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Baxley absent at APSA due to weather

By Jennifer Bacchus The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Members of the Alabama Political Science Association were treated to data from an unreleased study by the Capital Survey Research Center when Dr. Gerald Johnson spoke at their annual meeting Friday, April 1.

The keynote speaker for the dinner that evening

was scheduled to be Alabama Lieutenant Governor Lucy Baxley, but due to inclement weather, she was unable to fly in for the event.

Johnson provided the group with data on the core political behaviors of Alabamians. This survey was the largest survey ever done by the Capital Survey Research Center and had a sample size of 900 people.

vote the way they do. For example, 28 percent of the survey participants who voted no on Amendment two did so because they were afraid that it would raise their taxes. Amendment two is the Amendment, proposed last year, which would have taken racist language out of the Alabama Constitution.

When voting in an election, 89 percent of those Parts of the survey dealt with why Alabamians surveyed vote for the candidate based on their

ability rather than political affiliation.

The study also found that Alabamians think of the Republican Party in terms of moral values and Democrats were viewed in terms of the programs they are best known for, such as environmental policies or public welfare issues.

Former Congressman Glen Browder also spoke

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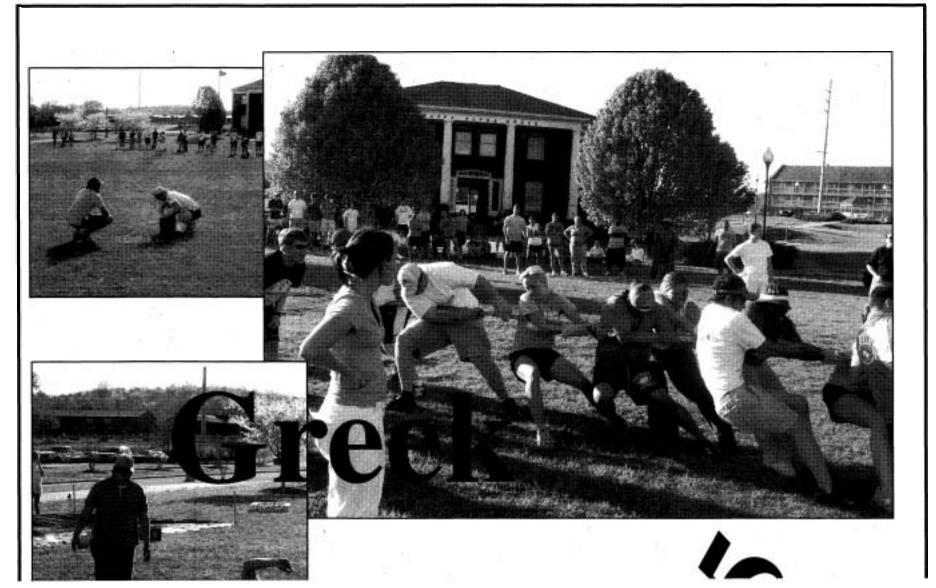
Poetry contest winners revealed

By Jennifer Bacchus The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The winners of the Susan Methvin Poetry Contest were announced on Wednesday, March 30 at the Writers' Club spring award banquet.

It was a night of poetry and awards at the Gamecock Center. Prior to the announcement of the winners, eight finalists were asked to read their poems to the gathered crowd. Among these poets was Brook Finlayson, who read his poem about the movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail."

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The event began with poetry readings by students in Dr. Harding's creative writing class. Iyisha Hampton and Jessica Summe were among the presented poets.

The club also gave awards to the students and faculty who contributed to their successful year. Among these awards was the Professor of the Year award that was received by Dr. Hug and the Most Outstanding Member award, which went to Sarah Fuselli.

The JSU English
Department also chose to honor
two of the club's officers with
leadership awards, among them
was Randy Wilson, club
President.

"He brought the club together as a coherent unit with humor and enthusiasm," said Dr. Pitt Harding, the club sponsor, adding that Randy was the "incentive behind the fiction and poetry contests this year."

The event was the culmination of a successful year for the club. Their roster of members

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Photos by Kenn Catoe

SGA hosts awards banquet to honor student leaders, induct new leaders

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The sun was just beginning to show signs of yielding the sky to the night when the current and future SGA officers and senators met in the Gamecock center Monday night.

The banquet was the culmination of a year's effort for the current SGA members, but it served as a type of initiation and welcome for the new.

With the dinner portion of the evening over, the

crowd of parents and friends turned to the presentation of awards for the current members.

The award for outstanding service among a student organization went to Lindsey Baucom, the president of the Sociology Club for her hard work and dedication through the years. Some of the other awards included the outstanding member of the Student Activities Council, which was given by Mardracus Russell to Kati Richards, and the award for Justice of the Year, which was awarded

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Study shows increasing number of HIV infections in black collegians

By Amanda Dawkins
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - HIV is a topic more openly discussed at Alabama's historically black colleges since a North Carolina study showed an increasing number of infections among black male students, but some question if enough is being done about it.

"I know it's here and it's not going to go

away," said Mary Morris Billings, director of Alabama A&M University's counseling and development office in Huntsville. "My greatest fear is that there will be an outbreak on our campus like in North Carolina."

North Carolina started a method of detecting early infections in 2002 for everyone who voluntarily got tested at public clinics. The new approach led to the discovery over a four-year period of 84 newly

infected male college students in the state, 73 of whom were black.

Researchers said it was the first documented outbreak of HIV on U.S. college campuses and that college students were 3.5 times more likely than nonstudents to become infected. The disproportionately large number of black students drew the concern of health officials at both histori-

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Pope's passing sheds light on Catholic interest groups

By Richard N. Ostling
Ap Religion Writer

Whether they want women priests, more say for the laity or a return to the Latin Mass, Roman Catholic interest groups are sending their varied messages to Rome - attempting to exert some small influence on the selection of the next pope or at least get more attention for their causes.

"You can't exactly penetrate the conclave from the outside," Sister Maureen Fiedler of Catholics Speak Out in Hyattsville, Md., an organization that supports women's ordination among other changes. Fiedler also is a leading voice in the international We Are Church group.

"All we can do is put the message out there and hope these folks get it and respond," she said.

A similar lobbying phenomenon occurred prior to the two conclaves of 1978, and there's no discernible evidence that it had any impact on the outcome.

Still, the global focus on Catholicism and its most pressing issues provides a rare chance for often-ignored groups to get a moment in the spotlight.

We Are Church, a loosely knit federation of 147 liberal organizations, has been looking toward this moment since 1999, when it

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phi Mu: Thanks Alpha Omicron Pi for a great crush party! We are very excited about Greek Week! The Phi Mu Golf Tournament is this Friday at Cane Creek. Registration starts at 12 p.m. It is not too late to sign up to play. Come out to Cane Creek if you are interested. All proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Get better all those who are sick! Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Elizabeth Herring, dxegirl04@yahoo.com.

SGA: The Pat Green concert is next week. Get your ticket today at Kennamer Hall. They are only \$15 for all JSU students. The SGA movie night is Tuesday, April 12 in the TMB at 8 p.m. The movie will be "Man on Fire." The cost is free and concessions will be available. On Wednesday, guest speaker Brian Tenclinger will be speaking in Leone Cole at 6 p.m. The cost is free. Don't forget every Friday is "Wear Red Friday" to support the JSU Gamecocks! **Contact:** Emily Rollins, emily_rollins2001@yahoo.com.

Sigma Nu: Keep your grades up. The end is near. Remember, bring your brooms tonight. There might be shenanigans. Contact: Drew Wagner, 435-9809.

SPJ: Thanks to the Communication Department for a great Communication Week! Contact: Elizabeth Thurman, 782-8191.

Zeta Tau Alpha: We hope that everyone is having a fabulous week! Thank you to Delta Chi and Zeta Phi Beta for working hard with us to be wonderful teammates for Greek Week 2005. Congratulations to the ZTA ladies for winning the 2005 Badminton Intramurals Championship. Thanks to Pi Kappa Phi for a great mixer! We are looking forward to our formal this weekend. Go Gamecocks! Contact: Natalie Shearer, natalie_shearer@hotmail.com.

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CAMPUS CRIME

March 29

•Tommy Richey reported the front passenger-side window of his Mazda Protegé had been knocked out at Pete Matthews Coliseum.

March 30

- •UPD assisted Anniston police with the arrest of a subject who had an outstanding warrant.
- •Timothy Warren Slaughter, Jr. reported the theft of a key ring valued at \$30 from room 329 Crow Hall.

March 31

- •Taurean Gerren Rhetta reported the theft of a MS100 book valued at \$82 from room 329 Crow
- •Rosalind Moore reported a trespasser at Fitzpatrick Hall.
- •Sharonta Monique Jackson reported an incident of domestic violence at Pannell Apartments

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cally black and other campuses. Alabama health officials say they are working on an early detection program, but at present the state does not have much data on the number of black male college students with HIV

Billings, however, feels that the increase found in North Carolina could happen here, and her office has taken steps aimed at awareness over the past few years through seminars and workshops.

Alabama State University in Montgomery also holds ongoing educational programs and has condoms available upon request. Both schools offer free, confidential HIV testing.

The AIDS Action Coalition in Huntsville has set up regular free testing dates around the 13 counties it serves, and some of those are at black colleges like Oakwood College in Huntsville and Alabama A&M University.

The state Department of Public Health's HIV and AIDS Division of Prevention and Control provides literature, condoms and test kits to community-based organizations in prevention education. But Blake Kersey, a sophomore at ASU, believes the university can do more to address AIDS on campus.

"They could probably have somebody who is an AIDS patient come here and tell them that this is real life. This is not just something you see in movies or on TV or something your friends tell you about," Kersey says.

Some students, like ASU freshman Ryan Winfrey, believe

the university's no visitation policy in dorm rooms serves as a preventive step to blocking heterosexual HIV transmission, but the rule may not address samesex encounters, viewed as a major cause of HIV transmissions.

It's not just black colleges that are affected, either. More than half of North Carolina's HIV cases among black male college students involved students at mainstream or predominantly white campuses.

Several student groups at Troy University have taken leadership roles in HIV and AIDS prevention awareness. The African-American Alliance and the university chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists have combined to bring in health professionals for screenings and education on the subject.

"In addition, our Student Health Center also provides individual counseling with students who have either been diagnosed with the disease or suspect they may be at risk of contracting the disease," Tom Davis of University Relations said.

Researchers say the main cause of increasing HIV infections is young black men having unprotected sex with other men. Research has shown that black males who are in a serious relationship or married are more reluctant than white males to openly admit they are gay or bisexual, which puts black women more at risk. These men have been classified as being on the "down low," a term used by many blacks.

"Due to a lot of cultural differences, black men are probably less likely to admit being gay because they don't associate with America's view of gay men," said LaTeisha Akin, education and outreach manager for the AIDS Action Coalition in Huntsville.

In the North Carolina study, 67 of the cases involved black men who have sex with other men, but don't identify themselves as either gay or bisexual. Of those, 27 said they also had sex with women.

Joseph Perry, a junior at Alabama State University, agrees that the ``down low'' plays a role in the increasing number of black women contracting the virus.

"I think it plays a huge role as far as people switching partners," he says. "It doesn't even have to be the down low. If you... sleep with somebody else it's a huge problem because you don't know what the other person may have."

Black males represent 43.8 percent of infections reported in Alabama and those men having sex with other men was determined as the highest risk factor for contracting the virus.

'It's not that African-Americans are predisposed due to any genetic reasons. It's not who you are, but what you do," Akin said.

She believes self-esteem issues play a part in the rising number of blacks with AIDS.

"When you got those types of issues, you're less likely to have protected sex," Akin said.

Media may also play a role in how students view sex.

`One of the things the media tells them is that sex equals love. Sex does not equal love," Billings said. With HIV, she said, `the reality is that sex equals death, disease and poverty."

Writers' Club



- •Rosalind Moore reported a trespasser at Fitzpatrick Hall.
- •Sharonta Monique Jackson reported an incident of domestic violence at Pannell Apartments

April 3

•Five subjects were pulled over at the Grub Mart on Pelham Rd. for suspicious behavior. William •John Schultze, Lucas Jake Nix, and Graham Alan Wiseman were arrested for being minors in the possession of alcohol. One other subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.

April 4

- •UPD assisted the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office
- Dustin Hardy-Moore reported an incident of domestic violence at Dixon Hall.

Booted Vehicles:

Daniel Bell: Silver Chevy Lumina

Antoine T. Bullock: Silver Mitsubishi Gallant Lemarcus A. Rowell: Blue Mercury Grand Marquis

T.J. Hollingsworth: Blue Kia Rio

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issued a manifesto titled ``A Pope for the Time to Come' that demands radical changes under the next pontiff.

It has reaffirmed the statement with John Paul's death, and plans to get a copy in the hands of every voting cardinal. The group is also planning media briefings on Catholic issues in Rome next week.

Meanwhile, the Illinois-based Call to Action, another liberal group, and Massachusetts-based Voice of the Faithful, which wants a greater say for lay people in how the church is governed, will each be issuing statements about the type of pope the church needs.

And the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, a sharp critic of the church hierarchy during the clergy sex abuse crisis, intends to send appeal letters to each American cardinal in Rome.

Inevitably, most activists descending on Rome will be promoting liberal reforms but some will be arguing that John Paul's reign was too liberal.

Michael Matt, editor of The Remnant newspaper in Wyoming, Minn., said he or others might hold Rome briefings to contend that the next pope should "undo many of the changes" from the Second Vatican Council on liturgy and church teachings.

Fiedler said We Are Church wants the next pope to continue John Paul's policies on matters like friendly relations with Jews, opposition to wars and executions, and concern for the world's poor.

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Equality

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FutureChurch of Cleveland;

Catholics for a Free Choice

(which supports liberal abortion

laws); CORPUS (favors married

priests); Dignity USA (gay and

lesbian caucus); and Priests for

and

Ordination Conference (advo-

A conservative observer,

Philip Lawler of www.catholic-

worldnews.com, thinks "these

sorts of lobbying efforts are

obviously aimed at the media,

not the cardinals - if they're not

"We don't know who the next

cate women priests).

deluding themselves."

But the group's manifesto also calls for married priests, and proposes other items that range from highly unlikely to impossible: women priests, more openness to gay clergy (the statement doesn't indicate whether they should remain celibate) and the summoning of a "Universal Christian Council" representing Catholic and non-Catholic churches.

Also on the dream list is a call for prominent lay participation 'in the election of all church leaders," including the pope. The group believes popes should retire at a set age rather than serving for life.

The manifesto also says the next pope should "restore a church that values dialogue" in its ranks, encourages academic freedom for theologians and gives local churches more freedom.

An AP-Ipsos poll released Monday found that the majority of Americans agree with at least some of the reformists' agenda: About two-thirds of those polled said priests should be allowed to marry and almost that many said they want women in the priest-hood.

We Are Church originated with complaints against bishops in German-speaking Europe. Eventually more than 2.3 million Catholics in many nations signed a protest petition that was presented to the Vatican in 1997.

Other U.S. participants in We

Club announces contest winners

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include

Women's

has grown to record numbers and this year's edition of *Something Else* is nearly twice as large as past issues at 90 pages.

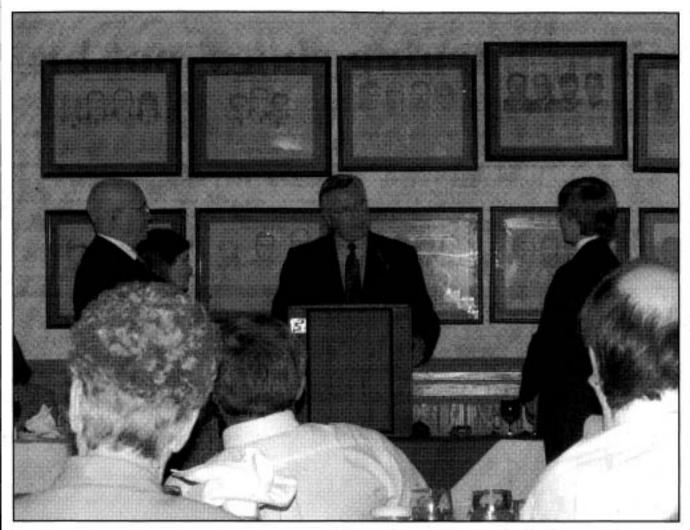
Joshua "J.T." Thoney, publicity director for the Writers' Club, announced the release of the 2004-2005 edition of *Something Else*, the JSU literary journal at the event. "I would like to thank Pitt Harding and all the little gnomes that made *Something Else* possible," said J.T.

Copies of *Something Else* can be acquired at Dr. Harding's office, room 213 of Stone Center.





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Dr. Meehan speaks at the annual SGA awards banquet. The event was held Monday, April 4 at the Gamecock Center to honor this year's SGA leaders and to usher in next year's officers.

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to Brandie Pollard.

SGA President Emily Williams then took control of the meeting and presented the awards for Mr. and Mrs. Jax State and Mr. and Mrs. Friendly. These awards went to Dex Edwards, Allison Crow, Tim King and Lauren McGinnis respectively.

The SGA Scholarship recipients were also announced. Tremaine Kelley and Krystle Bell each received that honor.

With the awards portion of the evening completed, Williams gave her farewell address to the senators and officers, wishing them well. She plans to continue her work in the Office of Student Life as a graduate student in the

fall

At the conclusion of her speech, Dr. William Meehan, President of JSU, rose to swear in the 2005-2006 SGA officers. Before doing so, he presented a challenge to each of them.

Emily Rollins, Director of Publicity, was asked to keep all students apprised of all SGA events. Dr. Meehan then turned to Justin Lord, the new Vice President of the Student Senate, and presented him with the challenge of motivating the senators to get students involved.

Casie Sanders, the 2005-2006 V.P. of Student Activities was tasked to listen to the needs and desires of all students, while Antonio Davis, the SGA's new V.P. of Organizational Affairs was challenged to serve as the voice of student organizations to the school administration

Lastly, Mardracus Russell stood to take his oath of office. With his parents facing him, Russell was asked to remember that he represents all of the students and to "form a cohesive team of SGA officers that will work together while allowing for individual opinions."

After taking the oath of office, Russell took over the meeting. He thanked everyone for supporting him and expressing hope for the year to come. He ended the evening with the poem "Bank of Time" to encourage the new officers and senators to use each moment wisely.

State enforces harsh sentences for minor drug offenders

By Samira Jafari Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - Alabama's sentences for minor drug offenders are among the harshest in the nation, and some researchers say the stiff punishments create racial disparities among offenders and continue to fill state prisons beyond capacity.

A study by the Equal Justice Initiative points out that more than half of prisoners locked up for first-degree marijuana possession are black men, while nearly three-fourths of felony DUI offenders are white men.

But driving while drunk doesn't even become a felony until the driver has been convicted on DUI four times, and the average sentence is nearly half that for first-degree marijuana possession - creating a racial disparity, the study says.

"Even though penalties for drunk driving have become more severe, they are still very modest compared to the punishments for drug offenses," said Mark Mauer, assistant director of the Sentencing Project, a Washington-based consulting firm for criminal justice research.

``And you think about the people who are affected by this: Drunk drivers are predominantly white and the majority of drug offenders are

Alabama's law - it's a problem for all drug offenders.

"We have overreacted totally with zero tolerance and a lot of people are getting swept up for minor things and they have a little bit of drugs," said Johnson, a former member of the sentencing commission.

There has been an impact on the prison system: Drug-related offenses made up 3,202 of the 10,267 prison admissions in 2004 - nearly twice the number of robbery, murder, rape and manslaughter entries combined, according to the Alabama Sentencing Commission's 2005 report. Despite a second parole board to speed up paroles for nonviolent offenders, the new inmates have pushed Alabama's prison population to more than twice its designed capacity.

Bryan Stevenson, executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, takes a different view than Johnson on the racial aspect.

"There's no question the racial disparities exist. But why they exist is a complicated question," he said.

He blamed the reported disparities on what he said was a two-pronged problem: First, police are more likely to target blacks for drug crimes, resulting in more black arrests. Second, minorities are disproportionately poor, resulting in weak courtroom defense and,

Priconers at controversial Iran prison

Prisoners at controversial Iraq prison stage violent protest, 16 injured

Bv Mariam Fam Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) -Prisoners at Iraq's largest detention facility protested the transfer of several detainees deemed "unruly" by authorities, throwing rocks and setting tents on fire in a disturbance that injured four guards and 12 detainees, the military said.

Friday's protest was the first of at least three violent incidents at Iraqi prisons during the past four days, with the latest occurring Monday at the notorious Abu Ghraib facility. A suicide bomber driving a tractor blew himself up outside the prison, wounding four civil-

On Saturday, insurgents attacked Abu Ghraib with rocket-propelled grenades and two car bombs, wounding dozens of U.S. service members and prisoners, the U.S. military

Friday's protest at Camp Bucca - which holds about 6,000 prisoners, nearly twothirds of all those in Iraq caused only minor injuries before being brought under control, authorities said.

Murtadha al-Hajaj, an official at radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's office in the

southern city of Umm Qasr, heard Monday's explosion, but near Camp Bucca, said several al-Sadr supporters were wounded during the confrontation. He said they were protesting a lack of access to medical treatment and claimed U.S. guards opened fire, although he did not know if they wounded prisoners.

U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Guy Rudisill said he did not know if the guards opened fire, but he denied that any detainee was deprived of medical treatment.

Last month, the U.S. military said guards discovered a 600foot (180-meter) tunnel - dug with makeshift tools - leading out of Camp Bucca. The tunnel reached beyond the compound fence, with an opening hidden beneath a floorboard, but no one had escaped, authorities

The other facility targeted by insurgents, Abu Ghraib, was at the center of the prison abuse scandal last year after photographs were publicized showing U.S. soldiers humiliating Iraqi inmates, including having them pile naked in a human pyramid. The United States holds nearly 3,500 prisoners at Abu Ghraib and about 7,000 elsewhere in Iraq.

Rudisill said prison officials

he said it wasn't close enough to cause any damage to the prison. The blast killed the tractor's driver and injured four Iraqis, police 1st Lt. Akram al-Zubaeyee said.

Al-Qaida in Iraq said 10 of its fighters died in Saturday's assault on Abu Ghraib, while the U.S. military put the urgents' casualties at one dead and about 50 wounded. Fortyfour American soldiers and 13 prisoners were injured in the fighting - the latest in a series of large-scale attacks by insurgents in Iraq.

In an Internet posting, Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed about 20 militants scaled the prison's walls and one of them reached a prison tower and yelled: "God is great!" It said two of its fighters were wounded and 10 were killed, including seven suicide bombers.

statement, which appeared late Sunday, was impossible to independently verify, and it conflicted with the U.S. account.

The U.S. military denied anyone got inside the prison and said no inmates escaped. It said only one suicide bomber participated, while others fired assault rifles, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades.

Rudisill said he did not believe any attackers were captured. He said the wounded insurgents either escaped on their own or were dragged away by other militants.

The military said the insurgents staged simultaneous assaults on multiple locations at the prison, focusing on two guard towers and then using a car bomb to try to penetrate a

Combat helicopters helped push back the attack, which was the largest at Abu Ghraib since insurgents fired mortar rounds into the compound nearly a year ago.

people wno are affected by this: Drunk drivers are predominantly white and the majority of drug offenders are African-American. There's two forms of substance abuse and two very different approaches, but both of them can be harmful in a different way."

A first-degree marijuana possession can result if a person has a prior misdemeanor conviction or if it's a first offense with 2.2 pounds of marijuana or more.

The average sentence for first-degree marijuana possession is 8.4 years, while the average felony DUI sentence is 4.8 years, according to the Alabama Department of Corrections.

Jefferson County Drug Court Judge Pete Johnson said blacks are not the only ones getting harsh sentences for drug-related offenses under ing in more black arrests. Second, minorities are disproportionately poor, resulting in weak courtroom defense and, ultimately, longer sentences.

"I think it has a lot to do with who's being punished," Stevenson said. "We're too harsh in the drug context. Why is someone serving life in prison for simple possession?"

Part of the answer lies in

Alabama's drug sentencing laws, which are some of the harshest in the country, according to the state sentencing commission. Alabama ranks with only four other states -Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi and South Dakota - which allow up to 10 years in prison for possession of 2.2 pounds or less of marijuana.

Only Mississippi authorizes a more severe sentence of up to 16 years in prison.



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at the event. He gave a warning and a message to the National Democratic Party that the twoparty system in America has changed.

He believes that the largest problem the Democrats face is a problem within the party. He calls it "Blue Conceit." "Our Democratic party has been afflicted by a paralyzing condition of angry, bewildered, self-serving righteousness about red-America."

Browder went on to say that the only way for the Democratic Party to move past "Blue Conceit" and win a presidential election is to culturally embrace the moderate South. He sug-

gested that candidates should comfortably work in what he calls the "guy zone in Southern Culture"

This "guy zone" is comprised of "Guns, God, and Old Glory."

Browder created his message of change for the Democratic Party as a result of a Democratic forum in Califoria.

This evening of discussion and dinner was only the beginning of the 2005 annual meeting. Each year a different college or university is chosen to host the event. Sessions were held throughout the day on Friday and Saturday, ending at two p.m. Saturday with a trip through the Berman Museum in Anniston.

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OPINION

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT IS AN OLD WIVES TALE THAT YOU HAVE HEARD? Pannette Phillips

"Never jump on a trampoline when your on your period"



"Anyone who

UINTAH HIGHLANDS, Utah (AP) -Matthew Jean Rouse doesn't like his middle name and he's letting you pick

New feminism: burning shoes, not bras

By Elizabeth Thurman The Chanticleer News Editor



Sometimes I wish I had been born a man.

If I had, then maybe one of the most horrifying experiences of my life could have been avoided.

Let me backtrack a bit. I rarely dress up for class or work. In commemoration of spring-time weather, I decided to break tradition and wear a skirt and the tallest pair of high heels I own on Monday. I felt confident in my decision, prancing about somewhat vainly - all day long in my ultra-feminine get-up.

This just goes to show that it doesn't pay to be vain.

I realized this a bit late in the game, as I was lying in a crumpled, lifeless heap at the foot of a staircase in Bibb Graves that very same day.

I was running errands in the building and was in the process of heading for the exit, when my cute, yet dangerous footwear intercepted and fueled my theory that men have it much easier than women.

I not only gave new meaning to the phrase "ass over elbows," I indecently exposed the poor souls that bore witness to my fall trom grace. I managed to miss

every single stair except for the ones that simultaneously bruised and battered my legs and ego. And let's face it - how can you redeem yourself after a fall of that caliber? It's not like I tripped on a rug or ran into a wall. I literally toppled down an entire flight of stairs. Visibly shaken without no chance of playing it off, I bolted from the building, tears streaming and knees burning.

My editor called my cell phone in the midst of my hasty retreat and once I had relayed my embarrassing news, he offered up this advice: "Tell the health center you slipped on some water; they'll pay for it."

Obviously, I wasn't getting any sympathy.

But he's a male; he wouldn't under-

and far between.

Most men don't know what a threequarter length sleeve is and most will ask you if you paid full price for a pair of "short pants," a.k.a. capris. Do women buy \$300 handbags because they think a man knows what Coach is? No, they want to show off their expensive purse to their girlfriends. We are vain creatures.

Girls: your boyfriends don't care if you wear a name brand outfit and they

What did I gain from dressing up Monday? Embarrassment, bruises and blisters, I tell you. There's nothing like a free fall down a public stairway to humble you. Thankfully, no one was in front of me during my descent or I would have taken them down as well. Then I could have splattered the headline "News Editor Form Tackles Innocent Pedestrian" across the front page of this week's paper.

I've never been good at walking. You would think that ten years of ballet would have taught me how to be graceful, but I run into things all the time - walls, corners, curbs, parked cars ... you name it, I've collided with it. You'd also think that after my unfortunate spill, I would have learned my lesson. Guess what I wore the very next day? The same pair of shoes. I guess I'm a glutton for punishment.

I propose that women worldwide set aside one day a year to reject the notion that we have to look pretty all the time. Let's refuse to take a shower that day - toss out our makeup - wear a T-shirt - and for God's sake, burn our high heels. It might be liberating. I also think that on this day, men should be required to wear a pair of heels while they're at work or school. I mean, we get stuck with

shaving our legs, childbirth, and bras - is it really fair that we get uncomfortable shoes too? Men: if you think it is fair, I challenge you to brave the staircases in Bibb Graves in a pair of stilettos.

Maybe it'll work better for you than it did for me.



stand. Which just supports my theory that women don't dress up to impress the opposite sex - we dress up to impress other women.

Ladies: when's the last time a man told you, "Wow, those shoes are so cute," or, "That dress is adorable. You look soooo thin!" I'm willing to bet male comments such as these have been few

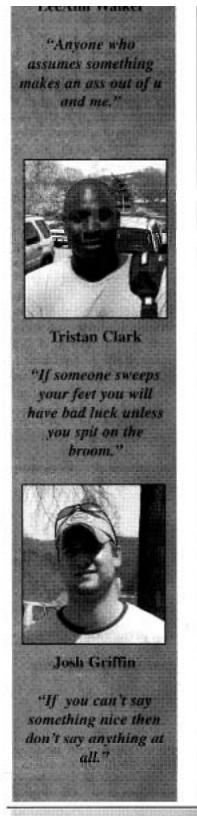
definitely don't care how high your heels are. Believe me, I did not look remotely attractive doing a stop-drop-and-roll down that staircase in Bibb Graves.

Just once, I'd like to wake up, take a shower, brush my teeth and just head out the door. Instead I go through shower, exfoliation, hair, makeup, wardrobe, accessories and perfume. And for what?

Stupid things

law; warnings were issued instead of tickets

Master Trooper Ron Watkins said



UINTAH HIGHLANDS, Utah (AP) -Matthew Jean Rouse doesn't like his middle name and he's letting you pick a new one. The 31-year-old father of two is

selling the naming right on eBay. The "Buy It Now" price is \$8,000. As of early Monday, there had been a total of 30 bids, with the high bid \$2,175.

The winning bidder gets to choose a new middle name for Rouse, a software engineer.

Rouse also agrees to use his middle name ``whenever plausible and not hide it."

`If he wants to walk around with 'Fool' as his middle name, that's his problem," said Rouse's wife, Corinna Rouse. "If someone changes his name to 'Poophead,' he may decide it's a little more important than he thought."

Rouse's middle name was taken from his late grandfather. Jean Stelter, with whom he didn't get along.

His older brother, Bill Rouse, 46, of Mesa, Ariz., bid \$1,500 for the name. `Basically, he's trying to dump our grandfather's name, and I'm trying to buy it and make it stay as it is," Bill Rouse said.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - Mushroom hunters can breathe easier. Despite the rumors, the state of Illinois isn't charging fees and regulating the hobby this spring.

The Natural Resources Department tried to assure hunters Wednesday they do not have to get a state license and pay a \$16.75 fee to hunt mush-

Department spokeswoman Gayle Simpson said the agency received dozens of calls last week complaining about the purported change. She said the department discovered someone had taken a press release from the Internet and used it to craft a fake

Stupid things people do that we find amusing ...

announcement of the new license and

The hoax urged hunters to visit vendors that sell hunting and fishing licenses to get a mushroom license and said the proceeds would benefit biological and archaeological research in Illinois, Simpson said.

She said the agency doesn't know when the hoax was sent or by whom, but e-mails and faxes have spread it ``like wildfire'' through central and southern Illinois and the agency is investigating.

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - A well-known deputy who has served with the Canyon County Sheriff's office for the past seven years has retired. He is, quite literally, a real hound.

K9 deputy Basco, a 9-year-old Belgian Malinois, is best known for his capture of serial murder suspect Michael "Cowboy Mike" Braae in July 2001 after a high-speed chase ended at the Idaho-Oregon line. Braae abandoned his pickup and jumped into the Snake River.

Basco and his handler, Cpl. Paul Maund, hopped a boat to follow Braae. Maund attached a towline to the dog and pushed him in the water to chase after the suspect. Basco bit onto Braae's back, and Maund was able to pull the two to shore.

Malheur County Sheriff Andy Bentz said Braae's capture would have been more dangerous without Basco. "Had it not been for him and the handler being there and being able to get on the boat, we would have had to use a lot higher level of force," Bentz said.

Maund said retirement as his pet might not be easy for Basco because he's worked for the sheriff's office most of his life - tracking missing people, sniffing out narcotics and apprehending suspects.

Maund said he got a lukewarm reception after leaving Basco home a few days this month.

"When I got home, he was lying under a tree. I called to him. He looked at me and turned his head away," Maund said. "It's going to be a big transition for him."

DENVER (AP) - Colorado is serious about its no-dawdling law in left lanes.

Drivers who insist on staying in the passing lane are risking tickets as the State Patrol has begun enforcing a law requiring motorists to use the left lane for passing only.

Since the patrol started enforcing the "Left Lane Law" three months ago, troopers have written about 460 tickets or about an average of five a day to drivers who dawdle in the left lane.

The law applies in zones with speed limits of 65 mph or higher. It took effect July 1, but troopers gave drivers until January to get used to the new

law; warnings were issued instead of tickets.

Master Trooper Ron Watkins said that since the ticketing campaign began three months ago about 90 percent of the drivers he has pulled over for dawdling or cruising in the left lane said they didn't know that it was illegal to do so.

Violators of the left lane rule may be fined up to \$41 and have three points tacked onto their driver's licenses. The law is not enforced when the highway is too congested to allow drivers to

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP) -A rare, wayward goose was being treated at a Lake Tahoe wildlife center after spring snow storms forced it to take refuge in a most unlikely place a ski resort.

Sierra-at-Tahoe employees discovered the lone Ross goose Sunday, miles from where the birds are usually found in the California Central Valley.

"I think he was on his way north and got a little off course, probably because of the storms," said Tom Millham of Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care.

The goose was cold and afraid of the near-blizzard conditions at the ski resort but wouldn't let anyone come near. After employees spent several minutes chasing the bird, it flew into a building and suffered what Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care operators said was a mild concussion.

Aaron Barnes, pub manager at Sierra-at-Tahoe, wrapped the goose up and took it to the South Shore wildlife care facility.

"We will build him up a little bit right now, give him some tender loving care and send him on his way as the storm passes," Millham said.

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FEATURES Box office 'sin'sation

By Erin Chupp

Chanticleer Features Editor

The X-Men movies and Spider-Man 1 and 2 don't hold a candle to Frank Miller's "Sin City," created from three of his comic books. Rainfall streams from the sky in stark black and white drops. A serial killer's whitewashed eyes stare at a set of women's heads he's collected. Old Town hookers walk the rooftops wrapped in leather, carrying guns and handcuffs. It's Basin City.

Co-directed by Miller and Robert Rodriguez, with some special guest director help from Quentin Tarantino, this movie brought the darkness and crime of the stories from page to screen. Bruce Willis, as good cop Hartigan, opens the movie searching for "That Yellow Bastard," a senator's only son turned pedophile.

His father kept him alive no matter how much it cost or what side-effect colors come. In the hunt for his death, the yellow color of his skin and blood is in bright contrast to the rest of the movie.

The second novel to enter the movie is Miller's "The Hard Goodbye." Mickey Rourke plays a man on a killing mission named Marv. His nose extends thickly up to his forehead and his face is grotesque. His hunt stems from the death of a hooker named Goldie, played by Jaime King, a blonde-haired, red-lipped woman who paid him attention when no one else would.

Two things make this story the most interesting one of the three. First, the killing spree Marv goes on is very intense, taking down every suspicious character in his path. His searching leads him to find psycho-serial killer Elijah Wood (Kevin). Those eyes! How they stare at a collection of women's heads he

has mounted on the wall.

The last story to be told is "The Big Fat Kill." Rosario Dawson plays Gail, the leader of a tough gang of prostitutes in Old Town. They crawl all over town at their will because they have a deal with the cops. But trouble starts when a cop is murdered on their turf.

Clive Owen as Dwight, your basic good deed guy, fights to maintain the truce once held. He fights hard till the end and, not surprisingly, ends up with the girl (Gail) in a classic pose, guns in hand.

The randomness of the plot line that floats through the work is only ok because this movie can be classified as a major categorical first. The high-tech graphics hold the attention of the most tired viewer. After working and staying up for over 40 hours, I was scared to pay the money to watch a guy movie. I was pleasantly surprised to watch this mastery of digital imaging hold my attention, and even wake me up.

Of course, other aspects that keep the mind alert and hold attention also give the movie its 'R' rating. The amount and types of killings might be too much for some, but they were all interesting, not too graphic and had Tarantino's blood all over them. I'm sure the number of hookers strutting around, and the bare-breasted scene also helped push the rating up. Alexis Bledel (Rory from Gilmore Girls) seemed awkward as a hooker, but her bright blue eyes and soft voice still brought innocence to even this role.

"Sin City" reportedly became the third-best April opener at the box office ever, earning an estimated \$28.1 million. It hit an average of \$8,707 per screening over the weekend. No film was used to make this wonder. It's completely crafted by digital artists using AMD64 tech-



nology-based workstations running Avid's Softimage XSI software on top of

Microsoft's Windows XP Pro operating system.

Power of purple

By Erin Chupp The Chanticleer Features Editor



I'm the oldest of three kids. I'm about to graduate from college. At one time I was the tallest. Now I'm the runt.

My family is convinced I'm now a weakling. When my sister finds a bruise on my body she deliberately asks, "What happened? Did you run into a feather?"

My mom's response to a bruise spotting isn't much better. She applies much pressure to the affected blue-green area and asks, "Does this hurt?" I'm going to suggest this is a rhetorical question, however my screams give away an answer.

I don't really know where half of my bruises come from. I'll wake up, get in the shower and dang it, there's another one. My roommates haven't ever seen me sleep walk either.

One of my friends decided I was anemic, but I give blood all the time and have a steady iron count. So I hope it's not in my blood, because I always put the barcode sticker down on the square deemed "Use my blood."

It doesn't help that I enjoy participating in events that beg for bruising. Sports for one. I played softball for about 13 years. (Actually, my first two years I was the only girl on the all boys t-ball team. That's where I learned how to "trap the bear in the cave" and then tag an oncoming runner with it.)

You can't tell me I didn't have some interesting spots from these days. When a fast-ball comes at your thigh at 92

Peaceful talks between pope and presidents

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By Tom Raum

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) _ Five American presidents in a row eagerly sought audiences with Pope John Paul II, even when the pontiff expressed strong opposition to some of their policies, such as President Bill Clinton's support for abortion rights and President George W. Bush's invasion of Iraq.

All five who occupied the White House during John Paul II's 26-year papacy _ Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton and George W. Bush _ beat a path to the Vatican.

The current president visited the pope in Rome three times in his first term, most recently in June.

"Every American president, whether Republican or Democrat, could find elements of John Paul II's agenda to agree with," said James Guth, a specialist in religion and politics at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. "Conservative Republicans identified with his role in the downfall of the Soviet communism, his concern for moral issues like abortion and euthanasia that have become part of the Republican party platform," Guth said. "At the same time, Democrats recognized the pope's travels throughout the Third World, his identification with the poor of the world."

John Paul II became the first pope to visit lowers in the United States and hundreds

the White House when Carter warmly welcomed him in 1979. That kicked off a string of frequent and high-profile meetings between the pontiff and U.S. presidents.

The pope received Carter at the Vatican the following year. Reagan met with John Paul II four times _ twice at the Vatican, twice in the United States. The first President Bush visited the pope twice in the Vatican.

Clinton met with him four times _ in the United States in 1993, 1995 and 1999 and at the Vatican in 1994.

When the current president called on the pope in June, he presented the pontiff with the presidential medal of freedom and called him ``a devoted servant of God."

Bush sat stoically as the pontiff read with a frail voice a lengthy statement expressing ``grave concern" about events in Iraq. Bush brightened as the pope concluded the session with ``God bless the United States."

Bush later told an audience of Catholics, "Being in his presence is an awesome experience."

It is only natural that U.S. presidents wanted to been seen with the globe-trotting pope from Poland, said Allan J. Lichtman, a presidential historian at American University in Washington.

"He was a very charismatic, significant world figure with tens of millions of followers in the United States and hundreds

of millions of followers worldwide," Lichtman said.

Lichtman also said the magnetic appeal of John Paul II to U.S. presidents coincided with a lessening of anti-Catholic sentiment in the United States.

"When Reagan established formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican, it was very controversial," Lichtman said, noting that Reagan sought the Rev. Billy Graham's help in trying to smooth things over with evangelical leaders.

"The Catholics have blended in," said the Rev. Gerald Fogarty, a Jesuit priest and professor at the University of Virginia who specializes in U.S.-Vatican relations.

But Fogarty suggested it was not solely fondness for the pope that motivated U.S. presidents to seek him out.

Reagan's decision in 1984 to send an ambassador to the Vatican helped him gain more influence over outspoken American Catholic bishops, Fogarty suggested.

Clinton's overtures to the pope, he said, were part of a strategy "to recreate the old alliance between Catholics and the Democratic party."

The current president wooed the pope _ and Catholic voters _ in an effort to undo that alliance. The effort seems to have paid off.

Democrat presidential nominee Al Gore won 50 percent of the Catholic vote in 2000, while Bush got 47 percent. Bush

increased his numbers to 52 percent of the Catholic vote in 2004, to Democrat John Kerry's 47 percent, even though Kerry is a Roman Catholic. Bush is a Methodist.

American presidents may have tried to reap domestic political mileage from their sessions with the pope, but the pope also used such meetings to advance the Catholic Church's agenda.

The pontiff used his sessions with Bush to emphasize his feelings about the war in Iraq, to convey his repulsion about the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. troops and to register his opposition to Bush's support for the death penalty.

The pontiff never tried to hide his deep differences with Clinton. He held cordial meetings with Clinton even as papal officials issued a number of unusually sharp attacks on Clinton's actions. During one such meeting, the Vatican called Clinton's veto of a ban on certain late-term abortions ``shameful."

And John Paul II's long-standing criticism of the U.S. trade embargo on Cuba _ along with his visit to the island in 1998 _ undercut policies of both Democratic and Republican U.S. presidents.

Associated Press Writer Jennifer Loven contributed to this report

Fundraiser turned trend

By Sandra Valdez Gerdes

Tuscon Citizen

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Nine-year-old Maggie Allen proudly wears a yellow wristband imprinted with the words "LIVESTRONG." The bands, sold by the Lance Armstrong Foundation, support the fight against cancer.

"My grandfather had the same cancer as Lance Armstrong," Maggie Allen says. She got the band from her mother Julie Allen, who ordered 50 of them at \$1 each from the foundation's online store (www.laf-store.org).

"I've been giving them to family, friends and people at church because it reminds me that he went through so

much," Allen says of her father, cancer survivor Rick Terril. "If I'm having a rough day I look down and it gets me through it."

With more than 40 million LIVE-STRONG bands sold worldwide, other charitable organizations and fashion retailers have jumped on the wristband wagon, including some in the Old Pueblo.

In Tucson, you'll find wristbands that promote a number of causes. There is a pink one to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation of Southern Arizona, royal blue for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson, a light blue band to support the Tucson Autism Community Center, Inc. and green bands to show support for the U.S. troops.

Noncharitable fashion wristbands have also hit stores with a bang, and it seems that the same social butterflies and drama queens who expressed their individuality on novelty T-shirts, are hot on the trail.

However, instead of supporting a cause, these bracelets have inspirational words or catchy phrases.

At Claire's Boutique in the Tucson Mall "belief bands" come in all colors and bear words like faith and friendship. The Finish Line and other Nike and adidas retailers carry Baller ID Bands for athletes.

Spencer Gifts Inc. carries the spectrum from nice to naughty, including Drama Queen, High Maintenance and Social Butterfly, to such phrases as Bite Me and more profane expressions. Dana Anderson, store manager at Spencer Gifts in Tucson Mall said the bands sell

like crazy.

It seems both the charitable and noncharitable bands, which sell from \$1 to \$5 each, are considered hip.

Maggie Allen and her friends ruffled through a box at Spencer to find bracelets that expressed their "high maintenance" and "spoiled" personalities, they explained with a chuckle.

Sisters Arianna and Ashley Guiffre, ages 16 and 14 respectively, wear bracelets that read ``strength" and ``peace." Arianna says she sees a lot of people her age wearing them.

"I just like the words of wisdom" she says, adding that she also wears wristbands that promote breast cancer research and tsunami victim relief.

LIVESTRONG was the first awareness or charity wristband to come on the

see Bracelets, page 6

You can't tell me I didn't have some interesting spots from these days. When a fast-ball comes at your thigh at 92 miles per hour, that stitching leaves some intriguing purple designs. And what does my coach have to say? "Way to take one for the team," he shouts.

Similar things happened playing the net in tennis. Those preppy girls look innocent in their tiny skirts, diamond bracelets and tan from the can, but they can really wail out some anger management issues on a bright green ball.

Luckily, I was pretty safe swimming. Although I did not enjoy the 5 a.m. practices in high school, I didn't worry about another girl throwing me off the block...however there was the occasional kick board frenzy or towel slap. Nevermind, swimming is unsafe too.

I also enjoy going to concerts. Just this weekend I had to go home to celebrate a wedding (don't worry, no pain there), and afterward I got the chance to see Less Than Jake in concert. I love getting into the music, so I was yelling "Gainesville, Rock City!" and getting thrown around in the mosh pit.

After only about 30 minutes, though, I was thoroughly thrashed and completely soaked in my own sweat. The girls in the bathroom asked if I had just gotten out of the shower. Once again, I believed this to be a rhetorical question, so I threw water on my face and went back out.

The show was awesome, but the next morning I had at least four green tinted knots around each ankle area. Apparently, converse aren't that protective of a shoe. At least all of these bruises I place under the "worth it" list. Kinda like when I decide to eat fudge brownies...they're always on the worth it list, even though they probably extend the allowed calories for the day.

Hopefully I've cleared up everything and stopped anyone from calling an abuse hotline. Had to get that out since the weather is getting nicer...I'd like to wear some shorts.



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director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Tucson. Their bracelet, which reads "Little

people are taking advantage of something that was such a good cause and using it for their own benefit. I have no problem with

Horoscopes

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

You are ready to conquer any obstacles this week. It may not be a bad idea to spend some time alone, because your criticisms of others may get you in deep water. It's hard to concentrate, and daydreaming won't hurt - unconscious messages have practical value.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

This week finds you in tune with your lover or mate, which makes for great fun and accomplishments for the next several days. It looks quite favorable for you to move closer to your goals. If people at work don't argue with you, they will argue around you- keep a low profile.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

You need to get away from your hectic routine to be alone with your thoughts. Be confident of success in business dealings. Avoid any unpleasant financial surprises by going over matters to clear up any discrepancies. You can reach a meeting of minds with opponents.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) A friend challenges you to break out of your shell and promote yourself for advancement. Maybe it's time - trust yourself and you'll be happier in the long run. A great career opportunity presents itself, and you'll move ahead without upsetting anyone.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

It's hard to avoid confrontations. Someone you have recently befriended may turn on you. It'll be better to remain silent than be drawn into unnecessary arguments. Travel is favored for the next several weeks. If involved in litigation, expect to win.

VIRGO: (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Career advancement seems effortless, so pursue your most cherished goal. Co-workers will welcome your great ideas. It may be a good idea to spend a little bit of time on your own, getting back in touch with yourself. Resolve differences that are putting distance between you and a loved one.

LIBRA: (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

It's a great week to improve relationships, particularly within the family. This may be the opportune time to reach out to someone who looks up to you, possibly a child. Be alert to all money opportunities, postponing any major decisions for

SCORPIO: (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You are looking and feeling your best, so use this positive energy to your advantage - get out and accomplish things. Communications with others go well - you are a mind reader with all around you. Tensions elsewhere may find you taking it out on a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov.23 -

Make it a point of getting chores and errands out of the way earlier, because it looks like rest, relaxation and partying is in store for later. Be aware of the helpful insights surrounding you, rapid advancement at work may be a result of heeding suggestions.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22 - Jan.

Personal financial planning is favored. Your intuition is sharpened concerning money matters. You may run into an intense blowout with a mate or lover - keep your cool, things will straighten out rather quickly. Spend some time by your-

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

It will be a busy week for you. Hard work on your part will bring you closer to your career and personal goals. Be supportive of family members, someone is going through a tough time. Resolve financial concerns you have now, before things get out of hand.

PISCES: (Feb. 20 - March 20) You are eager to help out wherever needed, but avoid those who manipulate your actions. Be sure that your efforts go to a good cause. Enjoy a break from the routine for a couple days. Luck will find you with extra dollars you weren't expecting at

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You usually prefer to follow the logical path rather than trusting your intuition. However, your intuition can enhance your accuracy about situations when you team it with reason. Whether you admit it or not, you have experienced intense psychic moments, which may make you a bit uneasy.

JAX PAWN SHOP & CAR TITLE LOANS

Got some broken necklaces?

scene when it was worn by six-

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to match Armstrong's cycling jersey. Armstrong and the bracelet were featured in February on "The Oprah

moments ... Big magic," is a

scene when it was worn by sixtime Tour de France winner and testicular cancer survivor Lance Armstrong. The Lance Armstrong Foundation and Armstrong's sponsor Nike began distributing the vellow silicone wristbands last May for a \$1 donation. The bracelet is named after the foundation's education program and colored

Swamp Water Punch With The Floating Arm of Death

Orange juice Optional: floating arm-of-death (recipe follows) Optional: ginger ale, Alcohol of some kind Blue food coloring

Put some blue food coloring into the orange juice punch until it turns a disgusting swamp-green color. The color is gross and the orange juice pulp floating around really adds to the effect. People will realize that the punch tastes good, but it will take them awhile to figure out it is orange juice.

Floating Arm-of-Death

Water or orange juice optional: gummy worms

Freeze the water (and gummy worms if desired) in a clean rubber glove. Peel off the rubber glove and float the arm in the punch.

From: "Sky Scorcher" on Usenet

Fried Beaver Tail

Beaver tails 1/4 ts Pepper 1/2 c Vinegar 1/4 c Butter 1 tb Salt 1/4 c Sherry or cooking wine 2 ts Soda 1 ts Dry mustard 1/4 c Flour 1 ts Sugar

jersey. Armstrong and the bracelet were featured in February on ``The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Since the Lance Armstron band came out similar bracelets have served as great publicity tool for other charities, and appeal to all ages.

`These bracelets are all over and they are a way to get people talking about our organization," savs David Welsh, executive

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oughly and wash well in a

overnight in cold water to

1.Skin beaver tails, clean thor-

solution of salt water. Let soak

cover, adding 1/2 cup vinegar

and 1 tablespoon salt to water.

2. The next day, remove from

the brine, wash, then cover

simmer 10 minutes. Drain.

3.Dredge beaver tails in sea-

4. Melt butter in heavy fry pan

and saute tails at low heat until

6.Add to beaver tails and sim-

From "Northern Cookbook"

Indian Affairs and Northern

Development, Ottawa 1973.

A note received from Jimm

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Mountains of Montana, every

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of some vendors selling coun-

terfeit wristbands and keeping

"It makes me sad that some

Stick a barbecue fork into the "meat" end of the beavertail, then "toast" it like a marshmallow over the woodstove or electric burner or other heat source. As it toasts, the hide puffs away from the meat like a slowly expanding balloon. After a few minutes you can strip it away and trim the edge, leaving you with a nice filet of greasy pink/white meat for your recipe.

The smell is not charming, but it's not as bad as some things. And the taste (and saved work) is worth it. Just thought I would share that tip.

Garlic Ice Cream

1/4 c cold water 2 c milk 3/4-1 c sugar 1/8 tsp salt 2 T lemon juice 2 cloves garlic, minced 2 c whipping cream

1-1 1/2 tsp unflavored gelatin

Soak the gelatin in cold water. Bring the milk, sugar, and salt to a boil. Dissolve the gelatin in the hot milk. Cool, then add the lemon juice and garlic. Chill the mixture until slushy. Whip the cream until thick but not stiff and fold carefully into the mixture. Freeze in a mould, or in a foil covered tray. (fruit topping complements this well)

From the Official Garlic Lover's Cookbook.

Collected by Bert Christensen Toronto, Ontario

Sisters in Tucson, Their something that was such a good cause and using it for their own bracelet, which reads "Little benefit. I have no problem with moments ... Big magic," is a play on words that denotes its fashion bracelets as long it stays positive, but I'd rather support volunteers (Bigs) and the children they mentor (Littles). something that goes to charity." Julie Allen says it saddens her

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Gamecocks fight back for series win against SEMO

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Saturday

Jacksonville State had a ninth inning rally to claim a 6-3 win in the first game of Saturday's double-header over Southeast Missouri State, while the Redhawks pitched a 3-0 shutout in the second game.

Brian Piazza singled home Austin Stein in the top of the ninth inning to break a 3-3 tie as the Gamecocks plated three runs in the inning for the win.



Donovan Hand (4-1) pitched the

final four innings in relief of early 1-0 lead. SEMO would Josh Forrest to earn the win.

Jake Ball finished 2-for-3 to lead the Gamecock's in the open-

Southeast Missouri State's Daniel Evans (2-3) tossed a complete-game shut-out in his first OVC start to lead the Redhawks to a 3-0 win in the night cap.

Jon Clements (1-3) also threw a complete-game, but go stuck with the loss for the Gamecocks despite allowing just six hits.

Clint Carroll finished 2-for-3 in the second game, while Ball was held hitless to snap a careerbest 14-game hitting streak.

Jax State is now 10-14, and 3-2 in the OVC, while Southeast Missouri State fell to 9-15, 2-3 in the league.

Sunday

Jacksonville State (11-14) posted four runs in the top of the ninth to take the final game of the three-game series away from Southeast Missouri State (9-16), 8-7, and win the series.

JSU opened the scoring when Jake Ball drove in Winston Pearson to give Jax State an

take the lead in the bottom of the second with a four-run inning and chase away Gamecock starter Clark Jinks after only one and a third innings.

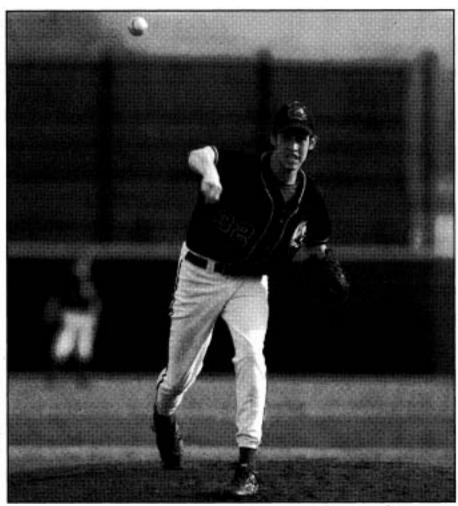
After a Austin Stein homerun in the third, JSU would cut the lead to 4-3, as Jason Horn scored on a Stein sacrifice fly, in the top of the fifth.

SEMO would answer and adde two runs in the bottom of the fifth to push the lead back out to 6-3.

The two teams would each add a run in the seventh for a score of 7-4.

JSU's Lee Drinkard got the win for the Gamecocks on the mound improving his record to 3-1, as he pithced two and twothirds innings, allowing no runs on three hits.

SEMO's Brent Lawson (1-1) got the loss, pitching one inning allowing one run on one hit.



Courtesy/JSU Alex Stillwagon

Left:Clint Carroll Right: Matthew Darwin bringing the heat.

Women's golf finished fourth

JSU's Alexander claims OVC of the week honors while men finished third

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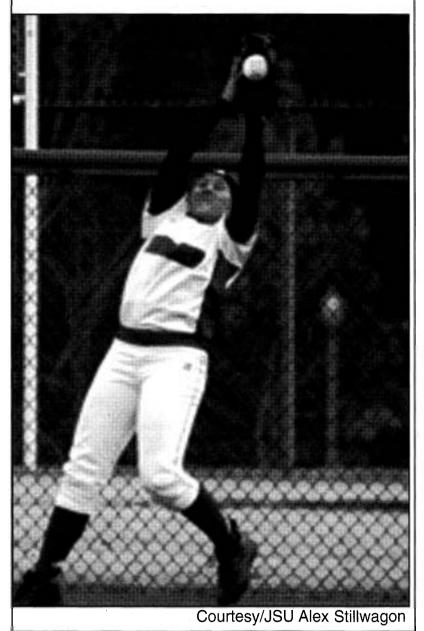
Jacksonville State shot a 304 in Tuesday's final round

Santos Caceres finished in a tie for 29th place with a 224, while teammates Patrico Cozzoli and Bryan Rozier finished in tie for 60th with a three round total of 229. Matias Anselmo had a total of 232 and placed 76th.

JSU returns to action on April 7th at the Billy

Jacksonville State's Maigin Alexander has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week, as announced by the league office late Monday afternoon.

Alexander led JSU with eight RBI this week and tallied a slugging percentage of 1.091, which included a grand slam to go ahead of Eastern Kentucky in the Gamecocks second win over the Colonels last Sunday. She batted .455 going 5-for-11 with two home runs and five walks on the week. Alexander, a junior outfielder from Hillsboro, Oregon, leads the Gamecocks this season with a .400 batting average and a .700 slugging percentage.



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to post a team score of 911 to finish fourth at the Southern Miss Lady Eagle Invitational at the par-71, 5,837-yard Canebrake Country Club.

Birmingham-Southern won the 13-team event with a score of 879, followed by Southern Miss (903), Middle Tennessee State (904), JSU, and South Alabama rounds out the top 5 with a 913.

Shanelle Howell tied for 12th place with a 54-hole total of 226 to lead the Gamecocks.

Louis Fleming and FLorencia Moran each shot a 229 to tie for 18th, while Marilen Fernandez-Ruiz shot three rounds of 77 for a 231 to tie for 24th. Mercedes Huarte tied for 37th place with a total score of 236 after shooting a low-round of 74 on Tuesday.

Jacksonville State returns to action this weekend at the Purdue Lady Boilermaker

Jacksonville State's men's golf team finished the LSU Spring Inviational in third place.

JSU was led by Julian Colmenares who finished in second place, just two strokes back of the leader, Beck Troutman of LSU. Colmenares fired a three-day total of 213.

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TEAM SCORES (Par 864)

- 1. LSU 292-290-283=865
- 2. Lamar 299-291-281=871
- 3. Jacksonville State 304-295-290=889
- t4. Mississippi State 298-302-290=890
- t4. UT-Arlington 292-303-295=890
- t6. Maryland 302-296-295=893
- t6. UL-Lafayette 302-303-288=893
- t6. Middle Tennessee State 295-303-295=893
- t6. South Alabama 294-302-297=893
- t10. Arkansas-Little Rock 292-313-293=898
- t10. Arkansas State 297-294-307=898
- t12. Furman 293-308-299=900
- t12. Southeastern, La. 303-297-300=900
- t14. Southern Mississippi 313-294-294=301
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from Michelle, page 8

CS: What is in your CD player right

Michelle: Gretchen Wilson because I admire her for coming from nothing and becoming a super star.

CS: What will you miss the most? Michelle: The student athletes. They kept me young and I really cared about every one of them.

CS: Any advice for the new guy? Michelle: Don't try to do it all yourself and use all the help you can get. You can get easily burned out and it is something that you can do your whole life or just doing it for a little while.

CS: What is the one thing the Chanticleer readers must know about you?

Michelle: The reason I worked here was for the student athletes.

CS: Any last words for the student athletes?

Michelle: Play hard, study bunches and live today as if it were your last. Michelle Alford meant so much to student athletes. The sports department has always heard good things about the way she treated everybody.

In fact, Michelle has helped the

sports department so much and without her love and kindness, we would hardly have any material to use.

Michelle is not completely walking away as she is going to stay on to coach the cheerleaders and Cocky. But on the other hand, little Connor and her husband Jon will get to see a lot of Michelle from now on.

Maybe one day in the future they will want to share her but Chanticleer Sports would understand if they didn't.

Who could blame them.

Chanticleer Sports wants to thank Michelle for everything she has done for Jacksonville State University.

We want to wish her well and we send lots of love and hope the very best for her and her family.

SPORTS

Puerto Rico, basketball and Well, Well My Michelle!

By Amado Ortiz The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Your thoughts and comments were well appreciated over the last week and to end all rumors: No my grandmother didn't die or I didn't go home on business. I was on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico on an investigative mission trip with Campus Outreach.

It was a fun trip and it was cool to see that North Carolina is still North Carolina no matter what language you cheer for them in.

When I think about basketball, Indiana is the first thing that comes to my mind. I grew up on the movie Hoosiers and have this image in my mind that once you cross the Indiana border, you see nothing but basketball courts.

Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought Puerto Rico was just like I imagined Indiana to be. Once I gave it serious thought, it made all the sense in the world.

Puerto Rico beat the United States in last year's Olympic games and Carlos Arroyo has made a huge impact in the NBA game as a point guard.

There was a basketball court (they all looked like gyms with the tops and four poles holding up the top with lights under them) on every block and the island is only 108 miles long by

Softball in third, travels to first place Samford

"We wanted to stay competitive in the OVC race and we did that today," said JSU head coach Jana McGinnis.

Whit McGhee and Staff Reports Chanticleer sports writer

On March 29, the JSU softball team chalked up two more victories as the girls swept Nicholls State in a double-header. Both games lasted only five innings, as the Gamecocks took the first game 9-0 and the second game 8-0.

Freshman Whitney Elder was a human highlight reel in both games, as the Huntsville native batted .800 on the day. In the second inning of Game 1, Elder faced a full count with two outs, when she belted a three-run shot past the center

Top left: Katie Czaja at the bat.
Top right: Sam Gutierrez showing some love.

field fence. She contributed with 4 hits, 4 RBI and a stolen base on the day.

"I think I was more focused today," said Elder. "I was more confident in the field and that carried over to the plate." Elder added that the entire team was more focused in the games, and that the girls' team effort paid off in the wins.

"We've been raising our intensity with every game," said head coach Jana McGinnis. "Our goal is to get better with each game, and I'm proud of the way our team played today."

The Gamecocks were unstoppable offensively, as they took early leads in both games and never looked back.

Melinda McDonald and Breezy Oleman brought strong senior leadership to both games, as McDonald had a total of 3 hits and Oleman had 4 RBI on the day.

Coach McGinnis remarked that the team had set goals for the pitching staff; and the duo of Christine Pierce and Carly Kellam delivered. In Game 1, Pierce pitched her third-straight one-hitter. In Game 2, Kellam shut down the Lady Colonels offense with 9 strikeouts.

On March 30, Jacksonville State lost to No. 23 Auburn 7-2 at University Field. The Gamecocks could never fully turn their offensive game, as the girls had only 2 hits in the loss.

Daniela Pappano scored one of JSU's two runs, after a sacrifice fly by Lauren Horwath in the 4th inning. The other run came in the 7th from catcher Melinda

McDonald, who scored an inside-thepark homerun after a series of errors by the Auburn infield.

Jacksonville State also went through three pitchers in the loss. Starting pitcher Carly Kellam retired 7 batters in 17 at-bats, before leaving the game in the 5th.

The Tigers' Sara Ghezzi led the way for Auburn. She went 2-for-4, with 2 hits, a homerun, and 3 RBI.

"We just couldn't come up with that big

hit," said JSU head coach Jana McGinnis, who pointed out that the loss had no impact on their conference goals. "Beating Auburn doesn't get us in the OVC Championship. Beating them would have given us bragging rights. But this isn't the most important game on our schedule."

Jacksonville State's Maigin Alexander led the Gamecocks in a doubleheader sweep of Eastern Kentucky (13-16, 4-5). JSU won the first Ohio Valley Conference game 5-1 and the second 11-7, with the help of an Alexander homerun.

Carly Kellam was the winning pitcher in game one with seven strikeouts and got the save in game two with five strikeouts.

Alexander doubled in the first inning of game one to score Melinda McDonald



and Daniela Pappano. In the sixth inning JSU scored with back-to-back homeruns from Pappano and Alexander.

After a Breanne Oleman homerun in the second inning, JSU came back after a 4-2 deficit in the fourth inning, when Alexander recorded her grand slam. Alana Hicks also homered in the inning for her first collegiate homerun.

Christine Pierce recorded the win for the Gamecocks in game two. Pitcher Shelby Thompson (4-9)took both losses for the Colonels.

"We wanted to stay competitive in the OVC race and we did that today," said JSU head coach Jana McGinnis. "It was a good day."

JSU (23-13, 7-3) will face Samford tonight at 6 p.m.

Athletic Department bids farewell to Michelle

anyone needs in their hands.

Michelle: To win conference cham-

the tops and four poles holding up the top with lights under them) on every block and the island is only 108 miles long by 35 miles deep.

It was the coolest thing ever. Outdoor courts with tops and you could play rain or shine.

The coolest thing was that basketball was still basketball no matter what language you spoke. The only thing different was they said Michael Jordan with an accent.

It is a big world out there and sometimes I think that the world is no bigger than Jacksonville, Alabama.

I will miss Puerto Rico and hope to return but another thing I will miss that probably will return is Sports Information Director Michelle Alford.

Michelle has been such a blessing to me. Deep down I know sometimes I walked through the athletic department doors and she would go nuts.

But the one thing I can always say is that she always gave me a helping hand and that is for sure. Matter of fact, I have never heard anybody say any different.

You see, Michelle was more than a sports information director to everybody, she was everybody's friend.

It is not going to feel the same not seeing Michelle. Even if she hates to see me come. Most of all, I will miss the way she made me laugh and the way she never let me get a big head over there. (No matter how many times I tried to butter her up).

Today is her last day and it only makes me think of the old Guns and Roses song Sowin' all your wild oats In another's luxuries Yesterday was Tuesday Maybe Thursday you can sleep But school starts much too early And this hotel wasn't free So party till your connection calls

Honey I'll return the key Well, well, well you just can't tell Well, well, well my Michelle Hope to see you real soon!

Amado Ortiz

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

"Show me the money!" is a famous line from the movie Jerry Maguire starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Tom Cruise. Gooding plays the part of a football player who desperately needs his agent Tom

Cruise goes to great lengths to make sure his client his happy. If pro sports has agents, then what does the student athlete have? The demands are not as high from the student athlete in comparison to a pro athlete but there are times when the student athlete needs somebody on their

To the rescue are universities Sports Information Directors. There is not a definite job description other than to do everything possible to help the student athlete and getting all the information anyone needs in their hands.

Michelle Alford has held down the women's SID position for the last eight years and today marks Michelle 's last day in the position.

Chanticleer Sports caught up with Michelle to get one last bit of information and send her off with a smile after she has touched the lives of so many student-athletes.

CS: What are your reasons for leaving? Michelle: I live an hour away from campus in Albertville and I want to spend more time with my eight month old son Connor.

CS: Who has been the best team to cover?

Michelle: It has been women's basketball travel wise and as far as team members, it has been men and women's ten-

CS: What has been your highlight?

Michelle: To win conference championships in rifle, softball and foot-Leall. Also going to other conference tournaments has been great.

CS: What has been your low?

Michelle: The death of Tera Ross. Tera had such an impact on the entire student body at the time of her death. That has to be the lowest time for JSU athletics since I have been here.

CS: What is your favorite quote? Michelle: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always" 1 Corinthians 13

see Michelle, page 7



Tennis serves up Senior Day victory

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brated Senior Day.

The Jacksonville State men's tennis team defeated Tennessee Tech, 5-2, Sunday as the Gamecocks cele-

After winning the doubles point, Arturo Nieto def. walking through those doors and Michila Panzeri at No. 2 singles 6-1, 6-1, while Christian Rybertt def. J. P. Gomez at No. 57-5, 6-0. The other JSU win came at No. 6 singles with a 6-3, 6-2 Andres Amores win over Javier Saab, 6-3, 6-2.

> The men improve to 9-8 overall on the season and 5-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Michelle Dushner was the only woman scoring a win over TTU, with a shutout 6-0, 6-0 win over Melisa Cansado. JSU (8-11, 3-4) fell, 6-1.

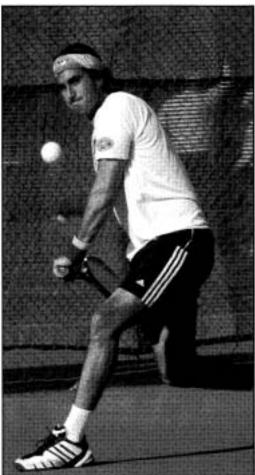
Women's Results Singles

- 1. Marina Tasheva ef. Zeynep Gurkaynak 6-4, 6-2
- 2. Boonzaaier def. Robin Gorman 7-6, 6-4
- 3. Michelle Dushner def. Melisa Cansado 6-0, 6-0
- 4. Curtor def. Erin Higgs 6-4, 6-4
- 5. Babette Lombardo def. Kay Ngiam 6-3, 6-1
- 6. Maya Russineva def, Layla Abby 6-2, 6-2 Doubles
- 1. Tasheva/Boonzaaier def. Dushner/Lombardo 8-2
- 2. Curtor/Ngiam def. Gorman Abby 8-6
- 3. Russinova/Cansado def. Gurkaynak/Higgs 8-4

Men's Results Singles

- 1. Shunsoke Shimizo def. Vedran
- 2. Arturo Nieto def. Michial Panzeri 6-
- 3. Barja Zarco def. Rodney Rapson 6-3,
- 4. Tiago Gilioli def. Kieran Ricci 6-1,
- 5. Christian Rybertt def. J.P. Gomez 7-
- 6. Andres Amores def. Javier Saab 6-3, 6-2

- 1. Rapson/Sirola def. Shimizo/Saab 9-7
- 2. Nieto/Ricci def. Panzeri/Zarco 8-1
- 3. Gilioli/Gomez def. Amores/Rybertt 8-3



Courtesy\ JSU Alex Stillwagon

Top: Andres Amores victory at #6 singles was big for JSU.

Bottom: Vedran Sirola (right) and Rodney Courtesy\ JSU Alex Stillwagon Rapson (left) take care of buisness in #1 doubles