California mudslide destroys homes, 12 residents still not found

By Jeff Wilson Associated Press Writer

LA CONCHITA, Calif. (AP) - A huge mudslide crashed down on homes in a coastal hamlet with terrifying force Monday, killing at two people and leaving up to 12 missing as a Pacific storm hammered Southern California for a fourth straight day.

Ventura County Fire Department Chief Bob Roper said as many as a dozen residents were missing in the mudslide that pummeled a four-block area of homes in tiny La Conchita, about 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles. Nine people were injured, including a 60-year-old man who was buried for three hours.

"It lasted a long time. It was slow-moving. The roofs of the houses were crashing and creaking real loud and there was a huge rumble sound," said Robert Cardoza, a construction worker who was

JSU pledges to aid tsunami victims

Baptist Campus Ministries leads campus efforts to relieve Southeast Asia

By Elizabeth Thurman
The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU organizational and personal donations for aid in the Southeast Asia areas demolished by the recent tsunami are now being solicited, thanks to relief efforts headed up by the Baptist Campus Ministries.

With the support of the SGA and Dr. Meehan, the BCM hopes to raise at least \$10,000, according to BCM Intramural Director Robert Litton. "We ask that you give at least a dollar to your organiza-

tion," Litton requested of each student belonging to a campus organization. "I know we're college students; I know we just paid for books...but these people don't have food, water, clothing or shelter."

The tsunami that wreaked havoc across the coastal regions of the Indian Ocean reportedly claimed the lives of more than 150,000 people in 11 countries and left more than five million homeless, according to the Associated Press. The disaster destroyed water supplies and waterbeds.

Donations will purchase for saltwater purifiers, says Litton. "The Alabama Baptist Convention tells us clean water is the most pressing need," he explained. "Disaster teams will train the locals to use the purifiers."

The purifiers cost \$2000-\$2500 and produce 360 gallons of clean water per hour, Litton says. "They are expensive, but they are totally worth the cost," he said.

Any money that does not go towards water purifiers will go directly to the American Red Cross.

Faculty members and students not belonging to an organization are also encouraged to make a monetary donation. From Jan. 25-26, lock boxes will be placed around campus between class breaks so individual contributions can be made. Litton assures contributors that donation boxes will be safely guarded.

Jacksonville's community may also receive an outlet to involve itself in the relief efforts. Litton plans to meet with the Merchant Association of

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was a huge rumble sound," said Robert Cardoza, a construction worker who was clearing debris from a nearby

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UN to use accountants to keep track of tsunami relief funds

By Leyla Linton Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - In an unusual move, the United Nations said Monday it will use an outside accounting firm to help track the billions of dollars pledged to help the victims of the tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

Officials denied that the move was in response to allegations of corruption and mismanagement in Iraqi oil-forfood program for Iraq, which was administered by the United Nations.

Price-Waterhouse-Coopers has offered to help create a financial tracking system for the United Nations on a pro bono basis, said Kevin Kennedy, a senior official in the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

He told reporters the accounting firm would be able to investigate credible allegations of fraud, waste or abuse.

`In my experience of disasters it is the first time I can recall in the past 10 years that we have used an outside

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Bush loses support in California; poll cites disapproval of Iraq War, economic policies

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A continued slide in support for the war in Iraq has kept President Bush's overall job approval rating in California at just 42 percent, a new survey found.

The poll released Monday by the Survey and Policy Research Institute at San Jose State University found that 60 percent of California adults disapprove of the president's handling of Iraq and do not believe that the war in Iraq was worth fighting. In September, just 54 percent said the war was not worth it.

Californians also continue to give Bush poor marks on his economic policies, with just 39 percent saying they approve of his handling of the economy. Also, 52 percent said they do not believe Bush tells the

The president's best marks came in his handling of terrorism, with 43 percent of Californians saying they approved of his handling of the war on terror compared to 47 percent that disapproved.

Survey Director Phil Trounstine said Bush's ratings took a sharp dip in early 2004 but rebounded a bit in September, just weeks before his November re-election. While his overall approval rating now is about the same as it was in September, most of the underlying numbers have eroded, especially with respect to Iraq.

"The president has a serious credibility problem in California, and his handling of the war in Iraq is undercutting his popularity even further," Trounstine

The poll showed that Bush remains relatively popular in the Central Valley and in Southern California counties outside Los Angeles. His weakest showings were in the San Francisco Bay area and in Los Angeles, the state's largest population centers.

Despite winning re-election comfortably, Bush lost California's 55 electoral votes to Democrat John Kerry by about 1.1 million votes.

The poll found that California's Republican governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, continues to enjoy broad popularity in the state. About 60 percent approve of the job he is doing, and just 26 percent disapprove.

The survey of 1,008 Californians was conducted from Jan. 3 to Jan. 7, and had a sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

By the numbers:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi: We would like to welcome everyone back to JSU! We want to wish the JSU basketball team good luck in their games tonight. We are very proud of Allison Land and Stacie Hill for representing us in the JSU pageant this weekend. Good luck to all the young ladies that are in it. Contact: Emily Rollins, emily_rollins2001@yahoo.com.

Baptist Campus Ministries: We are sponsoring a Tsunami Relief to aid victims of the natural disaster that killed over 147,000 people in the Indian Ocean coastal regions. You can make donations through your campus organization or individually donate funds in lock boxes that will be placed around campus. All donations will go towards the purchase of water filters and the American Red Cross. Contact: Robert Litton, 435-7020.

Department of Military Science: The Military Science Department is seeking students who have 54 hours or more to attend a four-week leadership course this summer. The course focuses on individual leader development, group dynamics and adventure training. Travel, meals and lodging are paid and students receive \$770. Contact: Major Shackelford, 782-5601.

IFC: Great retreat!! Congratulations on setting wonderful goals. Now we must work hard to accomplish them. Contact: Jeremy Guthrie, 525-1957.

JSU Marching Ballerinas: An interest meeting will be held for girls wanting to audition for the 2005 Marching Ballerinas on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performance Center of Mason Hall, on the third floor. Contact: Allison Inglis, 435-3104.

JSU Model Arab League: There will be a meeting Monday, Jan. 17, in Rm. 216 Martin Hall at 9:00 a.m. The club welcomes any JSU student interested in Middle East issues and club activities. Contact: Dr. Thomas Baucom, 782-5811.

JSU Scholarship Office: Please be reminded that the scholarship deadline for Fall 2005-Spring 2006 scholarships is February 1. Contact: Vivian Brown, 782-5677.

Panhellenic Council: We will be sponsoring an All-Sorority Open House on Jan. 26. Registration for this event will begin promptly at 6 p.m. in the lobby of Sparkman Hall. Any women interested in learning more about any of the sororities on campus is encouraged to attend. Dress is casual. Contact: Jayme, dzturtlej3199@aol.com.

SGA: "Paint Pete Red" will be held tonight! Everyone wear red to the Gamecock Basketball game. Women play at 4:00 p.m. and men play at 7:00 p.m. The Miss JSU Pageant 2005 is Sat., Jan. 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium. The SGA Senate meetings are at 6:00 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. SGA Movie Night is Tues., Jan. 18 at 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. "Collateral" will be shown. Contact: Brian Snead, 782-5495.

Sigma Nu: Congratulations to everyone for having the highest GPA in the Greek system. Keep it up. We have a long year ahead of us. For more information on joining the best, contact Drew Wagner at 435-9809.

SPJ: The Society of Professional Journalists is holding an interest meeting to outline goals for this semester on Jan. 13, at 4:30 p.m. in Self Hall, Rm. 180 (The Chanticleer office). All Communications majors and minors are encouraged to attend. Contact: Elizabeth Thurman, 390-2653.

Zeta Tau Alpha: We wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope you have a wonderful semester.

United Nations calls in outsiders to track tsunami relief monies

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accounting firm, at least at this juncture," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said that he did not think humanitarian donors were being discouraged by the oil-for-food scandal from making contributions to those in need. The United Nations received more than \$2 billion from donor states in response to appeals in 2004, he said.

More than 50 internal U.N. audits of the humanitarian program published by an inde- by governments, the World Bank and the pendent commission Sunday revealed widespread mismanagement and showed how U.N. agencies squandered millions of dollars through suspected overpayment to contractors, poor management of purchasing and assets, and fraud by its employees.

Explaining the need for outside auditors, Kennedy said there is large interest in ensuring that money given to the United Nations and its humanitarian partners "is used efficiently and effectively and if this adds to the credibility and the transparency of the effort then so much the better."

The United Nations already has a financial tracking system but Kennedy said the aim was to improve the way countries recorded their pledges.

Some \$4 billion has already been pledged Asian Development Bank for victims of the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami that swept across the Indian Ocean. That figure includes not only cash for the humanitarian relief effort but also aid and loans for long-term development and reconstruction.

JSU set to raise funds to aid Southeast Asia victims

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Jacksonville about setting up donation boxes at local businesses, such as Struts. Litton expects negotiations for expanding the relief fund to begin soon.

On a broader scale, recent U.S. corporate donations for tsunami relief now reach \$302 million, according to an Associated Press survey updated Monday. Johnson & Johnson contributed about \$81.4 million dol-

tic to believe that \$10,000 Ministries, at P.O. Box 15. can be raised.

efforts together," he said, "We can really change the lives of a lot of these people."

Organizations and send a check to the check. **Baptist** Campus

Litton requests that dona-"If we put our combined tions be turned in by noon on Jan. 31.

To highlight the campus' efforts, a ceremony will be held during the SGA are Senate meeting on Jan. 31 encouraged to collect and will involve the offifunds among themselves cial presentation of a

Attention **Art Students** **Zeta Tau Alpha:** We wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope you have a wonderful semester. Good luck to the basketball teams with their first game of the new year tonight! **Contact:** Natalie Shearer @hotmail.com.

The Chanticleer Announcements Policy: Any JSU student organization or University office may submit items for the Announcements column. Submissions **must** be typed, and must be limited to 50 words. Submissions **must** include a name and telephone number or e-mail address to contact for further information, but this information does not count toward the 50-word total. Submissions **must** arrive at The Chanticleer offices in Room 180, Self Hall by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the thesired publication date.

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

Jan. 7: A female subject was issued a warning for trespassing in a room in Daugette Hall.

Jan. 6: A candy machine was damaged in Fitzpatrick Hall by unknown person(s). Nothing was stolen

Dec. 30: A male victim at 235 Mountain Street reported that his residence was burglarized. The victim estimated the theft of cash, diamonds, DVD's and liquor at \$5230.

Dec. 19: A member of Kappa Alpha Order reported vandalism damage to the fraternity house in Paul Carpenter Village. The damage was estimated at \$82.

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.

updated Monday. Johnson & Johnson contributed about \$81.4 million dollars worth of antibiotics and supplies, making it the company with the largest product donation, according to the report.

The Coca-Cola Co. and Pfizer Inc. are at the top of the list for largest cash donations, both giving \$10 million. the report said.

While Litton does not expect to rake in millions from JSU students and staff members, he is hopeful that the campus will be generous with its donations. Based on the current enrollment of about 9,000, Litton says that it is realis-

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highway.

As rescuers combed the debris, geology experts with air horns watched the hillside above, ready to sound an alarm if it moved.

The mudslide brought the number of dead from the latest wave of storms to 11 in California. The storms have sent rainfall totals to astonishing levels, turning normally mild Southern California into a giant flood zone.

The hillside in La Conchita cascaded down like a brown river as authorities were evacuating about 200 residents from the area. Trees and vegetation were carried away, leaving huge gashes of raw earth on the bluff.

Some residents made their way from the area clutching pets, luggage or clothing as the huge mass of mud bore down. Some huddled together or cried as they talked on cell phones. Fifteen to 20 houses were hit by the slide.

"You could hear people screaming and crying out, people honking their horns you know from on the highway and everybody looking up and running as fast as they can to get out," said Kathleen Wood, a resident of La Conchita.

Rescuers dropped listening devices into the rubble to try to locate victims before another downpour of up to 2 inches of rain was expected before dawn Tuesday.

La Conchita is a slip of a town pressed between a highway and a towering coastal bluff. Several houses were damaged by a mudslide here during powerful storms in the 1990s.

The destruction at La Conchita was the worst disaster of the storms to date, but mudslides and flooding were reported throughout the region, blocking road and rail travel and forcing a shutdown of interstate petroleum supply lines.

California's death toll also includes a 2-year-old girl who slipped from her mother's grasp as rescuers tried to hoist them from a car submerged on a road outside Los Angeles.

Elsewhere, avalanches killed two people in Utah and one in Nevada - a 13-year-old snowboarder who was swept off a ski lift to his death.

From the start of the latest dose of violent weather on Friday through Monday evening, several mountainous areas in Southern California had recorded more than 20 inches of rain, including more than 27 inches in the San Gabriel Mountains northeast of Los Angeles.

A sinkhole and rockslides on the tracks forced Amtrak to suspend train service between Paso Robles in central California and Los Angeles.

The rain came on the heels of stormy weather that blasted the state earlier last week.

The average amount of winter rainfall in downtown Los Angeles is 15 inches, but nearly 22 inches had fallen as of Monday, including a Jan. 9 record of 2.6 inches, said National Weather Service meteorologist Bruce Rockwell.

"I've never seen such a sustained event

like this," Rockwell said.

The heavy rainfall was being generated by a sluggish low-pressure system rotating off California and drawing a flow of moisture known as a ``Pineapple Express" up from the subtropical Pacific near Hawaii.

To the north in the Sierra Nevada, the storm produced heavy snow during the weekend that stalled an Amtrak train, shut down the airport at Reno, Nev., for the second time in a week, and halted highway travel across the mountain range.

Since Dec. 28, up to 19 feet of snow has fallen at elevations above 7,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada, with 61/2 feet at lower elevations in the Reno area. Meteorologists said it was the most snow the Reno-Lake Tahoe area has seen since 1916.

The commuter link between Reno and Carson City was closed Sunday by whiteout conditions as wind swept down from the Sierra. With visibility sharply reduced, at least 40 vehicles, including three Nevada Highway Patrol cruisers, skidded into snow drifts, ditches and each other. National Guard members used Humvees to pick up the stuck motorists.

"We're talking real ugly conditions. In 12 years with the NHP I've never seen conditions that bad," Trooper Jeff Bowers said.

The train of storms that has slammed into California also spread rain, snow and ice eastward across the nation.

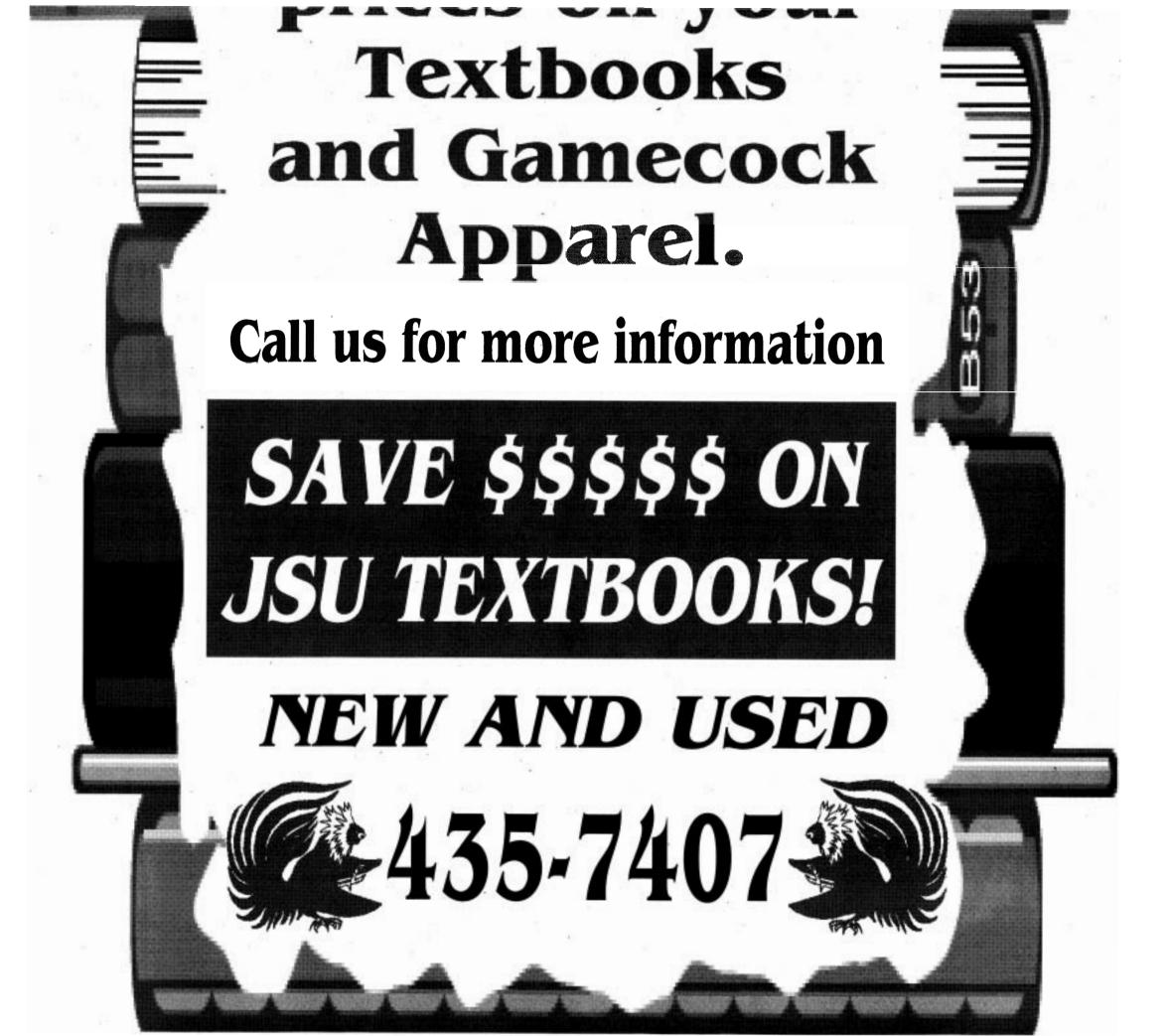
The storms have piled up 10 feet of snow in the Rockies, where three skiers on a family outing were reported missing Monday.

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OPINION

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: HAS PARKING **IMPROVED OVER THE** YEARS? NO! My car got bleggr Freshmen should not be allowed to strine.

Yes, it's another ticked-off editorial

By J. Wilson Guthrie The Chanticleer Editor in Chief



Well as usual guys I am pretty ticked off. I usually am not a bitter person. I think that when Republican-zealots are in office it messes with my bowels. It is either them or the Chinese food that I keep going back to over and over again. But I did narrow it down to those two choices.

First off, these "faith-based" initiatives don't need to go, they have to go. This strikes a personal accord with me and I will tell you why. I am aware of the fact that I talk about being overseas a lot, and since I was in the middle of it with a lot of my close personal friends, the War on Terror hit me at home. But I want people to realize a few things about the way this country is headed.

We went to get those bastards that took America's innocence that fateful September morning. We also went to liberate a country that was under the strong-armed religious-based government that was oppressing the freedom of their people. These people controlled the clothes that women wore,

how men could wear their facial hair and killed adulterers. Basic freedoms that we take for-granted, and yes you do.

So if we would travel half the way around the globe to fight religious terrorism why would we elect a president who pushes, promotes and propagandizes his religion to and on the nation known as the land of the free?

President Bush either does not realize or is to caught up in doing what he thinks is best for the nation to see that he is no better than the Taliban. There is a reason that the founding fathers left so much room to interpret the Constitution. I feel that they did this so that people like Bush would be kept under control. But he is basically wiping his rear-end with our divine-sent document. And since Congress is stuck so far up his rear end and caught up in riding this wave of flaming-conservative-ism that they are frightened to do anything about it.

So leave it to the "flaming liberal" media to be the scapegoat for the conservative backlash. And you know for once, I don't mind being that, so that I can say in eight or 10 years, I told you so.

And I will. I promise that I will not let the Uber-right forget how they

screwed up the country. The last time we started banning things with the ultra-conservatives we couldn't drink beer for a few years. So put that in your pipe and smoke it, right beside your Ten Commandments Monument while you are protesting abortion, just don't do it where anyone can see you or in a public place.

Yes that was a shot at anti-smokers. These people I just can't get along with either. It brings me back to a bumper sticker that I saw a few years ago that read along the lines of "If you don't want to smell my smoke, don't breathe."

Now I am not that much of a jackass when it comes to smoking. I do not smoke near my mother. Not ever. She is allergic to it. When I am smoking I make it a point to watch where my smoke is blowing, even when I am outside. I guess I am a conscientious smoker.

But I can't stand anything being banned by the government. Let the stores or restaurants ban it if they don't want it. Within limits the government should not be able to tell you what you can and can't do in an establishment that you own or operate.

Which brings me to another thing. Why, oh why, is it such a crime to CEL-EBRATE Southern history? This one

of the VERY few things that I side with conservatives on. Everyone should be able to celebrate his or her own history. It should not matter the color of their skin, what country they are from or any other demographic factor. I support Black History month, which is coming up here soon. And I am not so far to the right that I support a White History month. But what I do support is the embracing of all things southern, whether it is black, white, Native American, or anyone else who had a hand in our history.

I love to hear "Dirty South" rap, and think that Outkast is one of the most innovative and eclectic groups ever. But on the same MP3 player I have Ralph Stanley and Flatt and Scruggs. I love Southern rock and country. I am a southerner. That does not make me a racist, a bigot or a backward person. What it makes me is proud to be what I am and proud of where I came from.

So now we have come full circle. I am what I am and I am proud of what I am. I am a flaming-liberal cigarette-smoking Southern-loving man. If you don't like it, then that is the beauty of our great country. For now.

Stupid things people do that we find amusing

Dirty Dancing

LEMOORE, Calif. (AP) - Fed up with students' racy moves, a principal has taken the unusual step of canceling the rest of this year's school dances.

Principal Jim Bennett of Lemoore Union High School said he warned students at a winter formal dance last month to either quit dirty dancing or face the possibility of not dancing at all.

But he said the students continued `freak dancing," a form of sexually suggestive dancing that involves grinding the hips and pelvic area.

"We need to get the artifacts out of his barn and into a container, and we need to catalog everything so we know what we have," Thomson said.

"This collection is a real jewel, and it's worth a great deal of money," Thomson said. "New Hampshire is lucky to have it."

Stewart spent years going to auctions and visiting antique stores to build the collection. "He's got over 200 sap yokes of every different size," Thomson said. The yokes, which were used to carry buckets of sap, would sell in antique stores for \$300 to \$400, depending on the size.

of huffing and puffing to light this stogie.

A cigar maker here has hand-rolled a 62-foot-long cigar, which would be the world's largest if confirmed by the Guinness Book of Records.

Patricio Pena, 43, took about four days to manufacture the cigar in a plaza outside a farmer's market in the Santurce district of San Juan, finishing the project late Saturday.

"A friend of mine came up to me recently, and said why don't you try and make the world's largest cigar?" Pena said standing over the creation, which spanned the length of about a dozen tables.



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ing," a form of sexually suggestive dancing that involves grinding the hips and pelvic area.

The ban on dances includes the school's Sadie Hawkins dance in February and the junior and senior proms in the spring, but Bennett said they could be rescheduled if students modify their behavior.

"It's really up to the kids at this point. They have to take some responsibility," Bennett said. Organizers of the Sadie Hawkins dance, a fundraiser for the school's FFA Organization branch, formerly Future Farmers of America, are working with Bennett to come up with a series of regulations, which could allow that dance to go on.

One idea is to let students sign a form stating that raunchy dancing will get them kicked out.

Students hope similar regulations could lead to the reinstatement of other dances, particularly the

Some students save up all year to buy a dress or rent a tuxedo and buy flowers for the prom," said student body president Zohra Lakhani, a 17year-old senior. "To crush everyone's dreams, it's not fair."

Sugar museum

ORFORD, N.H. (AP) - The group that represents New Hampshire maple syrup producers is making plans for the mother of all sap houses - a maple sugar museum.

The New Hampshire Maple Producers Association has received a gift of the largest collection of antique sugaring tools and equipment in North America, and is trying to find a place to put it.

Its vice president, Peter Thomson, says money is being raised to provide a fire-safe building to temporarily store the artifacts while the group plans a permanent museum.

The collection is a gift from Charlie Stewart, of Sugar Hill, who has been collecting the artifacts for many years, Thomson said.

Thomson said. The yokes, which were used to carry buckets of sap, would sell in antique stores for \$300 to \$400, depending on the size.

It's me again Margaret

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. (AP) - A man was arrested on charges he made dozens of obscene phone calls from an unexpected place - a hospital intensive care waiting room.

Hank Steve Williams, 38, was charged Thursday with 38 counts of telephone harass-

Officials said the suspect, who is not an employee of Sycamore Shoals Hospital, made the calls to at least five different women he didn't know over the past two months.

"He really had reached a comfort zone," said Elizabethton Police Capt. Mike Peters. "He knew the calls wouldn't be traced back to his number and he developed a pattern of making calls between 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on weekdays and noon and 2 p.m. on weekends."

Investigators arrested Williams after a surveillance camera allegedly caught him using the waiting room phone. Other evidence indicates such calls had been coming from the hospital since 2002, they said.

Peters said the investigation still has not revealed how Williams got his information about the names and numbers of the victims he called.

Sheriff John Henson sympathized with the victims. "It's a scary feeling when someone you don't know calls you and knows your name and number."

My, thats a big cigar

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - It will take a lot

largest cigar?" Pena said standing over the creation, which spanned the length of about a dozen

Pena is attempting to displace Cuba - the king of cigar-making - as the home of the world's largest cigar. The current Guinness record-holder is Jose Castelar Cairo of Havana who made a 45foot-long cigar in August of 2003.

Pena, originally from the Dominican Republic, first started rolling cigars at the age of 7, and has continued the practice in Puerto Rico, where he has lived for the past three decades. He has a stand outside the market where he rolls regular-sized cigars.

And the winner is...

DETROIT (AP) _ The sign on the toilet brush says it best: "Do not use for personal hygiene."

That admonition was the winner of an anti-lawsuit group's contest for the wackiest consumer warning label of the year.

The sponsor, Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, says the goal is "to reveal how lawsuits, and concern about lawsuits, have created a need for common sense warnings on products."

The \$500 first prize went to Ed Gyetvai, of Oldcastle, Ontario, who submitted the toilet-brush label. A \$250 second prize went to Matt Johnson, of Naperville, Ill., for a label on a children's scooter that said, "This product moves when used." A \$100 third prize went to Ann Marie Taylor, of Camden, S.C., who submitted a warning from a digital thermometer that said, "Once used rectally, the thermometer should not be used orally."

This year's contest coincides with a drive by President Bush and congressional Republicans to put caps and other limits on jury awards in liability çases.

"Warning labels are a sign of our lawsuit-plagued times," said group President Robert Dorigo Jones. "From the moment we raise our head in the morning off pillows that bear those famous Do Not Remove warnings, to when we drop back in bed at night, we are overwhelmed with warnings."

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Story and Photos: Erin Chupp The Chanticleer Features Editor

How many times have you gone out of the house at night to meet friends at a bar or a house down the road to have a couple of drinks? The bass is turned up and the music starts bumping. Poker chips scatter across the table. The hot blonde girl you met last week is standing in the corner wearing tight black pants. Everyone is laughing and having a great time and you end up staying longer than you expected.

You also drank a little more than you thought you would, but the bright yellow Waffle House sign is in sight, so you head in to sober up with a few cups of hot coffee because you have an exam in the morning. Unfortunately, this won't help get rid of the alcohol in your system.

"All coffee does is make you a wide awake drunk," said Robert Mills, registered nurse at the Student Health Services of Jacksonville State University. The myth that coffee sobers people up may have only come from the fact that the caffeine will keep you up till you do actually become sober.

To counteract the effects of alcohol in your body, you should drink at least two to three large glasses of water before drifting off to sleep (or passing out). Sports drinks can also be good because they are high in electrolytes, which will help replenish what your kidneys excreted during drinking. The headaches which occur after drinking stem from dehydration.

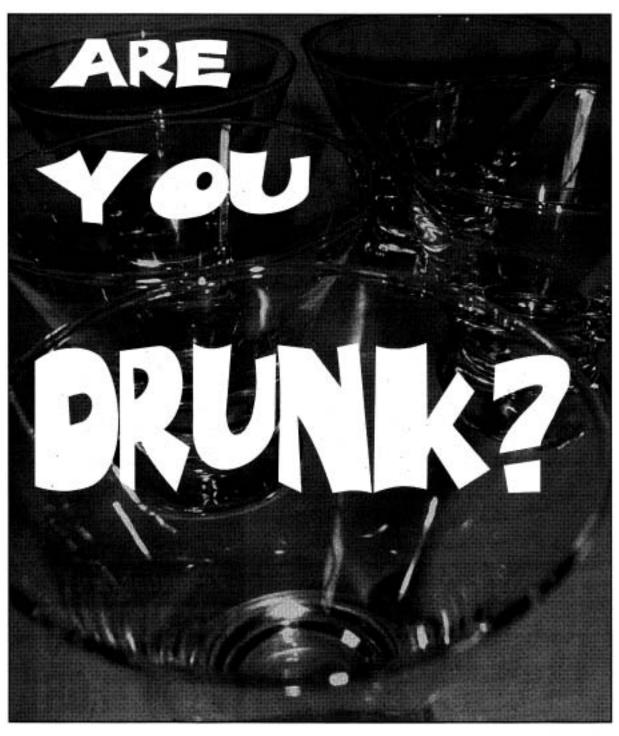
Cold showers, vomiting and Advil will not work either. "Time is the only sobering agent," said the American College Health Association. "To become sober your body must metabolize the alcohol, and this is a slow process."

It may take longer to drink a glass of wine or a bottle of beer than to throw back a shot of liquor, but the effects are the same. Those three things all contain the same amount of pure alcohol, a little more than one-half ounce. The alcohol in wine and beer is diluted.

As a general rule, it will take you one hour per drink for your body to metabolize the alcohol. Mills said people cannot raise their tolerance to alcohol. This is just another myth.

Drinking a beer every day or drinking more beer each weekend will not give you a higher tolerance. It does not chemically allow your body to accept more and more alcohol without gaining more and more of the effects.

Every person's body has a different response to



has a drink every day. An alcoholic is someone who starts and can't stop," Mills said.

Another myth about drinking is that an alcoholic is someone who drinks alone and during the daylight hours. However, Mills said an alcoholic can easily be described as an individual who goes out and drinks to get drunk.

It is very possible to be an alcoholic and only

before." Most of the time, these students are seeking a doctor's note to excuse them from class because they have a hangover, or will.

Ladies especially have to be careful while out at a Thursday night party. Mills said ecstasy is a large problem on our campus, as well as most other college campuses. If a girl leaves her drink unattended, she has no idea what will be slipped into the liquid

Gift giving games

By Erin Chupp The Chanticleer Features Editor



Re-gifting has made its way into our culture and saturated many occasions throughout the year, especially Christmas. We even play games like Dirty Santa, swapping our white elephant gifts with friends and family.

Since college students are known for not being able to afford very much, my college group at the church I attend in Atlanta gathers after Christmas for a gift swapping party of this kind. It is purposefully held after the 25th so we have the chance to re-gift something we got and could really live without.

If you have never played a gift giving game such as this, it can make for an amusing event. However, there are some ground rules to add to the fun. Numbers are drawn at the beginning of the game. The first player chooses a gift from under the tree and unwraps it and so on.

Sometimes you luck out because as the old cliche might go today, "One man's white elephant is another man's gray one." This year I opened a stainless steel travel mug, perfect for my taste as a coffee lover on the go. I dared to question why this was a bad gift and brought to the event, but I soon found out. It was a Christmas present to a guy who hates coffee. and other warm beverages

does not chemically allow your body to accept more and more alcohol without gaining more and more of the effects.

Every person's body has a different response to alcohol, though. Two drinks may not cause one person to lose many inhibitions, whereas two drinks may cause another person to get sick. It all depends on each person's own metabolism.

Some people drink in moderation, very few do not drink at all and others are alcoholics, whether they realize it or not. "An alcoholic is not someone who

hours. However, Mills said an alcoholic can easily be described as an individual who goes out and drinks to get drunk.

It is very possible to be an alcoholic and only drink on the weekends. It is not about how often, it is about how much. Binge drinking is a popular form of alcoholism for college students.

"Dealing with an alcoholic is most difficult because they don't realize they have a problem," Mills said. "I've had students come in [the Student Health Center] blistered, still partying from the night

Thursday night party. Mills said ecstasy is a large problem on our campus, as well as most other college campuses. If a girl leaves her drink unattended, she has no idea what will be slipped into the liquid and dissolved before her return. Mills has spoken to multiple college girls who seek help because they woke up that morning completely naked on the floor of a house having no recollection of the night's events.

Everyone is capable of going out and socializing while drinking. However, if your friend decides to intake so much that he/she becomes sick, the University Police Department provides emergency services. In all actuality, many students take part in underage drinking, so they will not want to call the police.

The next best choice is to get your friend to the emergency room as quickly and safely as possible. Mills said most alcohol related deaths aren't necessarily from the alcohol, but rather from a person passing out and vomiting in aspiration, filling up the lungs.

Concerning underage drinking, many people over the age of 21, through justification, hold the myth that they are not responsible for a younger drinker after they purchase alcohol for them. In a worst-case scenario, the family of an 18-year-old freshman who dies from driving under the influence will sue the 22-year-old who purchased alcohol for his buddy.

"If they're underage, they're going to find a way to drink," Mills said. "If you're enabling another individual to become an alcoholic, then you're responsible."



College Concoctions

Exported from MasterCook II
Italian Vegetable Toss

Recipe By: Cutrite® Wax Paper Insert Serving Size: 4

Preparation Time:0:20

Amount Measure Method Ingredient — Preparation

2	Med	Zucchini — sliced	
2	Med	Yellow Squash — sliced	
10	Med	Mushrooms — quartered	
1	Tbsp	Margariné — melted	
1	Tbsp	Fresh Basil Leaves — snipped	
1/4 Tsp		Cracked Black Pepper	
		Cutrite® Wax Paper	
2	Med	Tomatoes — cut in 8 wedges	
1/4	4 C	Parmesan Cheese — shredded	

zucchini, yellow

squash, mushrooms, margarine, basil and pepper. Cover with a sheet of

wax paper. Microwave on HIGH until squash is crisp-tender, 8 to 10

minutes, rotating halfway through cooking time. Add tomato wedges and

sprinkle with cheese. Microwave on HIGH 2 to 3 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.

Exported from MasterCook

CHOCOLATE-PEANUT BROWNIE CUP

Serving Size : 6

Amount Measure Method Ingredient — Preparation

1/4	ts	Baking soda	
6	tb	Peanut butter — creamy or cr	
2	tb	Milk	
1		Egg, large	
1/2	c	Chocolate chips	
1	c	Marshmallows, miniature	
Com	bine flo	our, sugar,cocoa, and soda. Stir in butte	

Sugar

Cocoa

1/2 c

Combine flour, sugar,cocoa, and soda. Stir in butter, milk,and egg. Mix until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips and marshmallows. Divide between

buttered custard cups. Space evenly in circle in the Microwave. Cook uncovered at full power for 3 minutes,

rotating each one half way through. Let stand for 3 mins before serving. Warm or cold.

brought to the event, but I soon found out. It was a Christmas present to a guy who hates coffee, and other warm beverages for that matter.

But I did not get to keep the mug for long. As soon as I had it out of the box, the player after me instated the stealing rule. A gift can be stolen twice until it's considered dead.

Last year I received a pretty frumpy, plastic framed and mauve-matted picture of painted flowers in the shape of a heart. It was originally a gift to a girl in the group from her future mother-in-law, which added some humor. However, I had to laugh a little harder when I was visiting a friend's sister and found she had the exact same print hanging in the entranceway of her new home.

Other highlights of years past include a cardboard stand-up of Josh Grobin and a ceramic pot of Stalin's head. This year, I ended the game with a silver monkey statue.

These are crazy gifts that are meant to bring out a few smiles, but what about real re-gifting? Are you one of those people who hold onto all presents given to you for sentimental reason? Or, do you give away or exchange every little gift to better fit your taste like Rachel on "Friends?"

One of my friends told me how she was in her grandmother's closet and found the same sweater she gave her last year—with the tags still on. So, she took it, wrapped it up, and surprised her grandmother with it again this year!

In my family, it may be a little more obvious. My mom is a teacher and will sometimes receive presents she doesn't care for, but that I really like. This year, one of those presents made its way into Santa's hands and was under the tree for me.

Whether you're laughing at a silver monkey or grimacing over a sweater your aunt bought you and you need to wear to the next family gathering, hopefully you'll see it's not really about the gift giving—however you got it.

In a shallow 2-quart microwave-safe casserole, place



Birmingham: 01/13/05 100 Demons-Cave 9 Champion-Cave 9 Down To Nothing-Cave 9

Outbreak-Cave 9 Gadwell Lane-The Nick Lucy Kaplansky-Workplay Theatre Aslyn-Zydeco Bob Schneider-Zydeco 01/14/05 Amber Dotson-Birm. Jefferson Arena Dierks Bentley-Birm. Jefferson Arena George Strait-Birm. Jefferson Arena Rosie Ledet And The Zydeco Playboys-Concordia Club Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart-Moonlight Music Cafe Half Down Thomas-The Nick Traumatide-The Nick Year And A Day-The Nick

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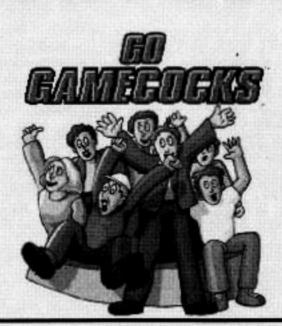






- •Wear Red!
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- Televised Game "Fox Sports"
- •Free Admission for JSU Students

Women's Game @ 4:00 Men's Game @ 7:00 Pete Mathews Coliseum

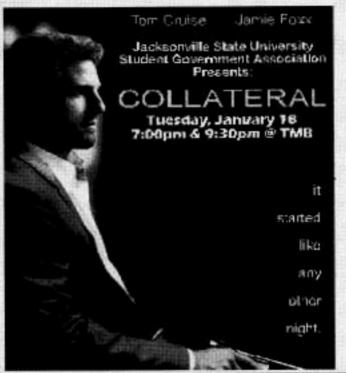


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SPORTS

What do you get when you mix BCmess, Tsunami, and 9/11?

Come and Paint Pete Red!

Amado Ortiz The Chanticleer Sports Editor



I think the one thing the media forgets about the most is the people. The people buy newspapers and the people view the advertising.

The people buy the tickets and the 10 dollar hot-dogs. So it doesn't take a genius to figure out that the people should rule the world.

I am not a genius and even though I write a weekly column, I consider myself one of the people.

Okay, that might have been a little dramatic and you are probably wondering 'where is this wannabe writer going with this?'

I am just a little upset because the last two college football seasons have ended with more questions than answers. The BCS is a total joke if you ask me. It hasn't worked any year since it was created in 1998.

Thus the name BCmess.

Let me explain. There has been a different scenario play itself out every year. The 2003 season ended with a split national championship. A problem the BCS was created to solve, but that is a totally different column.

Oklahoma lost in the Big 12 Championship game to Kansas State and still got to play for a national title. LSU beat By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Chanticleer office phone lines have been ringing off the hook all week long.

For a couple of days the sports department just let the phone ring considering it was probably some "know it all English major" with nothing else to do but to correct our spelling mistakes.

The e-mails have been pouring in so much that our mailbox is full.

We can hear them now!

"Hey come on guys, let's correct the paper for grammatical errors and run-on sentences," said an English major."Come on, it will be fun. The first one that finds a misspelled word is a rotten egg."

Well, if that is not your idea of fun, and trust us, it is quite alright if it is, then come out and Paint Pete Red.

We can hear them now! "Hey that isn't fair to do that to little Pete," said a concerned sorority member. "He sits next to me in class and is very nice. Why, he even complemented my new purse I got for Christmas."

Well, if that is not your idea of fun, and trust us, it is quite alright if it is, then come out and Paint Pete Red.

We can hear them now!

"Hey, well we have already done our service project for the semester, " said a

humble fraternity member." We would love too but our national office has us on a strict schedule."

Well if that is not your idea of fun and trust us, it is quite alright if it is, then come and Paint Pete Red.

We can hear them now! "We can't believe they are spending more money on upgrades," said a university professor. "That money can be going to our salaries. That is what they should be

spending money on instead of these silly upgrades."

Everybody calm down and take a deep breath before jumping to conclusions. Paint Pete Red is an event sponsored by the JSU Athletic Department and the Student Government Association.

The Pete stands for Pete Matthews Colisiuem and the event will be tonight.

The women will play at 4 p.m. and the men at 7 p.m. The game will be televised

by Fox Sports and is free to JSU students.

It sure would look pretty nice if the gym was packed like the picture below. To top it off, the organization with the most Spirit will win a 100 bucks.

If you don't like basketball, then the football team will be recognized at half-time for their outstanding season. So, everyone wear red and come Paint Pete Red against UT Martin.



Courtesy/ Steve Lathan

The Athletic Department and the Student Government Association are looking for a good Gamecock to come and support the basketball teams as they take on UT Martin at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. tonight.

JSU gives SEC all it can handle

From Staff Reports

win over Jax State in front of 15,924 fans at Bud Walton Arena Wednesday night.

Anthony Wilson scored 15 points and



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Oklahoma lost in the Big 12 Championship game to Kansas State and still got to play for a national title. LSU beat Oklahoma in the title game and had to share the title with Southern California.

Ask yourself this question. Does a team deserve to play for the national championship if it doesn't win its own conference?

Why should they? If they're not the best in their conference, how are they going to win the national title? The same scenario happened with Nebraska in 2001. Both teams got beat in the title game.

Controversy happened at the end of this football season when three undefeated major colleges finished the regular season undefeated. Auburn, USC and Oklahoma all deserved a shot but only two got in. It is just hard picking between two year in and year out.

The only real solution is the plus-one format. Every year there can be an argument for four teams to have a legitimate case of playing for it all.

One plays four and two plays three, and they play for it all. Sure the argument moves to teams five and six screaming they should be number four but that is a better argument.

Then ask yourself this. What if Auburn plays USC for the outright championship and all the money goes to the Tsunami aid effort? In 2001, it could have gone to 9/11 families.

You see, just about every year there is a natural disaster-just like every year there is a disaster in the BCS. So why not make everyone happy?

Can you imagine how great that would be? The people would get the game. The teams would really know who is number one. Television would still get to sell ads (last time I checked, Super Bowl 30 second ads were going for \$1.6 million) and most of all the relief efforts get some well needed funds. But hey, what do I know? I'm just a college student.

From Staff Reports

The Jacksonville State basketball teams had some tough road games over the break but the women came up with a strong win at home. Both teams made a lasting impression on the SEC.

Shanika Freeman scored 20 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as Jacksonville State knocked off Auburn 71-66 in women's basketball action at Pete Mathews Coliseum..

The Gamecocks handed Auburn its second straight loss and claimed its first win over a Southeastern Conference opponent.

"I'm very proud of how my kids came out and played," said Jacksonville State coach Dave Dagostino. "We've been waiting to have a healthy group and through out the first seven or eight games we didn't have that.

"It's been tough trying to get a cohesive unit, but when we're healthy we're tough."

Jacksonville State jumped out early and led by as many as eight before Natasha Brackett's 3 tied the game at 21.

The Gamecocks answered with a 18-6 run and led 39-27 at halftime.

Auburn shot just 36 percent in the first half and committed seven turnovers while the Gamecocks hit 61.5 percent including five 3-pointers.

"This is one of the games, besides Duke, that we've been waiting for and we knew coming in that we would have to win," said Freeman, who picked up her fifth double-double of the season. "One of our main goals is to win at home no matter who we play."

When Auburn got within two early in the second half, Freeman scored nine of the next 11 points as the Gamecocks took a demanding 51-40 lead and never looked back

Also for the Gamecocks, Freddricka Embry had 10 points and seven rebounds. Katja Fuess had 13 points and five rebounds. Ann-Marie Healy had eight points and six rebounds. Heathar Shepard had eight points. Cobie Carlisle had seven points and six rebounds

Auburn was led by Brackett's 16 points, while Nicole Louden added 15 points.

Men's Action

Jacksonville State's Walker D. Russell scored 24 points and dished out six assists as the Gamecocks led until late in the game before Arkansas rallied for a 73-67

win over Jax State in front of 15,924 fans at Bud Walton Arena Wednesday night. Anthony Wilson scored 15 points and Dorien Brown finished with 10 points for the Gamecocks, which finished the game shooting a season-high 54.2 percent from the field.

Arkansas was led by Ronnie Brewer with 17 points and 13 rebounds, followed by Eric Ferguson with 13 points and Darian Townes finished with 11 for the Razorbacks, which improved to 11-1 on the season.

"This was a hard fought game," said JSU head coach Mike LaPlante. "We came into the one of the toughest environments in the country and had the lead with seven minutes to play."

Jax State held a 33-31 lead at the half after shooting its second-best half of the season, hitting 13-of-22 (59.1) from the field. It was just the second time all season the Razorbacks trailed at the half, with the other game at No. 1 Illinois.

Arkansas came out in the second half and built a 41-35 lead on a Brewer 3pointer from the right side, but the Gamecocks used a 13-1 run to take their largest lead of the night.

During the run, Wilson sank a 3-pointer, Russell scored eight points and Brandon Davis added a jumper as the Gamecocks took a 48-42 lead with 10:32 left.

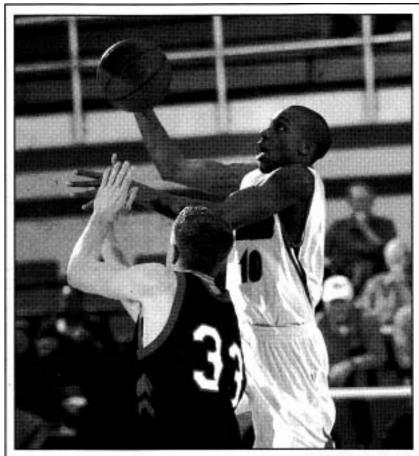
Arkansas battled back to take a 49-48 lead on a lay-up by Jonathon Modica with 9:01 remaining, but JSU's Brown scored on a dunk on a putback with 7:13 left for a 52-51 JSU advantage.

The Razorbacks then scored nine straight points, building a 60-52 lead with 5:45 left, but the Gamecocks sliced the lead to 60-57 after Wilson sank this third trey of the night from the left corner with 3:48 remaining, but the Gamecocks could get no closer.

The first half saw five lead changes and two ties as neither team led by more than five points, a 16-11 advantage by JSU with 13:26 left on a Russell lay-up. Russell, who led all scorers with 12 points in the first half, gave the Gamecocks a 33-31 lead after hitting a 5-foot jumper in the paint with 59.1 seconds left in the opening half.

Arkansas finished with a 33-22 advantage on the boards and the Razorbacks finished with 18 offensive rebounds for 20 points.

"We definitely something to build on as we prepare for league play," said LaPlante.



ourtesy/ Steve Latham

Walker Russell and the Gamecocks hope to heat things up at home tonight against UT

A quick recap on the Gamecocks

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12/15/2004	at Duke	L 36-99
12/19/2004	vs Carson-Newman	W 86-79
12/20/2004	vs Alcorn State	L 58-61
1/2/2005	vs Auburn	W 71-66
1/4/2005	vs Samford	W 66-59
1/6/2005	vs Tennessee State	L 74-77

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