Jacksonville's crime rate not raised in 2004

By Jennifer Bacchus  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville’s crime rate did not experience any major boosts in 2004, said Jacksonville Police Department Assistant Chief of Police Bill Wineman in his presentation to JSU’s Sociology Club on Jan. 26.

“Generally speaking we don’t have many major crimes,” declared Wineman.

During the presentation, Wineman discussed the types of crimes that occur in Jacksonville and the statistics for each of them. He touched briefly on the rash of burglaries in the city during the latter part of 2004, noting that burglaries were the major crime last year.

“The one thing that really stood out is the 30,000 cars that pass through the square each day,” said Lindsey Baucom, president of the Sociology Club of Wineman’s discussion of Jacksonville’s traffic problems.

The number of domestic violence incidences also impressed Baucom, who hopes to specialize in marriage and family counseling.

Toward the end of the program, Wineman turned to alcohol and drug related offenses; calling driving under the influence, “the one we get more students on.” During 2004 there were 111 arrests for DUI.

On Feb. 9, the club is taking a trip to Tuscaloosa with the Social Work, Criminal Justice and Psychology clubs to visit two state psychiatric institutions. They will be touring Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility, which houses the criminally insane, and Bryce Hospital, the main state-run psychiatric hospital in the state of Alabama.

“We try to get our students out of Jacksonville and expose them to a little reality,” said Dr. Hugh McCain, Jr., sponsor for the Sociology Club.

Trips to facilities similar to these are an annual event for the club. Each year Dr. McCain as well as the sponsors of the other clubs listen to what the students are interested in seeing and plan the field trip accordingly.

The most popular trips,

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Books for Baghdad

Students here load boxes of books to be shipped to Baghdad for the Books for Baghdad project that Jacksonville State University conducted. The student volunteers were from Beta Beta Beta, the SGA, and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.
History Club hosts Jack the Ripper lecture

By Jennifer Bacchus
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Jack the Ripper, a killer credited with the death of five prostitutes in the Whitechapel district of London in 1888, was the topic of a lecture given by Dr. Phillip Koerper on Feb. 1.

"One of the problems with studying Jack the Ripper is that, even when you find substantial evidence that might close the case, people aren't going to want to buy it. They want the story and the conspiracy to go on," said Koerper.

The audience of 27 students and two professors sat quietly while Koerper wove the tale of how a "killer stepped out of the London fog and slashed a woman to death."

The lecture ended with a list of possible Ripper suspects. Among them were Prince Albert Victor Christian Edward, the grandson of Queen Victoria, and Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known as Lewis Carroll, author of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

According to Koerper, however, his favorite suspect for the Ripper murders is James Maybrick. Maybrick was a cotton buyer from Liverpool who was poisoned by his wife shortly after the death of Mary Kelly, the last confirmed Ripper murder.

The evidence against Maybrick is strong and includes a diary that came to light in 1992. In the diary, Maybrick gives details of the murders and mentions some information that was not public knowledge at the time.

Dr. Koerper's presentation is one of many that have been hosted by the History Club. The club tries to host one lecture each month by either a member of the faculty or a member of the community. Past presentations have included Dr. Paul Beesley's lecture on the funeral of Jefferson Davis and a presentation on Scottish history by Rod Douglas.

According to the club's constitution, nine hours of history classes are required for admission. However, Jeff Kretzschmar, the president and Dr. Llewellyn Cook, the sponsor, both say that they view the club as having a social function and have been admitting non-history students.

"This needs to be a fun, social club. We have an honor society, so this needs to be for everyone," said Cook.

Three students started the club in 1988 with the help of Dr. Koerper, who became the club's first sponsor. Koerper then passed the club to Dr. Cook in 1999. "I just felt it needed someone younger and closer to the age of the kids," said Koerper.

Each year the club also chooses the History Professor of the year. Last year, that honor went to Mary Stokesberry.

The cost of joining the club is $5 and the dues fund the field trips taken annually by club members. The club is currently working on plans to visit the Georgia Renaissance Festival in April. While there, they also plan to visit the High Museum of Art in Atlanta.

Anyone interested in joining the club or getting more information about club activities should contact Jeff Kretzschmar at jsuhistory@Gmail.com or call Dr. Cook at 782-8309.

SGA notes

From Staff Reports

- SGA has acquired a DVD projector for Movie Night. The first movie played on this projector was Ray, Tuesday night.
- Higher Education day is March 3. See your friendly neighborhood SGA senator for more information on attending this event.
- Applications for SGA Executive committee, Senate, Mr. and Miss Jacksonville State and Mr. and Miss Friendly are due Feb. 17. in the office of student life. Applications are available in the same office.
- SGA day at the girl's basketball game is Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. Come join the SGA in support of Gamecock athletics.
- In old business there was heavy discussion on the amount of money that students should pay for Jax Cash. The amount was set at $150 dollars per semester. The senators tabled the bill, Student Resolution 03, until next week's meeting. The senators did not change the amount of money, with the assumption that the board of trustees would set the amount they believed was best.
- Senator Amanda Gaskin brought up a point during discussion that senators should re-evaluate allocations to certain groups. Gaskin's comment was in reference to an allocation made last week to Sigma Phi Epsilon for new doors in their house. Gaskin emphasized the need vs. want in that the fraternity had a formal shortly after asking for allocations.
Adjustments in government funding lead universities to solicit funds from students

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native who relies on his parents for tuition support. “I got a pretty tight budget... It would pretty much be me asking my parents for money” to make a donation.

But even Harris sounds like he’ll come around after he graduates.

“What’s the point of increasing tuition if you’re going to ask me for money?” Harris said. “If I was an alumni I’d probably give, but I don’t know about now.”

Philanthropy observers aren’t sure how many public universities have launched student capital campaigns, but believe the campaigns reflect what private institutions have done all along.

“It’s probably been going on in private institutions for a number of years, largely because private schools have been more dependent on philanthropy,” said Tim Seiler, director of the fund-raising center at the Center for Philanthropy at Indiana University.

“There is a growing need for private donations because of evolution of government funding,” he continued.

States are facing tough economic times, with legislative appropriations increasingly earmarked for faculty pay raises and rising health care costs. That leaves universities to come up with money for building and expansion themselves, typically through private donors and tuition hikes.

Of Alabama’s 16 four-year colleges, half have increased tuition by at least 33 percent over the past four years. Nationwide, tuition climbed 10.5 percent at public four-year colleges last year.

But university officials insist that tapping undergraduates for donations isn’t just about the money. “It’s about establishing a firm tradition of giving,” said Graham Smith, coordinator of UA’s student campaign.

The theory is that if students get in the habit of donating a couple of dollars each year as undergraduates, then giving as alumni will be almost second nature. It also serves as fuel for more traditional capital campaigns that target older alumni to give large chunks toward research and technology, the idea being “if a freshman can donate, so can a working professional.”

Plus, it teaches students the true value of their education — what it really costs to run this giant machine,” Smith said.

To drive the point home, campaigners have decided not to add new mandatory costs but to encourage students to donate voluntarily.

“It wouldn’t feel like a contribution if it was mandatory,” said Allie Esslinger, a UA junior from Huntsville, serving as the student director of the campaign.

Though hard numbers aren’t available, it seems undergraduates who are scholarship recipients are more willing to donate to universities if the money goes toward scholarships.

Freshmen Matt Clay and Justin Headley, both of Oxford, attend UA on academic scholarships and look to their parents for spending money. Even though they are college students “scraping by,” they say they will give to the student campaign because it’s going to help another student.

“Of course, we’re college students and we don’t have that much money, but I think we can contribute a small amount,” Clay said, though he mentioned he didn’t think a student campaign would affect whether he gave as an alum.

“I think if we can see the results, like see a kid get a scholarship, then we’ll want to give more,” Headley said.
A person who attended the lecture sponsored by the History Club on Jack the Ripper stopped to check out posters, comments and photographs related to the presentation material.
Richard Shelby still pushing flat tax

By Jeffrey McMurray
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby belonged to a different party and served in a different chamber when he first floated the idea of a flat tax more than two decades ago to little fanfare.

The good news for Shelby is that with President Bush fresh off a re-election victory and Republicans firmly in control of Congress, the stars could be aligned for major legislative change to appease conservatives. The bad news: It doesn't appear tax reform is where party leaders intend to start.

During his State of the Union Address Wednesday night, Bush spent several minutes outlining a plan to shore up Social Security benefits for the elderly while providing private investment choices for the young. He devoted only a couple of vague sentences to changing the tax code, calling for a system that is "pro-growth, easy to understand and fair to all."

If Shelby had his way, taxes would have dominated Bush's second-term agenda, and consequently, the speech. Still, he remains confident Congress won't be overwhelmed if it considers two massive domestic initiatives simultaneously.

"They're two huge boulders we're trying to roll up the mountain," said Shelby, who expects to reintroduce the flat tax legislation this year sometime before the April 15 deadline for Americans to file their returns. "It's hard to roll one and it's harder to roll two, but it's not impossible."

Shelby's plan certainly would simplify things. It abolishes the current Internal Revenue Service code and directs a certain percentage - perhaps around 17 percent - of everyone's income to go to the federal government. There would be some provisions for low-income residents, assuring that a family of four wouldn't be taxed at all if they earn less than $36,600.

Critics, particularly Democrats, say the flat tax is regressive because poorer taxpayers would send the government a higher proportion of their disposable income than richer ones.

Although the idea clearly has more buzz than it did in 1984, when Shelby introduced it as a Democratic House member, GOP leaders don't seem to be embracing it the way they were four years ago when Steve Forbes made it the hallmark of his unsuccessful Republican presidential campaign.

The top House booster, former Majority Leader Dick Armey, is now retired, and it's not clear who in the House will step up to promote it in Armey's place. Meanwhile, a push for a national sales tax seems to be gaining steam and the author of that concept - Rep. John Linder, R-Ga. - says that, unlike the flat tax, his "fair tax" assures the rich will pay their fair share.

"To have a system where people who can afford attorneys and lobbyists win and the poor guy who spends everything he needs to live loses is a dumb system," said Linder. "We need to tax wealth, not income."

Shelby says he agrees but contends that without a constitutional amendment eliminating the federal income tax, Congress would be too tempted to tax the citizens double. Such an amendment would require too many hoops to make it an immediate reality, he says, so he is pushing the flat tax as the next best thing.

President Bush has established an advisory committee to study a national sales tax, the flat tax and less-drastic proposals aimed at simplifying the tax code. Early indications are the administration is pushing more to tweak the current code rather than overhaul it, which Shelby says is a mistake.

"Proposed amendments to the current tax code only perpetuate the complexities and inequalities of the current system," Shelby wrote in an editorial. "We have a small but clear window of opportunity to overhaul our tax code, and it is time that the U.S. Congress seriously consider comprehensive tax reform."

Although Shelby says Congress should act soon, he is willing to wait to see the advisory panel's report. But some lawmakers - including Linder and House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas - say tax reform must be linked with any dramatic changes to Social Security.

At a recent news conference, Bush declined to say whether he agreed.

"You'll find, as this process unfolds, that there will be a lot of different suggestions, some of them valid, some of them not valid," Bush said. "But the idea that people are bringing forth ideas is a really good sign."

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Democratic House member. GOP leaders don't seem to be embracing it the way they were four

Final Home Hoops

Feb. 12th - JSU Basketball
vs. Eastern Kentucky
Women at 5:00 pm
and Men at 7:30 pm

Feb. 10th - JSU Basketball
vs. Morehead State
Women at 5:00 pm
and Men at 7:30 pm

Feb. 24th - JSU
Women's Basketball
vs. Longwood at 8:00 pm
Imagine that, more incoherent ramblings

By Patrick McCreless
The Chanticleer
Managing Editor

So, it has come to this.
For the first time since I started writing opinion articles for this illustrious paper, I have no specific topic to comment on. So, instead I shall ramble, just as many before me have done.

I know, I know. I should have a multitude of things to write about. How things are progressing in Iraq, President Bush’s attempt to “save” social security by privatizing it or the latest attempt at peace between Israel and the Palestinians are all topics worth writing on. But that’s just it. They have already been covered to death. Especially when it comes to the question of privatizing social security. Read and understand people. That whole thing is being blown way out of proportion.

Medicare and Medicaid are in a much larger financial crisis, yet little to nothing is being said about them. Oh, except for the proposal in Bush’s budget to make large cuts in both of those already under-funded programs. And now that I’m on the subject, is there any domestic program that the Bush administration did not make cuts in? Hell, I know that Homeland Security is an important thing to have, but don’t you think that cutting funding for our boarder patrol officers would greatly hinder America’s ability to protect itself?

Well, so far this rambling thing isn’t that bad. Let's continue.

Over the past few months working here as managing editor, I’ve come to appreciate sleep more and more. Now, working here isn’t the only reason I get little sleep, but it is a contributing factor. Back when I had fewer responsibilities, I thought that missing a couple of hours here and there was not a big deal. But not getting to sleep until five in the morning and then having to wake up three hours later has made me rethink that position.

For those of you who don’t know, being sleep deprived is an interesting experience. The world around you looks much different than the one you are used to. It is almost like being drunk, only without the over-inflated self-esteem and confidence. So for those of you who have the opportunity, get as much sleep as you can. Trust me, you’ll miss it once it is gone.

Oranges. They are delicious and nutritious. They give you all the vitamin C you will ever need, which is a good thing for the winter season because it protects you from getting sick. Why am I writing about oranges you ask? Basically because my good friend and co-worker Erin Chupp said I should. Why would she ask such a thing? Well, if you ever see her on campus, go right up to her and ask her. She’ll love it. Also, be sure to comment on how sad you are that she lost her cat.

Well, I guess that’s it for my rambling session... wait! I still have one more topic that I would like to touch on before I let you go. Graduation is finally upon me. And before you jump to conclusions, I’m not apprehensive and or scared about entering the real world. I made my peace with that long ago. No, what I want to discuss is the graduation ceremony itself.

I probably won’t do it.

I really fail to see the point. To me, it just seems like an incredibly superficial and senseless hassle. I will have already earned my degree, so why should I sit around in a ridiculous hat all night? I’m sorry, but I do not feel the need to participate in a ceremony that’s only purpose seems to be to stroke the egos of people who made it through college.

Wow, that last point I made seemed a little on the angry side. It’s probably just the sleep deprivation kicking in again.

So there you have it. My first, (and hopefully only) rambling opinion article. I’ll try to give it some more effort next time.

Oh and by the way, feel free to send your opinion to me on anything I have written. I’m serious. I mean, what do I have to do to stir up some controversy on this campus, ride a donkey through the quad while holding a large sign that insults the Republican party? Of course, I would never actually do such a thing. I would never be able to get the donkey.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - A Connecticut boy has been making good use of his Christmas present.

Since opening the gift - a Green Bay Packers jersey with quarterback Brett Favre’s No. 4 - on Christmas Day 2003, 8-year-old David Witthoft has worn it 408 straight days.

“I just kept doing it for fun,” said Witthoft, of Ridgefield, Conn. “Some of the kids at school said, ‘You are weird’ and stuff. But I’m not sure when I’ll stop.”

Witthoft told the Green Bay Press-Gazette for a story in Sunday’s editions that he wants a Guinness Book of Records mark for the most consecutive days wearing a Packers jersey. No such record exists, Guinness officials said.

“David has a lot of sticktoitiveness,” said his father Chuck Witthoft, who grew up in Milwaukee and has kept his allegiance to the Packers. “This wasn’t an idea of ours.”

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) - Add this to the many uses of duct tape.

Ark-La-Tex Narcotics Task Force agents and Caddo Parish sheriff’s deputies stopped a man at a Greyhound terminal Friday after they said he was acting suspiciously, sheriff’s spokeswoman Cindy McCreless said.

The man was the sole defendant in a federal lawsuit, claiming she made more than 700 songs available for free on the Internet.

Walton’s daughter, Robin Chianumba, lived with her mother for the last 17 years and said her mother objected to having a computer in the house.

“My mother wouldn’t know how to turn on a computer,” Chianumba said.

She said she faxed a copy of her mother’s death certificate to record company officials several days before the lawsuit was filed, in response to a letter from the company regarding the upcoming legal filing.

“I am pretty sure she is not going to leave Greenwood Memorial Park (where she is buried) to attend the hearing,” Chianumba said.
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The jersey isn't holding up as well as the boy's enthusiasm. "The No. 4 has all but worn off and the seams are taking a beating as he grows."

"Just another typical die-hard cheesehead," said Packers President Bob Harlan. "I hear from them all the time."

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) - Perhaps it's a sign of convicted former mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci Jr.'s currency: The Web site bearing his name is up for sale.

John Ackerman, owner of VincentCianci.com, put the Web site up for sale on the online auction service e-Bay on Saturday. There's been one bidder so far, who offered the minimum $88.50. The auction ends Thursday.

Ackerman told The Providence Journal he decided to sell the domain because he thinks Cianci's name recognition is fading. He added that he has lost money on the site.

The colorful Cianci was Providence's longest-serving mayor. He is serving a five-year, four-month sentence in federal prison on a single count of racketeering conspiracy in 2002.

HOLLAND, Mich. (AP) - A man was fined $600 and put on probation for throwing an Egg McMuffin at a McDonald's restaurant manager after he said he didn't get what he ordered.

Scott Rodgers, 46, was convicted Thursday of misdemeanor assault and battery. Besides probation, he was sentenced to three days in a work program and a fine and is banned from the McDonald's.

Authorities said Rodgers and his 6-year-old son stopped to get four Egg McMuffins with ham on Oct. 9 but returned to the service window to complain that at least one of the sandwiches had sausage.

County prosecutor Craig Bunce said that when the shift manager asked him to give the sandwich back, he threw it through the window at her.

"The manager was picking egg out of her hair," he said.

Rodgers' attorney said he did not throw the sandwich, but rather returned it quickly.

Ark-La-Tex Narcotics Task Force agents and Caddo Parish sheriff's deputies stopped a man at a Greyhound terminal Friday after they said he was acting suspiciously, sheriff's spokesman Cindy Chadwick said.

While being patted down for weapons, Charlie Ross told officers it was a back brace they felt around his chest - not nearly $55,000 in cash stuck to him with duct tape.

Ross, 50, was not able to produce a transaction receipt required under federal law for anyone carrying more than $10,000 in cash, Chadwick said. He also would not say where he got the money, so he was booked with money laundering, she said.

Authorities learned later that Ross was a fugitive from Ouachita Parish.

MONROE, La. (AP) - Jerry Wayne Till managed to get away from sheriff's deputies and elude them briefly - until he called them for help after he got lost in the woods.

A sheriff's deputy tried to pull over Till on Wednesday evening for speeding, but Till drove away, exceeding 100 mph at times, before eventually abandoning his vehicle and running into the woods, according to the arrest affidavit.

Deputies brought in search dogs, but couldn't locate Till until he called the sheriff's office from his cell phone asking for help because he was lost.

Deputies still couldn't find him, until a nearby resident heard Till crying for help and called the authorities.

Maj. Jay Russell said deputies believe Till was heading to his home, but got misdirected in the woods. Deputies took him into custody about a quarter mile from the house of the deputy who tried to pull him over.

Till, who was charged with aggravated flight and battery, said he was lost in the woods.

"We will now, of course, obviously dismiss the lawsuit," Chianumba said.

A Recording Industry Association of America spokesman said Thursday that Walton was likely not the smittenkitten it's searching for.

"Our evidence gathering and our subsequent legal actions all were initiated weeks and even months ago," said RIAA spokesman Jonathan Lamy. "We will now, of course, obviously dismiss this case."

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP) - Taxes are no laughing matter.

The city's tax superintendent has been suspended without pay for a week for trying to inject some humor in the city income tax filing instructions.

The attempt at humor by Linda Stubbs was called "misguided" by city Finance Director John Lyons.

The forms - with such lines as, "If we can tax it, we will," - were sent last week to all Middletown businesses and residents who pay city income tax.

City officials didn't laugh at lines like: "Free advice: if you don't have a profit in a five-year period, you might want to consider another line of work."

Lyons said revised forms were sent out immediately at a cost to taxpayers of about $5,500.
Jiving, jamming and a chicken sandwich

Right: A group of Jacksonville State University music students jazzed up dinner at the TMB last Tuesday by gathering to play and improvise on some charts. The jazz department hopes to make this event occur more often, maybe once or even twice a month. It gives the students a chance to practice what they are learning in class and to perform for their peers.

Bottom right: Students Arnold Montgomery played it out on the sax and Adam Daniel wailed on trumpet. All the students that came brought their horns and jumped in when they wanted to play. They played from sheet music and the mind; much of the evening was improvised.

Last Sunday I took part in a huge event. Yes, the Super Bowl was on television, but I also learned I was one of many receiving the award for helping flush the most toilets at one time; a porcelain prize achieved during the halftime show. Although 80 percent of the people watching the Super Bowl admit they are watching it for the commercials, I did actually want to see the game as well. It’s something to look forward to whether you are a die-hard football fan or not. If someone is going to pick one sports game to watch, it would be the matching up of two of the best teams.

I was not completely enthused by the game. I did not seem to hold that extra bit of energy and excitement that a championship should.

Halftime show: cat not included

Beautiful forms created on campus: A kaleidoscope of entertainment

FEBRUARY 10:
The opening event in the series looks to "Local Traditions, A Unique Voice" with readings from the late writer and columnist, Catherine Downing. Suggested by the book "Beyond the Window: Collected Writings of Catherine Downing," edited by Bruce Lowry, the program was conceived and directed by English

FEBRUARY 17 - 19, 24 - 26:
The Mystery of Edwin Drood, a musical by Rupert Holmes, will be held on February 17-19 and 24-26 at 7 p.m. and February 20 and 27 at 2 p.m. in Stone Center theater. Admission is charged.

MARCH 1:
JSU art exhibit opening will be

MARCH 8:
In the Tradition of The Bard, the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express presents She Stoops to Conquer featuring JSU alumnus Jeremy West in Stone Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, 8 March. For more information call the Drama Department at 782-5648.
MARCH 1:
JSU an exhibit opening will be held on March 1 at 7 p.m. in Hammond Hall Gallery.

MARCH 5:
The award-winning JSU Jazz I Ensemble will perform on Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Theron Montgomery Building on campus.

MARCH 7:
The JSU Chamber Winds will perform in concert on Monday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church, Anniston.

MARCH 12:
The JSU A Cappella Choir and Calhoun County Civic Chorale will present "Requiem" by W. Mozart on Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in First United Methodist Church, Anniston.

By Joe Munster
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Jacksonville State University is once again celebrating the performing arts with Kaleidoscope, a month long festival of the arts. Kaleidoscope has different events that will more than likely appeal to anyone and everyone. For example, the opening event on Thursday, Feb. 10 is "Local Traditions, A Unique Voice." This event will have writings form the local writer and columnist Catherine Downing. Select speakers will read from her book "Beyond the Window: Collected Writings of Catherine Downing." Some of the readers include Jessica Rae Sanborn, Denise Davis, Susan McCain, and Diana Cadwallader among others. The event, directed by Dr. Steve Whitton will start at 7:30 p.m. on the 11th floor of the library.

The next event is the 10th annual On the Brink Conference on Emerging Southern Writers. This is a big event for the English Department and for the entire campus. Several students will be attending this event on Saturday to learn more about writing and what they need to do in order to be better writers and what direction to take after JSU. One of these hopeful students is Tony Mills, an English Major here who is extremely excited about the conference. This event is especially important to Mills because he is a senior and is almost ready to venture into the professional world. "The main thing for me is to meet people who were in my position a few short years ago and find out how they made it where they are now. It's always good to meet people who write professionally and who are published that way I don't get frustrated or discouraged." The conference will be held on Saturday and anyone interested in attending should contact Gena Christopher at 782-5856.

Starting on Thursday, Feb. 17 the JSU drama department will begin performing "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," a musical written by Rupert Holmes based on an unfinished Charles Dickens novel. According to the play's director Wayne "Doc" Claeren it is an excellent musical that is actually a play within a play. It is set in 19th century England and it reveals not only the plot, but also the actors playing the roles. The work also depends heavily on audience participation. The outcome of the work can be on 31 different things, all depending on how the audience votes.

With so many different outcomes the actors and actresses have to work extremely hard on choreography, singing, and lines. According to Lindsay Jacks it is just like having a full time job. Lindsay, a theater major, is the stage manager for the show. It is her job to make sure all of the lights and sound goes through without any problems. Lindsay is humble in her work stating that she could not do it without the help and support from her crew and fly operators. She is excited about being stage manager because it is great experience for her once she leaves JSU.

Someone else who has worked extremely hard on "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" is costume designer Freddy Clemmons. It has been his job to not only design, but to create the costumes for the actors and actresses in the show. He has created vintage 19th century apparel for the show for all of the actresses and for most of the men. Some of the men's clothes were purchased off of ebay and then repaired for show duty. Clemmons says that it is the challenge that makes it fun and worthwhile. He has had help from students and volunteers who have helped sew together the outfits.

On March 1st scoot on over to the Hammond Hall art gallery at 7 p.m. to view the Pharr Portrait Collection of David Cummings. There will be a reception there that night to kick off the exhibit, will last until 9 p.m. If you miss it that night shame on you, but it is still possible to redeem yourself because the exhibit runs until Friday, March 18. The Hammond Hall Art Gallery hours are Monday through Friday starting at 8:30 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon. For additional information call the Art Department at 782-5626.

Other events rounding out Kaleidoscope include the JSU Jazz Ensemble performing on March 5 at the Theron Montgomery Building auditorium at 7:30. It will feature world-renowned jazz trumpet player Terel Stafford. A couple days later on March 7, the JSU Chamber Winds will be performing at the First Presbyterian Church in Anniston starting at 7:30 p.m. The next night at the Stone Center "In the Tradition of the Bard," produced by the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express will begin at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information contact the Drama Department at 782-5658. On Sunday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. the Eighth Regiment Band Ltd. will perform at the Mason Hall Performance Center. The group specializes in playing literature of the 19th century on authentic period instruments. Kaleidoscope wraps up on March 15 with the JSU A Cappella Choir and Calhoun Civic Chorale performing "Requiem," by Mozart. This event will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Anniston at 7 p.m.

It would be a real shame to miss your fellow students showcase their various talents right here on campus. Nobody has the excuse that there is not anything to do on campus this month. Get out there and see what your peers are doing and what they are involved in. I promise that you will have an enjoyable afternoon or evening when you decide to go to one or all of these great events that we have going on for the next month.
Still haven’t decided on a major?

If you have not yet committed to a major, do not commit suicide. You are not alone. Join forces with others like you from 3:00-4:00 this afternoon in room 303 of the Theron Montgomery Building. Here, you will experience a workshop designed to help you choose a major and start planning a career. This event will be presented by Counseling and Career Services.

College Concoctions

MICROWAVE CARAMELS

1 c. butter or margarine, melted
1 c. light corn syrup
1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
2 c. semisweet chocolate chips, melted

*Blend first 4 ingredients in large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on High for 17 minutes, stirring every 3 minutes, mix in vanilla. Pour into buttered 9 x 13” pan. Chill in refrigerator overnight. *Pour melted chocolate over caramels. Cut into 1-inch squares. *May substitute almond bark for chocolate chips or increase amount of chocolate and dip caramel squares into chocolate to coat on all sides. *Yield: 10 dozen.

BEEF CORN PIE

3/4 lb. of ground beef
1 sm. clove garlic (chopped very fine)
1 (8 oz.) can whole tomatoes drained
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 c. shredded cheddar cheese
2 tbsp. chopped onion
1 (8 oz.) can whole kernel corn
12 pitted olives, (optional)
2 tsp. chili powder
1 egg
1/2 c. yellow corn meal
Dash of paprika

Crumble ground beef into 1-1/2 quart casserole, add onion and garlic. Cover loosely and microwave on high (100%) 2 minutes. Break up beef and stir. Cover and microwave on high until beef is not pink, 2 or 3 minutes. Drain excessive fat. Stir in tomatoes, corn, olives, chili powder and salt. Cover tightly and microwave on high until mixture is hot and bubbly, 4 to 6 minutes. Stir. Beat egg in bowl, stir in corn meal and reserved tomato liquid. Pour over meat mixture. Sprinkle with cheese and paprika. Microwave uncovered on high until topping is no longer doughy, 3 to 6 minutes.

CHEESY CHICKEN PITAS

1 c. red, green, yellow bell pepper strips
1 sm. onion, sliced
1 clove garlic, minced
1 1/4 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut in strips
2 whole wheat pitas, cut in half
4 slices cheese (your choice), cut in half diagonally
Lettuce
1/2 c. sour cream

Toss peppers and onions together in bowl. Set aside. Spray small frying pan with non-stick cooking spray, cook garlic and chicken strips until thoroughly heated. For each pita half, fill with layer of chicken, 2 slices of cheese and 1/4 cup pepper mixture. Cover loosely. Microwave on High 30 seconds or until cheese is slightly melted. Add lettuce, serve with sour cream. Serves 4

FRESH CORN ON THE COB

2 ears fresh corn on the cob
Melted butter or margarine, if desired
To cook in waxed paper: Cut squares of waxed paper. Husk corn and remove silks. Wash corn. Roll each ear with water that clings to kernels in waxed paper. Brush with melted butter or margarine before rolling up in waxed paper, if desired. Twist ends of waxed paper to seal. Place spoke-fashion in microwave oven. Microwave at full power (high) for 5 minutes or until kernels are tender, rearranging ears once. To cook in the husks: Carefully pull husks down ear far enough to remove silks but still keep husks intact. Brush corn with melted butter or margarine, if desired. Pull husks back over corn. Quickly run husks under cold water to add moisture for cooking. Place spoke-fashion in microwave oven. Microwave at full power (High) for 5 minutes or until kernels are tender, rearranging ears once.
Horoscopes

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Behind the scenes manipulations may be the key to getting ahead now where business and career aims are concerned. Be attentive to those to whom you mean a lot; this may be more welcomed than you think. Both creativity and romance are high.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

The work ethic is strong in you this week and you may feel compelled to take on a sizable project, or new self-improvement program. An on-the-job problem may also be a worry, but the prognosis will be good. Extra effort now will pay off.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

This will be one of your better weeks on which relationships, financial interests, home and health matters all seem to be going smoothly. It is a gratifying time of personal accomplishment, for people around you seem to be receptive to your practical ideas.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

It's definitely a working week, and you may be tied down to chores or routine tasks while others seem to be having the time of their lives. Follow through on a project that you have been mulling over for some time - it's family or money related.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)

Your financial prospects look relatively good right now, although you may be on the brink of some large expenditure that will possibly change that monetary cushion swiftly. You may have to put in extra effort at work, with little to no thanks.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Fantastic trends should enable you to get more mileage out of your efforts by simply following your instincts. Both romance and financial gains are favored. Be prepared to cope with a sudden and unexpected development regarding a partnership; it will pass.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

There is a touchy family matter that will resurface, since it has never quite been resolved - so the less said, the better. As your week gets under way, you are right on target with your well-directed energies and initiative. All efforts will be noticed.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Getting organized as early in the week as possible will assure successful results either in business or your personal life. There are various complications that show the need for a new approach to a current problem with a mate or a close associate.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

Whether single and eligible, or married, you may discover that dreams really do come true in the love-and-marriage arena. Pursuing your heart's desires in a no-nonsense way keeps others on their toes, and can strengthen important ties.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

The week will begin with encouragement from your mate or lover who are sympathetic to your ideas. The way you manage your financial affairs is the focus of an argument between you and a family member. This argument will go on forever if you let it.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Extra effort now will pay off.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Tread gently on the sensitive feelings of a mate or lover; comments may result in a fiery overreaction, so guard your manner and speech. Although you may be in the mood to have things go your own way, it's not time to insist on it - back off a bit.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Give your best efforts to your job and health interests. Don't let others sidetrack you or go overboard about any private matters. The time is right to follow through on any financial dealings. You may be quite pleased with the results.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You give the impression of being quiet and detached. With strong powers of attraction, you are also very selective in what you desire. You will attract exactly what you need and not much more. Try to start knocking down the walls you've put up.
Dorien Brown added 11 points and seven rebounds. JSU takes on Morehead St. tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Pete.
IM basketball putting on a show

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Sorority

- Phi Mu: 3-0
- WB: 3-1
- Alpha Xi: 2-2
- AOP: 1-2
- Zeta: 0-2
- Delta Zeta: 0-2

Men's Independent

- GDI: 3-0
- No Namers: 3-1
- DABC Ballers: 2-2
- 1KU: 1-2
- Boycotters: 0-2
- Brick House: 1-3

Int. All-Stars: 1-3
Wes. Found: 0-4
BCM: 0-4

GDI and No Namers are clearly the teams to beat in this division. The two play each other on the 13th at 4pm.

JSU Football Conference

Crime Mafia: 3-0
Unknowns: 3-1
Gamecock Dr: 2-0
DRC: 1-1
Slappes: 1-2
NW: 0-2
Head Busters: 0-3
Legends: 0-4

Standings are starting to take shape in the division as the top four teams are still in the hunt.

Targets, rackets and running shoes

From Staff Reports

RIFLE

Jacksonville State placed fifth in the Roger Withrow Rifle Invitational this past weekend, with only four shooters. The top five scores from smallbore and air rifle were calculated to score an aggregate of 4596.

The University of Kentucky took first place with 4618, Memphis followed with 4611, Murray State scored 4604 and Mississippi finished with 4601. Leading the Gamecocks, Joseph Hall scored 585 to take second place in the individual smallbore while James Hall finished seventh with 580.

James Hall scored 585 in air rifle to finish fifth. Regular JSU starting shooter Kurt Baldwin is currently in Germany shooting with the National Team while Larry Nelson sat out because of the birth of his son.

TENNIS

The Jacksonville State men's tennis team opened the 2005 campaign with a win over Alabama State Thursday afternoon. The Gamecocks defeated ASU in Montgomery, 7-0.

After winning the doubles point, JSU won in places one through six singles, with Rodney Rapson shutting out his opponent at No. 2, 6-0, 6-0. Vedran Sirola picked up a win at No. 1 singles, 6-1, 6-4.

Arturo Nieto won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3, followed by Christian Ryberrt at No. 4 (6-4, 6-0), Andres Amores at No. 5 (6-1, 6-0) and Kieran Ricci at No. 6 (6-0, 6-1).

The women's team took a win for itself, 7-0, with Zeynep Gurkanak leading the way at No. 1 singles 6-2, 6-2. Michelle Dusheiner won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 and Robin Gorman won by default.

Babette Lombardo remains undefeated on the season with a 6-0, 6-1 win at No. 4 singles, while Erin Higgs (No. 5 6-1, 6-1) and Layla Abby (No. 6 6-0, 6-0) also won.

JSU will take on nationally ranked Auburn Montgomery Friday at 1 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Jacksonville State's track and field team posted a ninth place finish at the McDonald's Invitational, posting four new school records.

"The meet this weekend was another great stepping stone for this program. We had a lot of firsts for the program. With this being a scored meet, we beat some teams that we never have beat before," JSU head coach Heath Dudley said.

"Murray State being in our conference and one of our old conference rivals Troy State. We were right behind Austin Peay and Eastern Illinois. I believe in 3 weeks at our conference meet we will be in a position to beat these teams but it will take a great effort from everyone."

Jax State's Eboni Matthews won the 200-meter dash with a school record time of 24.92, as teammate Andre Arnaud finished second in the long jump, posting a school record of 18-09.75.

"One of the individual highlights was Eboni Matthews taking a first in the 200 meters along with a school record of 24.92," Dudley said.

Freshman Sarah Caine collected two school records in the one mile, with a time of 5:18.15 and in the 3000 meters, with a time of 10:36.03.

"With our conference meet being less than three weeks away we are getting better and better every week and if we stay healthy and focused we will accomplish our goal of being one of the top teams in this conference," said Dudley.

JSU returns to action on February 12th at the Tiger Invitational in Clemson, S.C.
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