents a tremendous threat to us. The first threat to us is him. (Allen) Evans and (Andre) Ralston are the leading punt returner and kickoff returner. They have great wide receivers that can run after they catch it. They have a powerful offensive line that is very talented.

They are probably a better offensive football team than offensively at this time. Elias Israel and Chad Dewberry are great, senior ends. They are great playmakers on the corners along with Justin Rivers. I think all three were conference members last season. I know Rivers was, but all three should be. Pierre Wright has great speed at the safety position and Carl Hayden, at corner, is a great speed hitter. They are a really good football team.

They weren’t picked first in OVC because people didn’t expect them to be the champions. I think they are a very good football team and for us to go there on the road and they have been pointing to us since last year. The score doesn’t really represent the game last year. We never gained an upper hand on them offensively or defensively. It was our kicking game. We blocked two kicks. One that went for a touchdown and the other set up a short touchdown. I thought the kicking game controlled the tempo of the game, primarily from their mistakes, more so than our playmaking. We got off to a good start against a perennial, championship team. They have won two national championships and made 25 playoff appearances. They expect to win and know how to win and we are going to be challenged to take a winning attitude and challenge them. These boys know how to win.”

Rammer Jammer Yellowhammer

By Connor Ennis
AP Sports Writer


Often, when a writer decides to “get inside” a subculture to report a phenomenon, the effect of writing about the group has a discernible effect on anything in his own life.

Rammer Jammer Yellowhammer has captured what fans in the southeastern United States have since the 1960s brought to the field and to their lives. A phenomenon that has grown to include university athletics, local music, and even politics. The book is a social study of sorts, he makes sure never to get too dry or scientific. There are a few passing references to crowd studies and the psychology of groups but they’re not where the meat of “Rammer Jammer Yellowhammer” is found.

Rather it’s in the characters. People like John Ed, the ticket homes show up, depending on the opponent and the venue. If you have never seen 800 motor homes in a single place, let me tell you. It is a strangely impressive sight.”

After a few weeks of bumming rides in fellow fans’ RVs, he goes out and buys one himself which he quickly spends several thousand dollars repairing and names “the Hawg.”

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Tailgate Pep Rally at the Pete

Amado Ortiz
Chanticleer Sports Editor

Have you heard this before? There is just nothing to do on the weekends around here. Chanticleer Sports has heard it as well as the Athletic Department. But instead of just hearing it as another excuse, the Athletic Department is going to do something about it and Chanticleer Sports is going to tell you about it.

“The Athletic Department wants to give the students every opportunity to attend games,” said Misty Cassell, coordinator of Athletic Special Projects. “We want to make the games very enjoyable for the students.”

The Athletic Department is hosting a Tailgate Pep-Rally party for both the women soccer team and volleyball team. The pre-game party will be held Wednesday, September 22, at the football field tail gate area.

The Chanticleer will be on hand to tell you about the upcoming games and answer any questions to the best of their ability. So come out and enjoy the games and the festivities.”

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fully comprehend what's behind the obsession. And he certainly can’t understand why its followers will be no-shows at family weddings and birthday parties or skip work to satisfy a passion that has no discernible direct effect on anything in his own life. But Warren St. John has no such problems in his hilarious college football travelogue, "Rammer Jammer Yellowhammer: A Journey Into the Heart of Fan Mania."

As a dyed-in-the-wool Alabama fan from Birmingham, St. John, who acknowledges having drunkenly cried himself to sleep after a particularly heartbreaking loss by the Crimson Tide, has a sense of what drives these fans. He just needs to find someone who will let him tag along.

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Although Alabama fans are often criticized for their excesses, the accident has changed them. Dickey said.

"At a typical Alabama game, between 250 and 800 motor

By Eddie Pells
AP Sports Writer

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More than just a game

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Arm Chair Quarterbacks sit down please!

Did Hurricane Ivan hit Mocs? Nope that was just Oscar Bonds and the Gamecocks

From Staff Reports

Cocks kill Mocs

Senior Oscar Bonds rushed for 111 yards on 10 carries and scored three touchdowns, while freshman Matt Hardin threw three more touchdowns to lead Jacksonville State (2-0) to a 65-20 win over Chattanooga.

The Gamecocks rolled up 532 yards of total offense as the team scored the second most points under head coach Jack Crowe. It was also the most points scored against a Division I team for the Gamecocks.

“I thought we played hard the entire game,” said Crowe following the game. “We wanted to come in here tonight and make a statement, especially heading into OVC play next week.”

JSU finished with 271 yards through the air and 261 yards on the ground and averaged 8.3 yards per play as the Gamecocks snapped a 7-game losing skid to the Mocs and got their first win in Chattanooga since 1970.

“Don’t want people to understand that we are a running football team,” said Crowe. “We want to use the run to spread the field and throw the ball deep and we were able to do that. We were about as balanced as we could have been tonight.”

Weekend Outlook

Saturday’s football game between Jacksonville State and Eastern Kentucky features the preseason top two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Colonels were picked to win the league, receiving 10 first-place votes and a total of 121 points. Jax State received eight first-place votes and finished second in the voting by the league’s head coaches and SID’s with a total of 119.

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Jax State claimed a 49-14 win over the Colonels in the Gamecocks’ first-ever OVC contest last season enroute to the conference championship, so Crowe knows Eastern Kentucky will be ready to play on Saturday.

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Game time is set for 5:30 p.m. central time in Richmond, Kentucky.

Golf men and women finish seventh

It’s good to be a Delta as Delta Chi claims golf, Delta Zeta claims Putt-Putt Championships

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

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The pre-season flag football tournament was scheduled to be on Sept. 15 & 16, but due to the University closing school for Hurricane Ivan, Intramural Flag Football got pushed back a week. Intramural Flag Football entry deadlines will now be Thursday, September 23 in room 215 of Stephenson Hall by 4:00pm. Even though flag football had to step aside, Intramural Putt-Putt Golf and the Intramural Golf Scramble went ahead as planned. Delta Zeta won their fifth consecutive Putt-Putt Championship with a total team score of 213. Bekky Rath for Delta Zeta was the individual winner beating Alpha Omicron Pi's Jennifer Conners in a playoff hole with a final score of 49 (E). Alpha Xi Delta followed in second place with an overall team score of 216. Alpha Omicron Pi finished third with a 218, Phi Mu finished fourth with a 236, and Zeta Tau Alpha wrapped up fifth place with a 238. Delta Chi also got to flex their golf muscles with their fifth consecutive championship.

Grant Hockman and Zac Kilgore were the leaders for Delta Chi as they totaled an overall team score of 141. Pi Kappa Phi followed in second place with a 146, while Kappa Alpha finished third with an overall team score of 146. Delta Chi went into the back nine with a team score of 70, and in second place as Pi Kappa Phi held a one-stroke lead with a team score of 99.

However, Delta Chi did manage to pull it off on the back nine with a 71 to claim the title. Intramural Bowling begins Monday, September 27. Delta Chi and Zeta Tau Alpha will try and defend their titles in Intramural Bowling. If anyone is interested in playing Intramural Bowling, entry forms and fees are due Thursday, Sept. 23 in room 215 of Stephenson Hall by 4:00pm.

Be sure to check out the Recreational Sports Website at www.jsu.edu/depart/recsports. You can also get up to date information with the new Recreational Sports Hotline at 782.8333.

Bonds and Galford win OVC honors of the week

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State's Oscar Bonds and Gavin Galford were named the OVC's Football Offensive Player and Specialist of the Week, respectively, for their efforts in the Gamecocks' 65-20 triumph over Chattanooga this past Saturday.

Bonds, a native of Russellville, averaged 11.0 yards per carry and finished with 111 yards and three touchdowns on 10 carries. The senior running back scored on touchdown runs of 46, 34 and one yards while posting his second career 100-yard rushing game.

Galford, a true freshman kicker from Phenix City, recorded 11 points and leads the OVC in scoring by kicks (16). He connected on a 35-yard field goal and finished one off a school record with eight extra points.