

Preview Day fosters high turnout

By Alan Fram
Associated Press Writer

Saturday boasted the second largest turnout for Preview Day in the history of JSU, according to the Office of Admissions. Two-hundred eleven prospective students registered for the fall semester compared to last year's 299.

Preview Day is an opportunity for prospective JSU students to visit the campus and obtain information about departments, organizations, and housing.

"They have things set up well and everyone seems really easy to talk to," said Preview Day attendee Brianna Burgess, a senior at Oxford High School. Burgess said she learned a lot

during Preview Day even though she has already been attended events on campus like Writer's Bowl and leadership conferences. Burgess plans to live in the International House when she enrolls at JSU.

After wandering through displays set up by campus organizations in the gym, prospective students and some parents joined guided tours that left Stephenson Hall every 15 minutes. Representatives from campus groups addressed the groups of prospective Gamecocks about the merits of coming to JSU.

Andrea Blackwell is already a JSU student but came to Preview Day with a friend. "I've been a student here for 5 years but I learned that you can just sign up for SGA," Blackwell said. "It's not just a popularity contest."

Members of the Baptist Campus Ministry said that they had

more people fill out interest cards than ever before; but representatives from Disability Support Services said that people seemed afraid to come to their display.

The Panhellenic Council encouraged prospective students to consider joining a sorority or fraternity. The Drama department showed a movie of plays they had produced.

Chasity Dickerson, another prospective student who came out for Preview Day, wants to be a math major. After coming to Preview Day, she decided she wants to be involved in SGA, the math club, and the Ambassadors. She said that she wanted to go to JSU because she, "really liked the town and because JSU is a good school."

Calhoun HIV, AIDS numbers reach 2,000

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"Do you know how you can tell someone is lying to you about their sexual history?" asked Troy Wallace, Health Advisor for One Man, One Life, at the Feb. 15 seminar on HIV/AIDS awareness. "Their lips are moving."

It is estimated that there are 2,000 cases of AIDS/HIV in Calhoun County.

"We know of about 253 and for every person we know about, there are 10 we don't," said Tom Robertson, an

HIV/AIDS educators who spoke at the seminar sponsored by the JSU Peer Educators, Career and Counseling Services, and the Office of Multicultural Services. The other members of the panel came from Jefferson County AIDS in Minorities, Inc. and One Man, One Life.

"The reality is that the only way you're not going to worry about HIV and AIDS in the state of Alabama is to never have sex for the rest of your life," said Robertson.

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 Regina Brewster, an HIV Care Case Manager for AIM, spoke about the importance of getting tested and went over the

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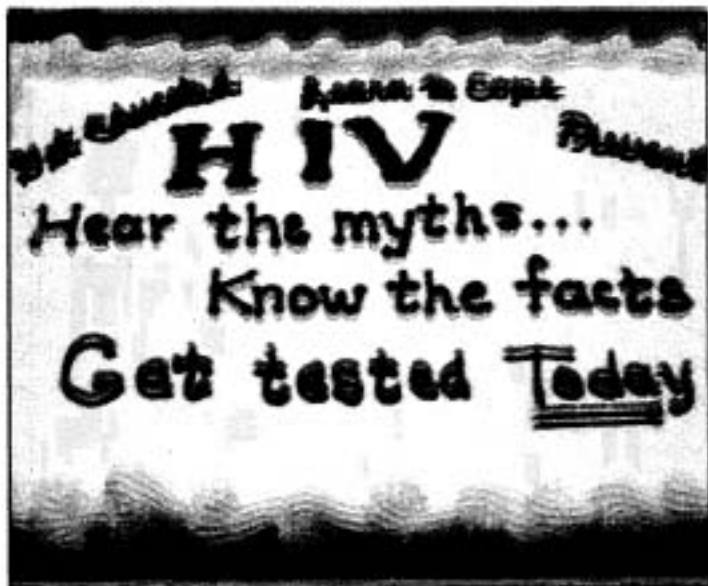


Photo Courtesy of JSU Peer Educators

JSU NAACP holds Coffeehouse event

By Jennifer Bacchus
 The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A thumping beat beckoned to students from within the Gamecock Center Tuesday night, marking the beginning of the NAACP coffeehouse for the semester.

"It's a surprise every semester," said Cory Boler, president of the JSU NAACP, referring to the event lineup.

The event draws more than just JSU students. The NAACP president from Gadsden State University as well as members from the Talladega chapter also attended.

The coffeehouse featured poetry, songs and stories written and performed by students. Among the performers were Charday Olan, who performed "Compassion," a piece that has been published on poetry.com and Angela Frazier, who performed two poems about the things peo-

ple say in relationships and what they really mean.

Among the more touching performances was a story told by Tommy "Peanut" Barnes that concerned a neighbor whose suicide was prevented when he received a call that he believed to be from God.

The coffee house was held Tuesday as a part of Black History Month, but the NAACP typically holds one each semester. Last semester over 50 people turned out for the coffee house, turning it into a standing-room only event, so the club decided to use the bigger Gamecock Center this semester.

The group is also making preparations to go to the regional conference in mid-April. There, they will learn ways to enhance their group's membership and learn more about the organiza-

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By Paige Baker
 The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A vote to amend JAX Cash, a plan that would enforce a mandatory higher amount of Flex dollars for incoming freshmen, passed at Monday's SGA Senate meeting.

Senate members voted to lower the originally proposed amount of \$150 to \$50.

SGA President Emily Williams vetoed the original proposition two weeks ago, saying that \$150 was too steep an amount to force students to pay.

Now that the JAX Cash resolution has been amended, Williams will present the

proposal to the Board of Trustees for approval.

If approved by Trustees, JAX Cash will allow students to use their I.D. cards at local gas stations, grocery stores and fast food restaurants.

Senate members discussed Higher Education Day slated for March 3rd in Montgomery. This political rally is designed to better the Alabama educational system and push for lower college tuition.

The JSU Pep Band will be traveling with the students, and Dr. Meehan will be speaking. Representatives from 15

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Baxley commands slight lead in gubernatorial polls

Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) - Lt. Gov. Lucy Baxley fared well in a statewide poll of four potential gubernatorial candidates, but all four looked competitive, the survey's director said.

The poll conducted by the Mobile Register and University of South Alabama matched Baxley and former Gov. Don Siegelman, both Democrats and both possible candidates for governor in 2006, against two possible Republican candidates, Gov. Bob Riley and former Chief Justice Roy Moore.

The survey, conducted Feb. 14-17, found Baxley with 39

percent and Riley with 35 percent in a head-to-head matchup, with the remaining 26 not answering or undecided.

When matched against Moore, Baxley had 44 percent to 38 percent, with 18 percent not answering or uncertain.

When Siegelman was paired against the Republicans, Riley led 43 percent to 34 percent, and Moore had 44 percent to 34 percent, with the remainder uncertain or not answering.

Keith Nicholls, a USA political scientist who directed the polls, said polls done more than a year before the June 2006 pri-

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SGA elections will be held March 8-9 in the TMB Auditorium.

Check next week's edition for in-depth candidate interviews.

IFC shines in Atlanta

from Staff Reports

JSU's Inter-Fraternity council picked up three awards and a lot of knowledge at the annual South-Eastern Inter-Fraternity Council meeting held in Atlanta Feb. 17-20.

Within the SEIFC captions there are two categories: IFC's with nine or fewer fraternities and IFC's with 10 or more. JSU falls within the nine or fewer with such large schools as the University of Miami Florida, also a favorite to win many of the awards presented.

JSU took the Outstanding

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By the numbers: Gamecock Scoreboard:

Number of Crayola crayons in existence

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Feb. 24 Women's BB vs. Longwood 8:00
 Feb. 26 Women's BB @ Tenn. St. 5:00
 Men's BB @ Tenn. St. 7:30
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi: We hope that everyone is having a fantastic week. Congratulations to all of our girls that made senate! Also, thank you Delta Chi for the awesome mixer at Step Africa. **Contact:** drina805@aol.com.

Counseling and Career Services: The Office of CCS will be hosting a "Stress Management 101" workshop on Thursday, Feb. 24 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the TMB, Rm. 303. **Contact:** Linda Shelton, 782-5475.

Delta Zeta: We hope everyone is having an awesome week! Unaffiliated women: Come to our recruitment event with ZTA tonight at 7:30 in the Alumni House and see what Greek life is all about. You won't be sorry! Check out our web site, www.jaxstdeltazeta.org. **Contact:** Laura Buchanan, lauradz@yahoo.com.

ISO: International House invites you to attend the International Vibe (Dance Party) on March 2, 2005, at 8:00 p.m. We guarantee you a great time with top music from all over the world. Free food! Jacksonville...come party like the rest of the world! Everyone is invited. **Contact:** Zorka, 782-7654.

JSU Ambassadors: WANTED: Students needed to represent JSU at Preview Day, graduations, recruiting events and trustee meetings. Must have leadership qualities! Come by and pick up your ambassador application today at the Visitor Center. Applications are due March 1. **Contact:** Ashlie Holland, 782-5260.

JSU Housing: The Department of Housing and Residence Life are now accepting Resident Assistant applications for the Fall 2005 academic semester. Applications are available at Bibb Graves 117. Eligibility: 2.25 GPA, 32 credit hours, lived in an apartment/hall one semester prior to employment, submit a resume. Applications Deadline: March 1, 2005. More than 50 available positions, so apply now! **Contact:** Andrea Pruitt, 782-6112.

Phi Mu: Mark your calendars for the annual Phi Mu Golf Tournament, April 1, at Cane Creek. If you have any questions, contact any Phi Mu for more information. Congrats to Mary Blackwell on becoming Recruitment Chair, Rachel Cleveland on becoming Social Chair, and Elizabeth Herring on becoming Corresponding Secretary. Founder's Day activities will be held on Saturday at Classic on Noble, 10:30-1:30 p.m. Lady of the Week: Mary Blackwell and Heather McCartney. Phi of the Week: Dawn Manning. Athlete of the Week: Rachel Townson. Sunshine: Somer Leathers. **Contact:** Rachel Cleveland, hev928@aol.com.

Society of Professional Journalists: SPJ will hold a meeting Thursday, March 3 at 5 p.m. in Self Hall, Rm. 180. All communications students are encouraged to attend. **Contact:** Elizabeth Thurman, 782-8191.

Sociology Club: The Sociology and Social Work department, along with the departments of Criminal Justice and Psychology are holding a career fair on Wednesday, March 2 beginning at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd floors of Brewer Hall. **Contact:** Dr. McCain, 782-5350.

Zeta Tau Alpha: Attention JSU Independent women: You are invited to attend our 2nd annual recruitment gathering with Delta Zeta which takes place tonight at 7:30 at the Alumni House. Don't forget to vote for Jessica Firestone for VPOA on March 8-9. Interested contestants for the BMOG (March 16 at 8:00 p.m. at Leone Cole) may e-mail cambrey_jordan@yahoo.com. Have a great week JSU! ZTA loves you! **Contact:** Natalie Shearer, Natalie_shearer@hotmail.com.

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tion.

The conference also helps link the college chapters together. Since Boler went to the conference for the first time last year, he has maintained contact with other chapter presidents and says that he often discusses events with them to gain the insight of the more experienced leaders.

One of JSU's members, Nekendria "Nicki" Henderson, is the Alabama Youth and College Division President. The state organization establishes initiatives that the individual chapters are encouraged to follow in their programs.

The initiatives this month focus on Black History Month and the NAACP Founder's Day, which was February 12.

The club also hopes to get involved with Habitat for Humanity this semester. Boler is hoping that when the weather warms the club will be able to volunteer its time.

"Within the Anniston community you find a lot of Black families without homes," said Boler, adding that David Zeigler, the club's sponsor, is actively involved with Habitat for Humanity in the Calhoun County area.

The NAACP chapter was established at JSU in 1996 and was approved by the national board in 1997. Membership applications are available in the Multicultural Services office. College students under 25 can join. There is a chapter in Anniston, run by Rev. Randy Kelley, which accepts those 25 and older.

"It teaches the leadership skills that college students need to know because they will be the leaders of tomorrow," said Zeigler.



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

CAMPUS CRIME

Feb. 21 - Officers arrested a male subject at Salls Hall for disorderly conduct.

Feb. 17 - A female victim reported that person(s) unknown had entered her office at the Stone Center between 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM on 17 February 2005 and stole her prescription pills from her purse.

Feb. 17 - A female victim reported that a male subject had harassed her at her residence at Jax Apartments. Officers advised her on warrant procedures.

Feb. 17 - Officers were requested by agents of the Calhoun County Drug Task Force to assist in a search warrant at the Coliseum Apartments. Officers assisted and two male subjects were taken into custody by the Task Force.

Feb. 16 - A female victim reported that on the evening of February 14, 2005 she was on her way out of her dorm to a Valentine date. The victim got into a verbal altercation with a female in the lobby of Fitzpatrick Hall. The victim said that the female subject then hit her. She reported the incident to the R.A. who told her to report it to the police. The victim chose to report it at a later date and proceeded with her Valentine plans.

Feb. 16 - Officers were dispatched to the area of Tredaway Ave. in reference to a disturbance. Upon arriving they observed a group of females and a male subject arguing and pushing. Officers spoke with the individuals and identified those involved. The crowd dispersed and the names of the individuals will be forwarded to the university disciplinary officer.

Feb. 10 - A female victim reported that she was being harassed by a male subject. She reported that they had an online friendship and had met him several times at public places. She decided to end the relationship. The male subject did not want to end the relationship and continued to call and email her. She has told him repeatedly to stop and he has refused. She was advised on warrant procedures.

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

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testing procedure. Unlike previous AIDS tests, which required a blood sample, the current testing method, called OraSure, is non-invasive and tests the saliva from a person's mouth. The test takes five minutes to complete and the kit is then mailed to a processing center to be checked.

Angela Dickson, Program Coordinator for One Man, One Life stressed that getting tested isn't enough, however, because "testing isn't a preventative." She and the other panelists

urged the use of condoms for any type of sexual activity.

"Nobody deserves this disease," said Connita Chisen, the Street and Community Outreach Educator for AIM. Chisen has suffered from AIDS for eleven years and she spoke with the group about her experiences since being diagnosed.

"It took me two years to come to grips with it. All I could think about was that I was going to die." Chisen now spends her time going to schools to educate people about a disease she barely knew about 11 years ago

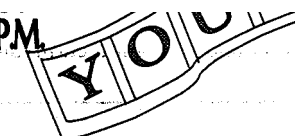
because, as she puts it, "I wish I had someone to educate me about the virus when I was growing up."

The panelists also stressed that behavior puts a person at risk. They urged the students present to get tested and to have their partners tested. They recommend condom usage to remain HIV negative.

The panelists underscored two main points during the talk: you can't tell if someone has HIV or AIDS by looking at them and that a box of condoms can literally save your life.

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Group pushes lottery in Alabama

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - A public policy group warns of a new lottery campaign aimed at Alabamians.

It's an advertising drive in east Alabama thanking residents for driving to Georgia to buy lottery tickets, said Bill Ahern, spokesman for the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation that recently studied state lotteries and their impact.

The campaign will feature a clerk in a Georgia store who points out that Alabama money has helped fund his children's college education.

"It's all going to be part of a campaign to put the lottery in Alabama, which would be a big mistake," Ahern told The Anniston Star for a story Sunday.

The Tax Foundation, a non-partisan, non-profit policy watchdog group, decid-

ed to study lotteries after noting so many states appeared to increase reliance on lottery revenue. What the study found, Ahern said, amazed its sponsors.

The average American spent more on lottery tickets in 2002 than on reading materials or movies. During fiscal 2003, Americans spent roughly \$45 billion - or \$155 per person - to play lotteries nationwide. That's compared to the \$32.08 each American spent in theater admissions and \$140 on reading materials.

Not everyone agrees with the Tax Foundation's position that a lottery is another type of tax, one paid and played mostly by lower-income people. The foundation says that if a state decides something is important enough to fund with a lottery, it should be important enough to fund through property, income or sales taxes that are more transparent

and equitable.

Rep. John Rogers, D-Birmingham, who has introduced a lottery bill in the Legislature for years, said he doesn't see how people can say a lottery wouldn't help. He disputes the argument that the lottery is a tax on low-income residents or that people rather would pay more taxes than have a lottery.

As for transparency, he said people understand that if they buy a ticket, they take a risk and that if they lose, their money goes to education or the winner's payout.

"How can it be good for Alabamians to be driving to Georgia to help pay for scholarships for children in another state?" he asked. "If you are raising millions of dollars a year through a lottery, there has got to be some rich people playing too."

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other major universities will be present.

•Chief Justice Andy Green announced that Justice Applications went out on Monday and are due on March 11. The grade requirement to become a Justice is a 2.3 on a 4.0 scale.

•Brian Snead announced that the SGA blood drive is scheduled for March 1-2. It will be held on the 3rd floor of the TMB. He also announced Blizzard Bucks, which is going to be held on March 10 in the TMB.

•Allison Crow announced that the Organizational Council will be meeting on March 6th in the Roundhouse.

•Drake Russell said thanks to all those who helped make Step Africa a success.

•President Williams read a letter from the BCM saying that thanked all everyone for all the help with the TSUNAMI relief fund.

•Freshman Forum will be ending their Project Valentine February 28th. If anyone has a used cell phone with a working battery and charger, you are encouraged to donate it to this cause. Transplant patients will receive these phones.

•Sigma Pi voiced a reminder that Sam Spady week is coming up March 7-12.

UGA president awarded hefty pay increase in closed session, university workers laid off

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) - While the University of Georgia was laying off workers and limiting raises, the UGA Real Estate Foundation's president got a 40 percent raise.

In a deal approved by the real estate foundation's board in a closed meeting last year, Jo Ann Chitty's total compensation went from \$218,000 to \$304,595.

The package also includes a severance agreement that will give Chitty her base pay for a year if her job is ter-

minated. The only other university employee with a severance agreement is UGA Vice President Eric Orbock, said UGA Senior Vice President of Finance Hank Huckaby.

Chitty's total annual compensation includes a \$250,000 base salary, a \$25,000 bonus, an \$8,400 car allowance and \$21,195 in fringe benefits that include country club dues and tickets to Georgia football and basketball games.

State law allows discussions on pay to be held in closed session. But any action must be taken in public.

Attorney Mark Hodge, who represents the real estate foundation, said taking the vote in closed session

last March was an "unintentional oversight." No deliberate effort was made to keep the raise secret, he said.

However, the minutes of the closed session, which were obtained by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution through an open records request, indicate that board members knew the raise could be controversial.

Huckaby, who attended the meeting, told the foundation board members the raise could draw negative reaction from university deans and administrators, most of whom make far less.

Huckaby said that only three UGA employees are paid more than Chitty: President Michael Adams, Provost Arnett Mace and Terry School of Business Dean George Benson.

"My concern was its relation to other salaries," Huckaby said. "I don't begrudge Jo Ann getting as good a compensation package as she can get."

Baxley ahead in recent polls

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mary election for governor are important in terms of public perception about competitiveness.

"This indicates that all of the candidates are competitive," he said.

The survey of 452 registered voters asked if the state of Alabama is headed in the right direction. Forty percent said yes, 44 percent said no, and 16 percent didn't know or didn't answer.

Baxley told the Register that the poll results indicate Alabamians want a change in the governor's office.

"They've had Siegelman as governor for four years and Riley as governor for two years," she said.

The random telephone survey had sampling error margins of 4.5 percent.

IFC collects awards

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Publication Award and the Outstanding Service Project award. The Publication award was for the recruitment book JSU's IFC publishes jointly with the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Panhellenic council for incoming freshmen at orientation and for anyone interested in joining a Greek-letter social organization. The Service Project award was for JSU's first annual Greek Fair. This event kicked off Greek Week 2004 and brought a carnival-type atmos-

phere to the Jacksonville square. All of the money raised from the games went to help the Jacksonville Boys and Girls Club.

The IFC's third and final award is the penacal for a council at the regional level. The Fraternal Excellence award recognizes IFC's who have garnered 85 percent of all areas in each of 11 captions. These awards recognize IFCs who are not only helping their members recruit but also push them forward in areas of judicial management, finance, scholarship and community service.

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Alabama, evolution and the sanctity of marriage

By Patrick McCreless
The Chanticleer
Managing Editor



Why does my state always have to be the one that does these things?

Just once, I would like to see Alabama not delve into the realm of idiocy and ignorance. Just once I would like to see this state do something truly enlightened and forward thinking.

As I'm sure most of you already know, the Alabama legislature is considering a bill banning same-sex marriage. I will flat out tell you now that this is a complete waste of time. In fact, this bill should not even be on the agenda. This whole thing is nothing more than pathetic party politics, given the fact that the two parties are spending their time arguing over which will get credit for the bill. Something like that should be a big warning sign to people.

Doesn't this state have more pressing things to deal with right now? Currently, Alabama has a huge shortfall in the budget. To me, having money to sufficiently fund government services seems a little more important than keeping homosexuals from getting hitched.

And what exactly is the big deal about homosexuals marrying anyway? The argument that people want it banned to protect the sanctity of marriage just does not work for me. How exactly is two guys hooking up supposed to destroy other heterosexual marriages? If anyone knows this answer, please fill me in.

Besides, people seem to be doing fine destroying marriage anyway, what with the high levels of divorce in this country. Here's an idea. If you really want to protect the sanc-

tity of marriage, why don't we just ban divorce? That would really protect the sanctity of marriage. But, of course, no one will bring that up because, like I said earlier, this marriage thing is all just politics used to blind you from the important issues.

But guess what. This is not all our illustrious state has chosen to concern itself with. The legislature also has plans to look at a bill that would allow teachers the opportunity to teach alternatives to evolution in the classroom. This is assuming that evolution is effectively taught in public schools to begin with, which I can assure you is not. I am just disgusted with people trying to dictate education based off their own personal ideologies.

Yes, evolution is a theory. But you know what, so is gravity. How about we offer some different ideas on what causes gravity. Instead of the idea that gravity is caused by the mass of objects, how about we just say that it's angels pulling us to the ground.

Now, my idea sounds ludicrous and has no actual scientific evidence, but if the legislature's supposed position on the matter is any indication, that shouldn't make any difference. The "theories" arguing against evolution that the legislature believes should be taught in our schools are just as nonsensical with no support in the scientific community. Therefore, my new angel-gravity theory should get equal time right alongside the theory of gravity. If that is what will be done to evolution, it is only fair.

Please people. We can not let this continue. This state's schools are already providing a sub-par education because of grossly inadequate funding. Do we now have to further compound the problem by teaching them the equivalent of the idea that the world is flat?

I hope not.

Stupid things people do that we find amusing ...

STAPLETON, Neb. (AP) - Rain, sleet and snow have not kept Kermit Paxton from making his six-day-a-week journey to deliver mail. His recent 90th birthday didn't stop him either.

Monday through Saturday, Paxton rises early, gets in his truck and transports mail on the 70-plus mile round trip between Stapleton, Arnold and North Platte. He's been doing this for the past 27 years.

The retired rancher said there are some drawbacks to the job he otherwise enjoys. Sometimes the mail is very heavy.

He also has had a few frightening experiences. Paxton said he turned his van upside down once on icy road conditions, and he did the same thing on ice two or three years ago in his pickup.

When he is not delivering mail, Paxton spends some time delivering Bibles as a member of Gideons International for more than 30 years.

Paxton lives a healthy and active life, and said his job has helped him live a lot longer than he expected. He apparently does not figure to retire any time soon. His mail delivery contract runs another two years.

FLINT, Mich. (AP) - Jack Cramer was rummaging through piles of old stuff recently when he ran across a \$1 parking ticket he received while he was a college student.

Its date: July 26, 1954.

"I got a good laugh when I saw it, but then I thought, 'What if they're still trying to collect this?'" Cramer said.

Cramer said he called the Flint Police Department's traffic division to inform it of his find. He pledged to cover his outstanding debt.

"The lady I talked to thought it was very funny and joked that she wanted to transfer my call to the court," he said. "I said, 'No, someone over there might not have a sense of humor.'"

Cramer graduated in August 1954 and moved away shortly afterward. He now lives near Sacramento, Calif., and hasn't returned to Flint since.

He mailed the \$1 along with the ticket, no interest included.

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - A city ordinance bans complete nudity at all gentleman's clubs, but one has challenged that ordinance by distributing pencils and sketch pads to patrons during "art night."

The ordinance does give nudity exclusions for artistic displays which include dance, ballet and dramatic performances, so every Monday and Tuesday, the club encourages customers to sketch the models as they perform nude routines.

Happy Valentine's

Happy Valentine's Day to me !!!

By Elisabeth Thurman
The Chanticleer
News Editor



To borrow a masterfully turned phrase from my best friend, *sometimes I feel like the world is playing a huge cosmic joke on me.*

My latest brush with nonsense occurred on Valentine's Day. The mind reels that Valentine's Day could be anything less than wonderful, I know.

I found myself in a doctor's office first thing that morning. Since I had no Valentine to speak of, I really didn't mind putting in the quality time in the house o' sickness, to tell you the truth. My original plans for the day included class, work and the potential risk of a run-in with an ex around campus, so being sick wasn't so bad. Or so I thought.

I woke up with a fever, called in sick, and headed for the doc, where I hoped to be treated quickly and painlessly. It wasn't to be.

Everybody else in the tri-county area had apparently decided to become infected with the flu that fateful day, so a three-hour wait was in store for me.

While I sat elbow to elbow with coughing children, I could feel my fever heating up, so I suggested to the receptionist that perhaps I could be moved ahead in the line. She did not share my sentiments. Apparently, a 23-year-old girl in her pajamas doesn't receive much sympathy in the medical world, especially when her competition is 30 screaming kids.

Accepting my fate, I resigned myself to reading the March 2002 edition of *Parenting* magazine and tried to ignore the guy beside me who kept calling his girlfriend to tell her he loved her.

This only served to nauseate me even more. Finally, my name was called and I could see strong prescription drugs in my immediate future.

The nurse took my temperature (104, thank you very much) and then posed the question, "Why did you wait so long to do something about this fever?"

The hilarity of the situation immediately struck me, along with extreme annoyance at this woman who had the audacity to keep me waiting for hours and then dare to ask why I agreed to the wait.

I was given Tylenol and sent back to my throne in the waiting room.

Had I known what was to come, I would have headed straight out the door, but the fever was making me loopy, so I opted to stay. A new patient sat beside me, a cute little boy about six years old. He wasn't saying much; I thought I had found a kindred spirit.

Until he got hungry.

For the next 30 minutes, echoes of "Mama, all I want is a Popeye's chicken wang!" reverberated through my aching head. Silently, I willed this creature's mother to yank his butt up and haul him to Popeye's for the piece of meat.

You really start to put your life into perspective when you find yourself shooting a sick child dirty looks.

Finally, the mother relented, and off they went in search of the chicken "wang." Apparently, deep-fried poultry pacifies a sickly child.

My next tormentors came in the form of a 10-year-old girl (who I still maintain was in perfect health) and her toothless grandmother. For the next half-hour, I listened to three rounds of *Green Eggs and Ham*, as narrated by a pre-adolescent hypochondriac and illustrated only by the muddled lips of an 80-year-old woman.

Happy Valentine's Day to me.

night."

The ordinance does give nudity exclusions for artistic displays which include dance, ballet and dramatic performances, so every Monday and Tuesday, the club encourages customers to sketch the models as they perform nude routines.

"As far as the Boise city code, it specifies it has to be a serious artistic manner and this is a serious artistic manner," said Chris Teague, Erotic City owner.

The club has put on art night for two months, and Teague said he has not received any complaints. Boise Police officials say the club has not been cited for any ordinance violations.

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. (AP) - Jefferson County Schools Superintendent Steven Nichols says a return to teaching in a kindergarten classroom similar to one he began his education career in 35 years ago was educational - for him.

Nichols said he was reminded how hard Jefferson County teachers work and how much they accomplish. The students quickly warmed to their teacher, and asked for hugs about an hour into the school day. A group hug with the students before he left was "endearing" and "very heartwarming," he said.

A few things about their substitute did have to be explained: The children thought he owned all of the schools in the county and that he was a medical doctor when he was introduced as "Dr. Nichols."

Nichols served as a substitute teacher at Page Jackson Elementary School Friday as part of his plan to have county administrators fill in as substitutes.

The county has had trouble finding enough substitutes, particularly on Friday mornings, Mondays and the day before a school holiday.

Nichols hasn't taught at the elementary level since 1977, but he said children haven't changed all that much.

"Kids at 5 years old are an absolute joy to behold," he said. "They are so excited about learning."

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - NHL fans left on the sideboards can get the jump on a new game: tennis.

Hockey fans who show up for the first two days of next week's ATP Tour event wearing Phoenix Coyotes hockey jerseys will be given free tickets for the tennis tournament.

"I'm a die-hard tennis nut, and I can imagine how difficult it must be for die-hard hockey fans right now," said Steve Bellamy, president of The Tennis Channel, which is buying the Scottsdale tournament and offering the free ducats. bike ride, other riders covered the lower parts of their bodies to avoid arrest.

Flori Mucal
Better academics for students.



Dave Chambers
I would like to see my extra tuition money go to buy mass amounts of vasoline for the students to ease the pain of being "raped" by the university.



Rebecca Kringold
A keg party at President Meehan's house..

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Personal and universal words

By Erin Chupp
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Deaf persons penalized

By Bob Johnson
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Kayleen Pugh had a distinct disadvantage compared to other students when she was in high school and college, and it wasn't because she is deaf.

It was because of academic rules that require learning a traditional, spoken foreign language, like Spanish or French, in order for students like her to receive some advanced academic degrees in high school and some college diplomas. The spoken requirements make it almost impossible for the deaf to pass these courses.

Unlike most other states, Alabama does not offer sign language as a foreign language to meet such diploma requirements.

Pugh, a math teacher at the Alabama School for the Deaf in Talladega, was among about 75 deaf Alabama residents who attempted to crowd into a small hearing room at the Alabama Statehouse Wednesday as the House Education Committee considered a bill to make American Sign Language an official foreign language in Alabama schools.

When the committee approved the bill, by voice vote, interpreters used sign language to convey the action to the deaf residents, some in the room and some in the hallway outside. When the vote was announced, most of those in the crowd threw their arms in the air, a way of applauding for the deaf.

"I felt like finally, yes, it's going to happen," said Pugh, using sign language and speaking

through an interpreter.

She said making sign language a foreign language will open up many academic fields now closed to deaf students and will also encourage hearing people to study sign language.

"There are limited social opportunities for people who are deaf. This means there will be more people who can communicate with me," Pugh said.

The sign language bill, sponsored by Rep. Craig Ford, D-Gadsden, now goes to the full House for debate.

Ford said he was encouraged to introduce the bill by his mother, Judy Ford, who teaches at Gadsden State Community College.

"She said deaf students had come to her and said they couldn't fulfill the foreign language commitment for certain degrees," Ford said. He said American Sign Language is considered a foreign language in 39 states and that many deaf students are forced to leave Alabama to earn certain degrees.

Cynthia Frey, a sign language interpreter from Phenix City, said if the sign language bill becomes law, it will encourage more people to study sign language and become interpreters. She said there is currently a shortage of trained interpreters.

Judith Gilliam, the president of the Alabama Association for the Deaf, speaking through an interpreter, said making sign language a foreign language also would open up careers that are now mostly closed to the deaf.

"There's a myriad of careers this would open up," she said.

Ultimately the best choice

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



Everyone could use a few more llamas in their life. They are quite silly looking creatures; a little bit of humor on God's part. They are furry and have a round stomach like a sheep, long necks imitating a small giraffe, stinky horse legs and they spit like camels. (The latter I know all too well from a personal experience during a ride in the back of my dad's truck through an animal park.)

These animals, which appear to be a three-year-old's stick figure drawing come to life, were the backdrop for my weekend of frisbee on a farm in Athens, Georgia. Also joining them were some friends, including sheep, goats and a gamecock.

We joked that we had more support because our mascot was present, however when JSU's ultimate frisbee team played against Landers College, we discovered that their school mascot was, undoubtedly, the llama. This information should conclude any arguments you were having with someone about our mascot being dumb.

Now for something not dumb at all, the game of utti-

Elementary school 'cat'eteria?

By Michael W. Kahn
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — As cleanup efforts continued, the fur was still flying Monday, with parents furious that a cat spay and neutering clinic was held in a Northwest Washington grade

and secure environment."

But classes were eventually canceled after Superintendent Clifford B. Janey and other school officials consulted with parent groups and a school board member.

All city public schools were closed Monday for Presidents Day.

But Dana Grasty said her daughter - a sixth grad-

Ani DiFranco debuted her new album "Knuckle Down" Jan. 25. Her career has been thick, putting out at least one CD a year since 1990, however, this release is unique because it is the first co-produced album. DiFranco asked performer/songwriter Joe Henry to share in the efforts of this 12-track set.

"We had a real lively creative dialogue going," DiFranco said in an interview with Ron Ehmke, "so I took that as my cue to step out of my solitude and work with a co-producer for the first time—invite collaboration back into my life."

Her last album, "Educated Guess" (2004), put a new definition to solo performance. She did the vocals, played the instruments and did the entire recording out of her own home. This worked well for the artist's hours of inspiration. She did not have to arrive at a studio in the a.m. and leave work at the ring of the dinner bell. However, with this freedom also came the difficulty of managing all of the position required to put out a CD.

"I'm really glad I did it, [just] to prove to myself that I could, but it's very helpful to have somebody else working the machines so that you can make the art," DiFranco said.

Much of herself is still present in "Knuckle Down." Opening the CD case, one finds a small, Indie-organic looking book. The contents? It appears to be a replica of a journal with thin, long poems and ink sketches. It is indeed just that, and the words to each song.

DiFranco's ideas of self, romance and politics again reach paper through her studied medium of poetry, and then later introduce themselves to a syncopated beat, driven by the unique bounce of her voice, seen mostly on this album in the title track. Her fingers meet this rhythm by dancing on the strings of her guitar in a percussive manner.

One track, "Parameters" is a second-person, spoken-word piece. Her words are personal yet reach a universal message. Her guitar strums eerily and her voice speaks of an anxiety and fear we all reach as we "lock our back door...however invincible you imagine yourself to be."

Her voice is real and organic, not necessarily pure and digitally retouched. DiFranco worked her recording sessions for this CD in the same fashion. Laying down the album in L.A. in six days at two songs a day, DiFranco and Henry shared the idea of making music and recording without going back to fix every detail. "You don't go in and learn the songs or do a million takes, or perfect and piece things together or overdub until you're blue," DiFranco said. "You just go hit it and keep it organic and make it a performance."

Other additions Henry made toward the album included helping DiFranco direct her songs. As with many musicians, DiFranco had an unwritten book of guitar riffs in her head, playing over and over for a month or so. Henry enjoyed one of the tunes hanging around and thought it should be fleshed out into song. DiFranco took those strokes and wrote the song "Lag Time" around them.

"In writing, you know, a song is like these leaves scattered everywhere in the fall, all of these ideas, and you start raking them up into a pile and stuffing them into a bag, making a certain shape and form for them, and some of them just fly off in the wind," DiFranco said.

DiFranco flies through making albums, so it may be hard to keep up for some, but for others, it provides immediate results. You are not left waiting for three years to get a hold of new material because you've learned every word and some of the chord structures to the songs on the newest CD of a group you have. Because her main flow is in the form of writing poetry, DiFranco often starts writing for another album before she has completed the one on which she works.

"Knuckle Down" is her free expression. She is direct. She is political. She is humanistic. She is an edgy find at the folk market.

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The cafeteria and some classrooms and hallways at John Eaton Elementary School were turned into feline operating rooms where about 500 cats were fixed. Organizers said most were strays they had trapped, but there were also some house cats.

After hearing concerns about student health, the school system canceled classes and scheduled a meeting for parents Tuesday evening in the school's library. School and health department officials will meet with parents to "determine our course of action," principal Willie McElroy said in a statement. Parents said McElroy never told them about the weekend event.

"Why didn't he go and do some research in how many kids in this school have asthma and allergies?" demanded Dianna Waters, one of several angry parents gathered outside the school. Early in the day school officials promised to open school Tuesday "barring any glaring information that would come forth," said Dale Talbert, an assistant superintendent with the District of Columbia Public Schools. He promised a "safe

Davinci deciphered

By **Marta Falconi**
Associated Press Writer

ROME (AP) - Art experts and conservative clerics are holding an unusual "trial" in Leonardo da Vinci's hometown aimed at sorting out fact from fiction in the "The Da Vinci Code" after many readers took the smash hit novel as gospel truth.

The event in Vinci, just outside of Florence, began Friday with an opening statement by Alessandro Vezzosi, director of a Leonardo museum.

"Leonardo is misrepresented and belittled," Vezzosi said in a telephone interview hours before the event began. "His importance is misunderstood. He was a man full of fantasy, inventions and genius."

The novel's contentious allegations - namely, that Jesus married Mary Magdalene and sired a bloodline - have provoked unprecedented protest among Roman Catholic and Protestant conservatives, who claimed that Brown's characters inaccurately malign Christianity.

The book portrays Roman Catholic leaders as demonizing women for centuries and covering up the truth about the Holy Grail, which the novel says is Mary Magdalene herself.

Vezzosi said he will produce evidence through 120 photographs based on documents and paint-

ings with the aim of "reassessing and disclaiming the author" of the mystical thriller, a mix of code-breaking, art history, secret societies, religion and lore.

ings with someone about our mascot being dumb.

Now for something not dumb at all, the game of ultimate. You could not ask for a better sport in which to be involved. There are so many perks.

The people who play ultimate are very easy to get along with. They are extremely accepting of anyone or anything. The tenth rule of ultimate is "Spirit of the Game." Teams might do different things to show spirit, such as make up cheers for other teams, have some unconventional plays that include a cartwheel or rolling on the ground, or simply not cussing out another player on the field.

This kind of spirit is probably also why ultimate has not become an Olympic sport, though it has been in the batter's box for years. There are no referees; all fouls and scores are self-called. There is a reliance on good spirit and honesty.

To some, what I have just described to be characteristics of a "real" sport sound just as silly as a llama. However, competitiveness is very present in the game of ultimate. Without this aggression, men and women around the world (yes, it's a national sport) would not "go ho"—in translation, go horizontal, meaning to lay out your entire body to get the frisbee.

The sport is pretty demanding, but very rewarding. In an hour and a half game, of which you might have about seven of during a weekend tournament, there is a lot of sprinting and throwing. It's easy to stay in shape if you get involved with a league in Birmingham or Atlanta or even play on the intramural fields here at JSU.

I hate stationary workouts. I don't like the treadmills or bikes (no matter how cushioned the seat is), and all the other University sports require your life. Ultimate was a good find because you can play as long as you are capable. I hope to be on the line, running down the field, getting spit on by llamas when I'm 50.

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Vezzosi said one example of the mistakes contained in the book is the statement that the Mona Lisa was made in Leonardo's image.

"There's a very big difference between Mona Lisa's and Leonardo's noses, mouths, eyes and expressions," he said, adding that he will compare two portraits to prove it.

Brown in the past has not said much about the controversy surrounding the blockbuster book, but he told NBC's "Today" in June 2003 that while the novel's main character, Robert Langdon, is fictional, "all of the art, architecture, secret rituals, secret societies, all of that is historical fact."

Organizers said there would be nobody speaking in the book's defense and the "verdict" would be contained within the presentations of the speakers.

But that does not mean the book will be completely hung out to dry: Hundreds of fans were expected to attend the trial.

"This initiative has received a lot of interest with people calling to confirm their attendance," Vezzosi said.

"The Da Vinci Code" has sold more than 7.5 million copies worldwide and is expected to be made into a movie. Its success has inspired guided tours in Paris that take fans to sites described in the novel, and it also has spawned a cottage industry in books seeking to debunk it.



Jacksonville:
02/26/05
Sweet T-My Brother's Bar

Birmingham:
02/24/05
Patty Larkin-Alys Stephens Center @ UAB
"Sisters In The Spirit"-Boutwell Auditorium
Juanita Bynum-Boutwell Auditorium
Kelly Price-Boutwell Auditorium
Martha Manizzi-Boutwell Auditorium
RiZen-Boutwell Auditorium
Sheila E.-Boutwell Auditorium
Yolanda Adams-Boutwell Auditorium
John Eddie-The Nick Particle-Zydeco
02/25/05
Dora & The Zydeco Badboyz Cascade Plunge-Cloud Room
Zig & The Zigtone-Gabriel's Cafe
Plate Six-The Nick Greyhounds-Workplay Theatre
Tishamingo-Workplay Theatre
The North Mississippi Allstars-Zydeco
02/26/05
Lynam-Backdoor Lounge
Avail-High Note Lounge
Lucero-High Note Lounge
Gaelic Storm-Workplay Theatre
The North Mississippi Allstars-Zydeco

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Days Away-Zydeco
Further Seems Forever-Zydeco
The Starting Line-Zydeco
03/02/05
Alicia Keys-Jemison Concert Hall @ Alys Stephens
John Legend-Jemison Concert Hall @ Alys Stephens

Atlanta:
02/24/05
Slippery When Wet-Andrews Upstairs
Gaelic Storm-Smith's Olde Bar
Jen Foster-Smith's Olde Bar
Hobex-The Brandyhouse
Mix Master Mike-The Loft (formerly Vinyl)
Steady Rollin' Bob Margolin-Variety Playhouse
02/25/05
Andrew Thomas-Andrews Upstairs
Stewart Huff-Andrews Upstairs
Le Tigre-Coca Cola Roxy Theatre
Lesbians On Ecstasy-Coca Cola Roxy Theatre
Bradley Cole-Smith's Olde Bar
Connor Rand-Smith's Olde Bar
Nothing Personal-Smith's Olde Bar
Parker And Lily-The EARL
If Hope Dies-The Masquerade
It Dies Today-The Masquerade
Twelve Tribes-The Masquerade
Winter Solstice-The Masquerade
Donna The Buffalo-Variety Playhouse
The Greencards-Variety Playhouse
02/26/05
Second Shift-Andrews Upstairs

Trances Arc-Andrews Upstairs
Unzipt-Andrews Upstairs
Amelia White-Atlanta Room @ Smith's Olde Bar
Joe Rathbone-Atlanta Room @ Smith's Olde Bar
Rev. Billy C. Wirtz-Red Light Cafe
Greyhounds-Smith's Olde Bar
Tishamingo-Smith's Olde Bar
Buck 65-The EARL
Five Eight-The EARL
Family Force 5-The Loft (formerly Vinyl)
Pleasure Club-The Loft (formerly Vinyl)
Sons Of William (Joe Stark)-The Loft (formerly Vinyl)
Taylor Hollingsworth-The Loft (formerly Vinyl)
Fallen From the Sky-The Masquerade
02/27/05
Cattle Decapitation-The Masquerade
Communique-The Masquerade
Cryptopsy-The Masquerade
Northstar-The Masquerade
The Autumn Offering-The Masquerade
The Honorary Title-The Masquerade
02/28/05
Matisyahu-Smith's Olde Bar
03/01/05
John Eddie-Smith's Olde Bar
03/02/05
PBM-APCA National Conference
Eyes Around-Andrews Upstairs
Foxtrot November-Andrews Upstairs
Paperstreet-Andrews Upstairs
Jill Scott-Fox Theatre
The Fight-The Masquerade

College Concoctions

North Indian Vegetarian

2 big carrot(s) chopped
1 cup(s) green peas shelled
6 tablespoons water
1 big onion(s) finely chopped
1 green chilli(es) minced and crushed with salt
a few mint leaves chopped.
salt, pepper and lemon juice to taste, fresh coriander or parsley to garnish.

Place the chopped carrots and green peas in a microwave-safe deep bowl. Sprinkle the water and microwave covered on high (100%) power for about 4 minute(s). or till they are cooked but firm. Let cool.

Place the cooked carrots and peas in a salad bowl. Add the chopped onions, chillies, mint leaves, salt, pepper and lemon juice. Toss to mix well.

TIPS:

Carrots and peas must not be over cooked. When the microwave cooking time for a step exceeds 2 minutes, it is highly recommended the contents be checked and stirred at regular intervals to avoid burning of food.

Standing time is a very important step as it completes the microwave cooking process of a dish. Ideally, allow the dish to stand for about 5 minutes before serving.

South Indian Vegetarian (Konkani)

2 tablespoons oil
2 medium onion(s) sliced finely
1 teaspoon(s) red chilli powder or as per taste
1 big tomato(es) chopped finely
4 big potatoes boiled and cut into cubes
? teaspoon(s) tamarind paste or as per taste
salt to taste

Heat oil and finely sliced onions in a microwave-safe bowl uncovered on high

sides of the bowl.

Add now the boiled potato cubes and tamarind paste. Sprinkle some water and salt to taste. Mix well. Microwave covered on 70% power for about 4 minutes.

TIPS:

Browned onion slices can be mixed in during standing time

for extra taste. When the microwave cooking time for a step exceeds 2 minutes, it is highly recommended the contents be checked and stirred at regular intervals to avoid burning of food. Standing time is a very important step as it completes the microwave cooking process of a dish. Ideally, allow the dish to stand for about 5 minutes before serving.

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ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Balance is really what works for you, so exercise moderation when dealing with your relatives and family members. Make your time count, especially when dealing with children. You seem to be taking a whole new look at yourself - rebuild your image in a positive way.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

A smile will go a long way; so try to be tolerant of others, even if you strongly disagree with them. There are new doors of opportunity being thrown open for you, so be aware before the chance passes you by. Try to keep a low profile and you will be surprised at what gets accomplished.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Make changes now in your financial picture, and money matters will start to look better almost immediately. Try to go against your most extravagant nature and steer towards conservative thinking instead. There is a positive exchange of energy in a partnership.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Your partner or members of the family may be impatient, so you should be at your best to deal with them correctly. Clear up any misunderstandings as soon as possible. You seem to have plenty of mental energy this week, use it to your advantage in the workplace.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Avoid any impulsive spending, or it will put you more in the

hole than you can imagine. But do follow your hunches in money matters, especially those in which you do not have much experience. Be candid in your communications and it will smooth out any snags.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

You are in tune with the feelings of someone you love, making it easy to do just the right thing - how nice. If you are feeling a bit depressed and out of sorts, don't sit around and mope, start making new friends instead. The truth is hard to get at this week.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Anything that you have previously started needs to be pushed to the next level now, so get on with it. Your personal life takes precedence this week, so don't hesitate resolving any troubling situations. Keep your energies focused, your goal is at hand.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

You have a very sensible and practical philosophy on life, as long as you can avoid getting into a rut. Take a few chances. With just a little extra effort, you can charm most of the people around you to your way of thinking, so put on a big smile.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

Support for your ambitions will come from both your family and your friends. Money matters in general are not looking real bright lately; take the time to re-evaluate just where you

spend your money. You are very flexible in your thinking, which will open up doors.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Your feelings towards those you love are deep, but you don't always agree with their ideas and actions. Having the tendency to go to extremes will cause some friction at home - let moderation be the key to keeping everyone and everything on an even keel.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

It's time to let go of some of your past problems, which will bring a soothing influence on your present thinking. It may be best to modify your behavior in the workplace before problems arise. Having such a strong ego will get you in trouble over and over again.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

There may be conflict with someone you love, but it can be avoided if you listen before you speak. While you are practical by nature, you would never know it this week, since you seem to be spending money everywhere you go. Some quiet time will be good for you.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You don't like to be taken unaware by emotions, so be prepared. There is much about you that is never revealed, and you prefer it this way, your privacy is extremely important. Others may see you as being too picky. Welcome change in your life.

salt to taste

Heat oil and finely sliced onions in a microwave-safe bowl uncovered on high (100%) power for about 4 minutes (stirring mid-way) or till the onions are lightly browned.

Now add the red chilli powder and mix well. Microwave uncovered on high (100%) power for about 2 minute(s) or till it gives out a nice roasted aroma.


Add chopped tomatoes and mix well. Microwave uncovered on high (100%) power for about 4 minutes or till the tomatoes are tender and the oil has left the

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SPORTS

This just
in at press-
time!

Rifle guns down OVC title

From Staff Reports

By
Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



This just in at press time! I'd like to remind everyone that press-time is on Tuesday night somewhere between the hours of midnight and 4 a.m.

I caught some comments from last week's headline about the basketball team still in the playoff hunt. The paper came out on Thursday and the story was run on Tuesday and the Gamecocks were eliminated late Tuesday night.

So a deadline is a deadline and I don't have a teacher I can con into giving me an extra day because of some relative that is terminally ill in my family or some excuse that totally comes out of nowhere.

A deadline is a deadline and if you don't make the line, (guess what?) you're dead.

So here is a fax I have just received. So much love goes out to the rifle team. They're good. I mean they're really good and the funny is, nobody knows. Well it's not really funny in a comical way but funny in a way that you probably catch yourself saying, "Who are these guys?"

The NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Committee announced today the team and individual qualifiers for the 2005 National Collegiate

Jacksonville State won the 2005 O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Rifle Championship on Sunday after shooting an aggregate of 4656 to take home its first ever OVC rifle crown.

The Gamecocks, who won the smallbore title on Saturday, finished first in the air rifle, shooting a 2326. Tennessee Tech was second (2310) with Murray State in third (2299).

Tennessee-Martin's women followed in fourth with a 2275, while the Skyhawk men took fifth (2240). Rounding out the field were Austin Peay (2192), Morehead State's men (2191) and women (2174).

The small bore All-OVC team includes James and Joseph Hall of Jacksonville State and Ryan Headlee and Chris Dautel of Tennessee Tech. The air rifle All-OVC team includes Joseph

Hall and Kari Baldwin of JSU, Jaymi Collar of Tennessee-Martin and Tech's Dautel.

Taking second place overall was Tennessee Tech (4609) and in third place was defending OVC champion Murray State (4599).

Overall Team Standings

Jacksonville State -4656
Tennessee Tech - 4609
Murray State - 4599
Tennessee-Martin (Men) - 4512
Tennessee-Martin (Women) - 4440
Morehead State (Men) - 4419
Morehead State (Women) - 4309
Austin Peay - 2192

All-OVC Smallbore Team

James Hall, Jacksonville State
Joseph Hall, Jacksonville State
All-OVC Air Rifle Team
Joseph Hall, Jacksonville State
Kari Baldwin, Jacksonville State

Top 10 Individuals Smallbore

James Hall (JSU)- 590
Joseph Hall (JSU) -587
Ryan Headlee (TTU) -583
Chris Dautel (TTU) -581
Cameron Hicks (MUR) -580
Alex Culbertson (MUR) -580
Kari Baldwin (JSU) -580
Emily Yocum (UTM-W) -574
Dan Belluzzo (MUR) -574
Andy Leydig (TTU) -573

Individual Top 10 - Air Rifle

Joseph Hall (JSU) - 593
Kari Baldwin (JSU) - 586
Jaymi Collar (UTM) - 586
Chris Dautel (TTU) - 585
Robert Purdy (MUR) - 584
James Hall (JSU) - 578
Andrew Tucker (TTU) - 577
Ryan Headlee (TTU) - 577
Cameron Hicks (MUR) - 576
Alex Culbertson (MUR) - 574

Small Bore Athlete of the Year – James Hall, Jacksonville State
Air Rifle Athlete of the Year – Joseph Hall, Jacksonville State
Coach of the Year – Ron Frost, Jacksonville State



Courtesy/ JSU Steve Latham

Ladies' basketball set for OVC playoffs

The JSU Athletic Department is 90% sure they will host a home playoff game. The game is slated for Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. The first 200 students will get in free and seating will be on a first-come first-serve basis. There will be a dash for cash and a half

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State fell to Austin Peay on the Lady Gavs Senior Night at Dave Aaron Arena Saturday, 78-66.

"They (APSU) shot very well tonight," said JSU head coach Dave Dagostino. "They made contested shots and perimeter shots with a hand in their face."

Gavs nailed six consecutive three-point baskets to go ahead of the Gamecocks.

APSU went on a 17-3 run, as freshman Ashley Hardaway hit five three-pointers in the first half.

JSU attempted a comeback in the second half, led by junior Cobie Carlisle, who had 12 points in the half and 14 points on the night.

The Gamecocks came to

key shot or capitalize on free throws.

"We didn't handle the ball well in the first half, but we did better in the second," said Dagostino.

"We missed the front end of a pair of free throws four times in the second half when we could have made the game a seven or an eight point game."

APSU (8-17, 4-10) had

16. Kera Bergerson added 13 points and Ashley Haynes had 12.

For the Gamecocks, Freddricka Embry tallied a 21 point season high and grabbed seven rebounds. Carlisle added 14 points, while Ann-Marie Healy recorded 11.

JSU (12-12, 8-6) will take on Longwood Saturday night at 8pm.

WOMEN'S RIFLE Committee announced today the team and individual qualifiers for the 2005 National Collegiate Men's and Women's Rifle Championships.

The University of Nevada, Reno and USA Shooting will host the championships, which will be held March 11-12 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

A total of 48 competitors were selected for the championships. The top eight teams in both the smallbore three-position and air rifle events were selected. The top 10 individuals in air rifle and the top 12 individuals in smallbore qualified for the individual championships.

Team Qualifiers (Smallbore Three-Position)

Alaska Fairbanks, Army, Jacksonville State, Kentucky, Navy, Nebraska, UTEP, Xavier.

Team Qualifiers (Air Rifle)

Alaska Fairbanks, Army, Jacksonville State, Kentucky, Memphis, Navy, Nebraska, Nevada.

Are you reading what I am writing? Out of all the schools in the whole wide world, Jacksonville State has made the final eight.

Count it however you count it. Eight, ocho, hold up eight fingers, anyway you want to. Bottom-line is JSU made the national eight and the word on the street is that they could possibly bring the whole thing home.

Wow! Where would they put the trophy? Matter of fact, do we have a rifle arena? How come I haven't heard of any of the home games? Do we have home games? Are they even called games? Who are these guys?

I don't know but from what I hear, they're serious - real serious - and I think these are the types of guys and girls that you would want on your side. They're in the top eight in the nation; it is a no-brainer.

in free and sewing will be on a first-come first-serve basis. There will be a dash for cash and a half-court shootout.

coach Dave Dagostino. "They made contested shots and perimeter shots with a hand in their face."

Beginning at the 7:48 mark of the first half, the Lady

junior Cobie Carisie, who had 12 points in the half and 14 points on the night.

The Gamecocks came to with nine points a couple of times, but could not make a

we could have made the game a seven or an eight point game."

APSU (8-17, 4-10) had five players in double figures, led by Hardaway with

recorded 11. JSU (12-12, 8-6) will take on Longwood Saturday night at 8pm.

Men reach elimination on the road

From Staff Reports

Willie Jenkins scored 31 points and joined the 1,000-point club in just two years after Tennessee Tech (14-10, 9-4 OVC) cruised to a 71-56 win over Jacksonville State (7-20, 2-12) in front of 4,107 fans at the Eblin Center Thursday night.

Jacksonville State was led by Anthony Wilson with 19 points, while Walker Russell finished with 13 and Brandon Davis scored 12 points for the Gamecocks.

"Our first 10 possessions resulted in six turnovers, two poor shots and two missed shots and we just struggled from the start," said JSU head coach

Mike LaPlante. "We then settled down and started running our offense and were able to fight back."

Tennessee Tech scored the first 11 points of the game to jump out the quick lead, but Jax State answered by scoring the next 14 points to build a 14-11 lead after Russell sank a free throw with 10:14 left in the half.

The rest of the first half saw three ties and nine lead changes, but the Gamecocks held a 32-31 lead at the half, despite hitting just 9-of-26 (34.6 percent) from the field. Wilson led JSU with 11 first half points and Davis added nine points.

"They wanted to play an up-tempo type of game and they did that," said LaPlante. "For us

to have a chance to win, we needed to keep them from running the ball and we weren't able to do that."

Tech led by as many as 19 points in the second half as the Golden Eagles moved back into a tie for first place in the Ohio Valley Conference. Jenkins tossed in 21 points over the final 20 minutes.

Tennessee Tech held a 41-34 advantage on the boards, including 12 offensive rebounds, and finished the game shooting 42.9 percent. The Gamecocks shot 30.6 percent for the game and hit just 1-of-7 from behind the arc in the second half.

Anthony Davis scored 16 and Maurice Hampton added 15 points as Austin Peay rallied

from a second half 11-point deficit to claim a 73-65 win over Jacksonville State Tuesday night.

William Durden and Derek Wright each added 12 points as four players scored in double figures for the Governors.

Jacksonville State was led by B.J. Spencer with 25 points, while Anthony Wilson finished with 14, Brandon Davis scored 12 and Walker Russell had 10 points and six assists.

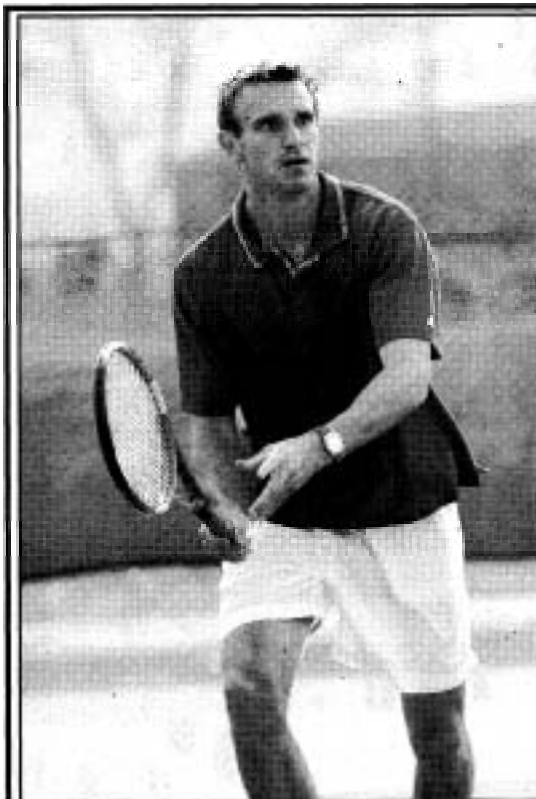
"This is the third straight conference road game where we had the lead in the second half and let it get away. Jacksonville State held its largest lead of the night after Davis scored on a lay-up with 17:11 left to give JSU a 46-35 lead, but the

Governors cut the lead to 48-44 after Davis scored a pair of free throws with 14:10 left.

Spencer answered with his sixth straight 3-pointer from the left side to push the lead back to 51-44 with 12:56 remaining in the game.

Jax State held the lead until 6:36 left in the game and Hampton sank a 3-pointer from the left side to give APSU a 59-58 advantage. The Gamecocks held their final lead of the night after Davis scored inside with 6:10 left to give JSU a 60-59 lead.

Austin Peay scored nine straight points to control the final five minutes and hold on for the win. JSU takes on Tennessee St in Saturday at 7:30pm.



Courtesy/ Steve Latham

Kieran Ricci seen here against Alabama State last year.

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State won its' first Ohio Valley Conference match of the season at Austin Peay State (1-5, 0-1), Saturday, 6-1.

After Arturo Nieto and Matt Davis sealed the doubles point at number two, 8-6, Vedran Sirola won at number one singles 6-3, 6-4, while Nieto won after a super tie breaker at number two, 6-7, 6-0, 10-4.

Rodney Rapson won at number three singles 6-4, 6-1 and Andres Amores won at number four 6-1, 6-4 and Joey Unkenholz won at number five 6-1, 7-6.

Jacksonville State senior Robin Gorman swept Jessica Hawk in number one singles to help the Gamecocks over

their first Ohio Valley Conference opponent Austin Peay State (0-3, 0-1), Saturday, 7-0.

Gorman teamed up with Layla Abby to win at number two doubles 8-1 and then defeated Hawk, 6-0, 6-0.

After JSU won the double point, Zeynep Gurkaynak won at number one singles, 6-0, 6-1, while Michelle Dushner won at number three, 6-1, 6-4.

Erin Higgs defeated Alana Carere at number four 6-2, 6-1, Abby won at number five over Jenica Proctor, 6-0, 6-1 and Babette Lombardo won at number six, 6-1, 6-0.

The Gamecocks are 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the league. JSU will travel to Mercer Wednesday.

Again??

From Staff Reports

For the second straight week, Jacksonville State's Brandon Davis has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Week, the league office announced on Monday.

Davis, a product of West End High School in Birmingham, averaged 12.0 points and 7.0 rebounds in an average of 34.5 minutes for the Gamecocks.

He posted identical games of 12 points and seven rebounds at Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech.

It marks the third time in four weeks that Davis has garnered OVC Freshman of the Week honors.

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SPORTS

Gamecocks ready to defend conference title

Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The sun is staying out later, the grass is getting greener and the aluminum bats are sounding in the air. Aluminum bats are in the air? Yes sir, aluminum bats are definitely in the air.

The 2005 season has kicked off and the defending Ohio Valley Conference Champions are ready to put their title on the line.

The Gamecocks return 16 players from a year ago and are introducing a fabulous freshman group that will provide some needed depth.

Returning on the mound will be junior Josh Forest. Forest, a right-handed pitcher from Heflin, will be leading the way this year.

"He's worked as hard as anyone could possibly work in the off-season and is a leader on the pitching staff," said head coach Jim Case. "He's primed to have an outstanding junior year."

Joining him is a group of pitchers who have a lot of talent and are poised

to be one of the strengths of the team. Danny Andres and Tony Drinkard both look good early on and will compliment Forrest in the rotation.

Pitcher John Clements, a sophomore from Jemison, Al, has a year of experience under his belt and has everyone around him excited about his pitching.

Another sophomore that will compliment the bullpen is Brian Booth. Booth has worked hard in the off-season and is looking to continue the momentum he started in his freshman year.

The infield looks solid all the way around the horn as Jake Ball has moved from short to third.

Ball has emerged as a leader in the infield and should have an outstanding year on the offensive side of the ball.

Brett Pettus will start the season at short and is a serious candidate for

most improved on the team. Second base took a setback with freshman Matt Helland going down with a leg injury against Southeastern Louisiana but Cory Tucker should be up to the task after making a great run last year.

Richard Turner is back under the plate and is a serious contender for most valuable player honors. Turner has started the year on fire offensively and promises to improve everyday.

The co captains on the team will be battling it out for first base all year in Brian Haskins

and Clint Carroll. Both are leaders on and off the field and should bring along the new freshmen nicely.

Jason Horn, a junior from Montgomery, is arguably the fastest guy on the team with his 6.3 60 yard dash and gives the team a lot of speed on defense and at the top of the order. Austin Stein and Winston Pearson are back and ready to build on last year's success.

The freshmen to look for this year are Brian Piazza and Donovan Hand. Piazza led the team in hitting in the fall and adds serious depth to the outfield. Hand should add another solid arm to the pitching staff and should come along fast.

The schedule is strong this year in the OVC and the Gamecocks travel out of conference to play SEC powers Alabama and Vanderbilt. The season is underway and Marshall comes to town this weekend for a three game set. First pitch will be on Friday at 3. A 2 p.m. start is slated for Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.



Courtesy/ JSU Alex Stillwagon

Jake Ball turns a double play against Georgia Tech last year in the NCAA regionals.

Turner back from Tommy John and back under plate

"He's a great catch and throw guy," said Case. "He does a great job of handling the pitching staff."



Philip Cruce
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

In every sport there are unsung heroes. Basketball has the sixth man, football has the offensive and defensive line and baseball has catchers.

The relationship a catcher maintains with a pitcher controls the out-

year highlighted by taking two University of Alabama pitchers over the fence with his pop.

Chanticleer sports caught up with the backstopper to see what's really behind the mit.

CS: What did you injure?

Richard: My UCL, which is my right elbow.

CS: Explain what Tommy John is.

Richard: That is the name of the

defending the OVC championship?

Richard: I don't think there is any pressure, just higher expectations.

CS: Why did you choose JSU?

Richard: It was the best fit for me, and just Coach Case and his reputation. I thought it would be a good place for me to come and learn more about the game from him.

CS: How do you think the team will

OVC champs?

Richard: Always, definitely

CS: What is in your CD player right now?

Richard: Linkin Park/Jay Z encore. I think that is going to be my come out song.

CS: What is your favorite quote?

Richard: Just let it go! I picked that up from Coach Talbat. It means swinging



turnover. Basketball has the sixth man, football has the offensive and defensive line and baseball has catchers.

The relationship a catcher maintains with a pitcher controls the outcome of every game. Richard Turner is back under the plate this year after receiving a medical red-shirt last year. Turner battled Tommy John surgery and has in the early going shown no signs of setbacks.

Turner played most of his freshmen

CS: What did you injure?

Richard: My UCL, which is my right elbow.

CS: Explain what Tommy John is.

Richard: That is the name of the surgery they do to repair your UCL.

CS: How do you feel after coming back from surgery?

Richard: I just feel happy to be out there.

CS: Do you feel any pressure on

thought it would be a good place for me to come and learn more about the game from him.

CS: How do you think the team will bounce back after losing so many key players?

Richard: We are gonna have a lot of young contributors. Brain Piazza, Donovan Hand, Matthew Darwin, and Ray Bearben will be big for the team.

CS: Is there any shot at repeating as

song.

CS: What is your favorite quote?

Richard: Just let it go! I picked that up from Coach Talbat. It means swinging the bat by the way.

CS: What is something The Chanticleer readers must know about you.

Richard: Ah, well I shave my legs.

Don't call it a comeback. Richard has been here all along.

From Canada to the Bay, here are the Gamecocks



From Staff reports Special to The Chanticleer

Jim Case enters his fourth season as head coach of the Gamecocks with a continuing commitment to excellence.

Building upon last season's conference championship and JSU's first ever appearance at an NCAA Division I Regional, Case is confident that his team will work toward establishing the Gamecocks as a perennial Ohio Valley Conference power. The 2004 season,

JSU's first in the OVC, saw the Gamecocks finish third in the regular season standings and then defeat Southeast Missouri State 5-1 in Paducah, Kentucky, to claim the OVC Tournament Championship and advance to post-season play for the first time in over 13 years.

Four Gamecock players earned a spot on the All-Conference team and four were named to the OVC All-Tournament team, including Most Valuable Player Bobby Wynns. JSU had not played in an NCAA tournament since winning the Division II national championship in 1991.

Coach Case plays to win, and it doesn't stop on the field.

One of his team's principles is to study hard and go to class. While at Mississippi State, the Bulldogs led the SEC with 37 Academic Honor Roll recipients. Under his leadership at JSU, the baseball team has achieved an impressive increase in GPA and 39 team members have achieved Academic All-Conference honors over the last three years.

"I believe that these accomplishments say more than anything else the kinds of athletes and the commitment to excellence that we have here," said Case.

Leading up to his first head coaching position at JSU, Case served as assistant coach at UAB under Pete Rancont and at Mississippi State University under Pat McMahon.

During his stints at MSU, Case coached in six NCAA Regional tournaments, two Super-Regionals, and made two College World Series appearances.

Jim and Jan Case have been married for 22 years and have two daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth.

1	Josh Hoyle	P/OF	R/L	6-1	190	Fr.	Corner, Ala.
2	Jason Horn	OF	S/R	5-10	165	Jr.	Montgomery, Ala.
4	Bret Pettus	SS	L/R	6-1	180	Jr.	Demopolis, Ala.
5	Clark Jinks	RHP	R/R	6-0	175	Jr.	Childersburg, Ala.
6	Brett Harris	RHP	R/R	6-2	185	So.	Millbrook, Ala.
7	Matt Helland	SS	R/R	6-3	175	Fr.	Dawsonville, Ga.
8	Clint Carroll	3B	R/R	6-2	185	Sr.	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
9	Richard Turner	C	R/R	6-0	195	So.	Madison, Ala.
10	Cory Tucker	SS/2B	R/R	5-11	170	So.	Rome, Ga.
11	Brian Piazza	OF	L/L	5-10	175	Fr.	Montgomery, Ala.
12	Donovan Hand	RHP	R/R	6-4	175	Fr.	Town Creek, Ala.
13	Josh Forrest	RHP	L/R	6-0	190	Jr.	Heflin, Ala.
14	Ray Bearden	C	R/R	6-3	230	Fr.	Scottsboro, Ala.
15	Brian Haskins	1B	R/R	6-2	195	Sr.	Hokes Bluff, Ala.
16	Jake Ball	SS	R/R	6-2	210	So.	Hokes Bluff, Ala.
17	Jon Clements	RHP	R/R	6-2	205	So.	Jemison, Ala.
19	Tony Drinkard	LHP	R/L	6-1	185	So.	Eva, Ala.
20	Bubba Mauldin	C/1B	R/R	6-4	205	Fr.	Auburn, Ala.
21	Brian Booth	RHP	R/R	6-4	200	So.	Wetumpka, Ala.
23	Winston Pearson	OF	R/R	5-11	190	Sr.	Deatsville, Ala.
24	Austin Stein	OF	L/R	6-0	215	Sr.	LaPlace, La.
27	Preston Kelley	C	R/R	5-9	201	Fr.	Trussville, Ala.
29	Lee Drinkard	RHP	R/R	6-0	165	Fr.	Eva, Ala.
30	Drew Connell	3B	R/R	6-0	200	Jr.	Childersburg, Ala.
32	Matthew Darwin	RHP	R/R	6-2	175	Fr.	Pisgah, Ala.
33	Derek Grubenhoff	P/1B	S/R	6-4	200	Fr.	Rome, Ga.
34	J.T. Wright	RHP	R/R	6-2	165	Fr.	Southside, Ala.
35	Danny Andres	RHP	R/R	6-8	220	Jr.	San Clara, Canada
36	Mitch Miller	RHP	R/R	6-2	180	Fr.	Hokes Bluff, Ala.
44	Matt Page	3B	L/R	6-0	205	Fr.	Jackson, Miss.



John Clements comes back for his sophomore gig and will be a pitcher to watch this year.



Jason Horn

Arguably the fastest player on the team. Runs a 6.3 60 and was a 2004 OVC all tournament team member.



Josh Forrest

Leader of the pitching staff and should have an outstanding year on the mound.



Brian Piazza

Outstanding freshman who led the team in hitting in the fall. Adds depth to outfield and has some needed speed.

SPORTS

Gamecocks ready for emotional season

JSU set to retire # 31 Tera Ross on Saturday



Pictures courtesy
Steve Latham
Left: Melinda
McDonald taking one
for a ride.
Right: Breanne
Oleman reaking
havoc on the mound.

Whit McGhee
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The 2005 JSU Softball season is already underway and has already shown signs of being an exciting year. JSU has already taken down the #7 ranked Georgia Bulldogs and has started the season 4-1.

The Gamecocks finished the 2004 season with a 41-21 record, good enough for third place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The team is already showing signs of improvement in several areas after

building on last year's momentum. Head coach Jana McGinnis says she sees the most improvement in the pitching rotation and team depth.

"We've got three new pitchers, and Kelly Raw is returning this season," said McGinnis.

"I also feel good about the freshmen we've signed and the newcomers we've got. We have a lot of players who aren't starting, but who could easily start for us. It's a good problem to have."

One of the team's top acquisitions this season is junior pitcher Carly

Kellam. Kellam was an All-American in junior college and has already pitched a 16-strikeout game against Appalachian State this season.

Kellam also recorded a win over the seventh-ranked Georgia Bulldogs on February 12.

Look for the team to explode on their offensive game early. In the 2004 season, the Gamecocks outscored opponents an average of 5-2 through the first four innings of play, while their solid defense only allowed an average of 1.66 runs through the final three innings.

JSU was also the top team in the country in runs scored last season. Coach McGinnis says she's expecting to see a lot of offense out of the girls.

"We try to approach every game with an offensive mindset, and I expect us to be a top-hitting team with timely running and scoring."

JSU's first home game will begin with a special ceremony to retire former pitcher Tera Ross' number 31 jersey. Ross was killed in a car accident in December 2003.

"It's only fitting that our university honors her – not only as an athlete,

but as a person," said McGinnis. "She was a great representative of JSU."

The Gamecocks have been picked second in the OVC preseason poll, behind Eastern Kentucky.

But as any Auburn fan will tell you, it's not the preseason polls that count; it's how you play the season itself that matters – and at press time, the Gamecocks already had a 4-1 record.

The girls will kick off a six-game home stand on Saturday, February 26 against Lipscomb University, so make plans now to attend a great season of JSU softball.

Raw part of new and improved pitching staff

Raw part of new and improved pitching staff

Philip Cruce
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Softball players have to be tough. If you don't buy into the theory then just ask red-shirt freshman pitcher Kelly Raw. After an accident last year Kelly was red shirted and was forced to sit her whole freshmen year.

Now Kelly, from Winter Park, Florida, says she is more focused on softball then she has ever been. She is excited about playing again and cannot wait to get back on the field.

The Chanticleer recently caught up with Kelly to see how her injury is holding up and see how she feels about the season.

CS: What exactly did you injure in the accident?

Kelly: My femur bone, the hardest bone to break in your body.

CS: How is the injury now?

Kelly: It's great now, back to 100%.

CS: What kind of rehabilitation did you have to do to get it back to normal?

Kelly: Physical Therapy was the main thing. I had to get back in shape, and just start taking things slow.

CS: Did you ever think that you might

not get to play again?

Kelly: Oh no! I never had a doubt; I knew I would play again

CS: What was the win against #7 Georgia like?

Kelly: It was huge! Daniela had the game winning hit and Carly pitched an awesome game! It was very exciting!

CS: How does it feel to play the bigger schools?

Kelly: We go into every game competing 110% no matter who we play. Playing the bigger schools drives you to want to beat them even more.

CS: Do you feel any pressure on being picked to finish second in the OVC?

Kelly: No, I feel it's better to not be picked first, that way it gives us something to prove. It gives us more of a challenge.

CS: Why did you chose JSU?

Kelly: I fell in love with the coaches. I think we have the best coaches in the country. The team was great, and I just liked the small town.

CS: What is in your CD player right now?

Kelly: It is actually a mixed CD that the coaches made for us with all of our walk out songs on it. I keep it in there pretty much all season, it just pumps me up.

CS: Who is your favorite athlete?

Kelly: Rachel Countryman because she plays with more faith and compassion then anyone I have ever played with.

CS: What is something The Chanticleer readers must know about you?

Kelly: Well I have a titanium rod from my knee to my hip inside my bone.

CS: What is your favorite quote?

Kelly: Live everyday as if it's your last.

The softball team plays Saturday against Lipscomb at home, so come watch Kelly and the rest of the JSU softball team.

From Canada to the bay, here are the Gamecocks

4 Samantha Gutierrez	OF/2nd	R/R	5-0	Senior	Huntsville, Ala./Grissom HS
6 Kelly Raw	P	R/R	5-4	Freshman	Oviedo, Fla./Oviedo HS
8 Carly Kellam	P	R/R	5-6	Junior	Satellite Beach, Fla./Daytona Beach CC
9 Beth Howard	OF	R/L	5-2	Sophomore	Southside, Ala./Southside HS
11 Whitney Elder	3rd	R/R	5-8	Freshman	Huntsville, Ala./Grissom HS
12 Lauren Horwath	1st	L/L	5-7	Freshman	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary HS
13 Melinda McDonald	C	L/L	5-6	Senior	Port Orchard, Wash./Lower Columbia CC
15 Megan Jezierski	IF	R/R	5-6	Senior	Washougal, Wash./Lower Columbia CC
17 Becky Carpenetti	IF	R/R	5-3	Junior	Leeds, Ala./Moody HS
20 Katy White	P	R/R	5-11	Sophomore	Decatur, Ala./Decatur HS
21 Breanne Oleman	P/OF	R/R	5-5	Senior	Salem, Ore./Salem Academy
23 Daniela Pappano	C/OF	L/R	5-4	Sophomore	Bolton, Ontario/Robert F. Hall Secondary
24 Maigin Alexander	OF	L/R	5-5	Junior	Hillsboro, Org./Solano CC
26 Devan Spence	SS	R/R	5-5	Freshman	Bradon, Fla./Bloomington HS
44 Christine Pierce	P	R/R	6-1	Junior	Chattanooga State CC
50 Katie Czaja	P/IF	R/R	6-0	Sophomore	Addison Trail, Ill./Addison Trail HS
55 Alana Hicks	C	R/R	5-11	Freshman	Mufreesboro, Tenn./Blackman HS



Melinda McDonald looks to break her own record of 94 hits in a single season this year. Named to OVC First Team All-Conference in 04.



Kelly Raw is back from a redshirt season last year and is a pitcher to watch.



Daniela Pappano is a sophomore who is something serious. Her bat drove Georgia pitchers crazy. Slugging percentage is through the roof.



From Staff Reports

Jana McGinnis has developed a softball program that is second to none at Jacksonville State University. Integrity, success and tradition, has been placed at the heart of each player coached by McGinnis and it doesn't stop there.

In her 12th season at the helm of the Gamecocks, McGinnis has accumulated an overall record of 353-215 (.621).

Her accomplishments range from a Conference tournament Title and a berth in the NCAA Regional Tournament in 1996 to back-to-back Western Division Conference titles in 1996 and 1997.

She, with the help of long-time assistant coach Mark

Wisener, has led the Gamecocks to eight consecutive trips to the Conference Tournament, dating back to 1996.

McGinnis has coached 41 All-Conference and All-Freshman team members and one Player of the Year in Ann Shelton in 1996. She also coached three All-American Academic team members and was named coach of the year during 1996.

McGinnis is a 1991 graduate of JSU. She was a two-time All-Gulf South Conference star in basketball.

She helped the team to a 98-22 record during her four year playing career, and in 1991, she played a key role leading the Gamecocks to a GSC Championship, as well as the NCAA Division II South Region title.

McGinnis still holds the JSU career record for assists with 603, as well as the single season record with 204.

After her bright career as a player, McGinnis began her career in coaching, as a graduate assistant under women's basketball coach Tony Mabry during the 1991-92 season.

McGinnis is married to Russ McGinnis and has two daughters Kinsey and Payton.

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