Alabama universities’ binge drinking falls

By Suzelle Tempero
The Tuscaloosa News

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) - Though few attend college classes, much less Friday night fraternity parties, Alabama adults are setting a good example for college students when it comes to responsible drinking, according to a new national study.

The study shows a strong correlation between binge drinking rates in states and binge drinking rates on college campuses. The rate of binge drinking among college students was about one third lower in the 10 states with the lowest adult binge drinking rates, which includes Alabama, when compared to states with the highest rates.

"Rates in college really mirror the rates in the state as a whole," said Dr. Tim Naimi, an epidemiologist on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention alcohol research team.

The example set by adults is especially noticeable in Tuscaloosa, where the University of Alabama and the city have collaborated to address drinking issues.

Administrators at UA say the positive effects are obvious on campus.

Students turn out for Brewer Hall Career Fair

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Arguably, one of the hardest parts of being a college student is wondering where you will apply the skills you’ve learned once you leave the hallowed halls of JSU.

On March 2, the departments of Criminal Justice, Psychology, Sociology and Social Work attempted to help their students answer that question through a career fair.

The event may have only lasted a few hours, but the departments spent months in preparation, lining up more than 30 different employers to set up exhibits and talk to the students.

“I just wanted to see what’s out there for the future,” said Robin Mayall, a junior majoring in social work, “I still have a year left and I’m trying to decide if I’m going to grad school or if I want to get a job.”

Social Work, Sociology, and Psychology majors roamed the third floor of Brewer Hall talking to representatives from the Alabama Department of Human Resources, Second Chance, and the Alabama Baptist Children’s Home to of

Collegians analyze Bush’s social security policy

By Phillip Rawls
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - Jonathan Shell, a 21-year-old junior at Auburn University Montgomery, likes President Bush’s proposal for directing some of his Social Security think Social Security will provide the kind of safeguard for her that it does for her grandmother, but she worries that Bush hasn’t considered the bad things that could happen to workers who made poor investment choices.

"Bush’s plan is looking of a national tour to promote his Social Security proposals, including personal investment accounts for those under 55.

Also waiting to hear more are Republican members of Alabama’s congressional delegation, who support the concept of personal accounts but who

LaTosha Sheppard, a psychology major, talks with Debbie Buffaloe from Alabama Baptist Children’s Home.

sophomore at AUM, saw Bush when he spoke on behalf of Republican candidates at

ZTA’s Big Man comes
JSU international students celebrate cultural diversities on campus

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A “Taster’s Fair” of dishes from several countries capped off International Week on Sunday. The week of events, which is sponsored each year by the International Students Organization, was a way for the students to share their culture with JSU faculty and students.

The Taster’s Fair included sushi from Japan, tostados from Mexico and momo from Nepal.

The week got off to a rocky start when the soccer game, which had been planned for the 27th, had to be called off due to rain. But the students and organizers made the best of a bad situation and turned the game into a party.

Youness Chennaui, Anielka Lacayo, and Charles Meduka at the silent auction. Anielka is wearing a Moroccan wedding hat and Youness is playing the Rababa, a Jordanian stringed instrument.

Monday was a day of culture and fundraising as the ISO held their yearly silent auction. Items up for grabs included a Jordanian Rababa, a stringed instrument played with a bow, and an Aztec calendar from Mexico. The item that received the most attention at the auction and, therefore, the highest price at $50 was a carved wooden mask from Kenya.

Four international students got to run around campus finding clues, hoping to get a prize in the scavenger hunt.

Michael Jackson’s brother says he saw groping

By Linda Deusch
AP Special Correspondent

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) - The younger brother of Michael Jackson’s accuser described for jurors in graphic detail Monday how twice saw the pop star grope the child while the young boy lay sleeping in Jackson’s bed at his Neverland Ranch.

The brother also testified that Jackson showed him Internet sex sites, gave them wine, slept in bed with them and appeared before them naked and sexually aroused at the pop star’s Neverland ranch.

"Me and my brother were watching a movie and Michael walked up naked," the 14-year-old witness testified. "Me and my brother were grossed out. He sat on the bed and said it was natural," then left the room.

Speaking calmly, directly and unemotionally, he said the molestation occurred shortly after Jackson had shown him the boys sexually explicit magazines that he kept in a suitcase in his bedroom.

District Attorney Tom Sneddon projected on a courtroom screen the covers of magazines including one called Barely Legal, which depicted an extremely young woman with her breasts exposed.

The boy said that after seeing Jackson with his hand in his brother’s underwear he witnessed another episode of what he described as masturbation two days later. He did not state the dates of the incidents, which the prosecution says followed a February 2003 TV documentary in which Jackson appeared with the boy at Neverland.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor at Neverland, giving him alcohol and consoling to hold the family captive to get them to rebuff the damaging documentary in which Jackson said he allowed children to sleep in his bedroom.

"Last year, the Zeta Psi Chapter of Zeta donated just under $18,000 to this cause. The students of JSU were a big part of this event success and we thank them for that and their continued support," said Big Man participant Adam Brooks.

Entry fees are $15 for an individual or $30 for a group of two or three.

More than three are allowed in the event but must be arranged through a sister of Zeta in advance.

There will be an admission fee of $2 and Zeta will be selling shirts for $15 to help raise additional funds for the cause.

"This is a great event and we look forward to performing for it," said Big Man participant Adam Brooks.

Forms must be turned into the Zeta Student mail box no later than March 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Men wishing to enter the event may e-mail either cmbrey_jordan@yahoo.com or ZetaLady_Brandie@yahoo.com or stop by the office of student life to pick up an information packet.

ZTA’s Big Man comes to campus March 16

By David Howton
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

To promote breast cancer education and awareness, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority is hosting their annual "Big Man on Campus" March 16, in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

Big Man on Campus is a male talent show, open to all students, that gives the men of JSU the opportunity to strut their stuff. The men give a timed performance in any talent of their choosing which may include vocal, instrumental, comedic or dance. It is not a male beauty pageant.

The theme is "Getting Lucky Saving Lives," in light of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day holiday.

"Just this past Saturday, the ZTA Chapter of Zeta won an award for largest donation to their national charity at the annual Zeta Day held in Birmingham," said Cambrey Jordan, a sister of the Jacksonville State Zeta Sorority.
State alcohol consumption drops from Booze, page 1

Consumption among adults with information on college-age binge drinking from the Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Survey, binge drinking was defined as consuming five or more drinks in one occasion. Some researchers in the Harvard survey considered four or more drinks for women to be the standard.

Although the CDC has information on adult binge drinking in all 50 states, the College Alcohol Survey included only 40 states. Some states, in most cases those with only one or two major schools, elected not to participate for fear that a school’s confidentiality would be compromised or that the sample size would be too small, skewing the results.

UA administrators enlisted the help of local governments a couple of years ago to address alcohol-related issues and to clean up the university’s image.

At that time, The Princeton Review had ranked UA as No. 14 for school spirit and No. 20 for sports. Hebson said that campus activity programming has become a top priority over the last three years and that providing alternatives to drinking for students helped the school repair its image.

The College Alcohol Survey is conducted anonymously, so there is no way to know how many students from UA responded, but researchers say that does not diminish its relevance to Alabama as a whole.

More than 40 percent of Alabama college students reported binge drinking in the past two weeks, putting the state in the “middle of the pack” in regard to campus binge drinking, Naimi said.

“Binge drinking really is the leading health problem on college campuses,” Naimi said, citing an estimated 70,000 alcohol-related sexual assaults occur on campuses each year. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism said 1,400 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die annually in alcohol-related incidents, including car crashes.

“It’s a misconception that (binge drinking) is a problem of only college students,” Naimi said. That’s because 75 percent of the cases occur in people older than 26.

In all 50 states, it is illegal for individuals under 21 to drink alcohol, but Alabama has high fines, longer jail times for violating blood alcohol content limits, a stricter BAC limit for adults than the national averages and higher taxes on alcoholic beverages. In the state, 0.08 is the BAC limit for adults and 0.02 for youth, compared to the national average of 0.09 and 0.02, respectively.

UA also has a clearly articulated policy that addresses the use of alcohol at campus social functions and deals with other alcohol-related issues. Yet administrators admit there is always more to be done, such as legislation at the state level to track and tag beer kegs and additional monitoring of underage drinking.

The coordination between UA and the City Council was a good example of the “hand and glove relationship” that needs to exist between universities and the surrounding community, Naimi said.

“There’s a close connection between social attitudes and the law around enforcing the minimum drinking age,” he said.

“Without a supportive social and legal environment, it’s hard for college students to make responsible drinking choices.
Two days later, he said he encountered a similar scene after entering Jackson’s home.

“I went upstairs. The same thing was happening but my brother was on his back. ... My brother was asleep. Michael was masturbating while he had his left hand in my brother’s underwears.”

The witness said he didn’t tell his mother or his sister what happened, nor did he tell his brother what he had seen.

“I didn’t know what to do,” the witness said. “I went back to my guest room.”

The witness said the first person he told about the incident was psychologist Stan Katz, who interviewed the boy and then notified the authorities.

The boy also described an incident in which Jackson grabbed a mannequin that he kept in his bedroom and “he pretended like he was having intercourse with it” on bed while fully clothed and laughing.

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**March 7** - Office's received a telephone call from a Bail Bondsman from Dalton, Ga. who said that he had active warrants for a member of a band that was scheduled to play at JSU. Officers verified the warrant. When the male subject arrived at JSU he was released to the bailbondsman.

**March 7** - A male victim reported that his cell phone was missing. He said that he had left the cell phone in the lounge in Crow Hall and when he returned to get it – it was gone. The victim estimated the cost of the phone at $103.00.

**March 7** - Officers were contacted regarding a break-in at Rudy Abbott Field House. Officers determined entry was gained through a locked door. Numerous items were missing including a baseball radar gun, concession items, and a 800 Megahertz radio. Officers later recovered the stolen items at the residence of a local juvenile.

**March 6** - Officers arrested a male subject for driving under the influence of alcohol on Pelham Road North.

**March 4** - A female subject was issued a trespass warning for Sparkman Hall.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Saltillo 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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a few took notes.

The brother said that Jackson first brought up the subject of masturbation with him and asked if he ever did it.

The boy said he answered no.

"Then he said to me, ‘Everyone does it. You should try it. It’s OK,’” the witness said of Jackson.

He also told of Jackson conducting drinking parties with his young boy guests in which he served them wine and called it “Jesus juice.”

The witness indicated he was surprised when he walked in on Jackson touching his brother.

He said he pushed open the door to Jackson’s room and, "I saw directly onto the bed. I saw my brother was outside the covers. I saw Michael’s left hand in my brother’s underwears and I saw his right hand in his underwears,” he said.

He described his brother as curled up and snoring slightly, and he said he saw Jackson masturbating.

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The winner was Alexander “Sasha” Zotov. Second and third places went to Nuria Sala and Charles Makuk respectively.

Strobe lights, balloons, streamers, a DJ and lots of food were called for on Wednesday night so that students could, “Catch the Vibe.” Rodolfo Mojica, played songs from Brazil, Spain, and a Turkish song that, when translated, means “Kiss Kiss,” while the crowd danced and sang.

At the event, international and American students mingled through the dining and living rooms of the International House while the universal language of tempo and rhythm broke the language barrier of the songs.

The party was still going strong at midnight when the ISO students reluctantly turned off the music so that cleanup could proceed. After all, most of the students had class the next day.

Thursday night required another small change in the planned program. For movie night, “Motorcycle Diaries” was scheduled, but when it wasn’t available, the group decided to go with “Maria Full of Grace.”

The Spanish film about drug smuggling has been nominated for 43 awards and won best first feature at both the Seattle and Toronto film critics awards.

Malcolm Davidson and Sunan Silwal founded the International Students Organization in early 1992. They saw a need to establish a forum of communication between international and American students. That March, the Taster’s Fair became one of the first events for the new club.

Over the years the legacy created by the two friends has grown. Two of Silwal’s nieces are now attending JSU and are both ISO officers. Suchmita Silwal is first vice president and her sister, Smrity, is secretary.

International students are automatically members of the organization, but American students are encouraged to join as well. There are no dues and a membership application can be picked up at the International House.

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much persuading Thursday because he’s already leaning toward the president’s plan.

"I’d probably do a personal account," he said.

But not Dustin Karn, a 20-year-old junior. Karn said the only way he’d ever choose an investment account is if the government provides insurance for bad investments like the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. does for bank accounts.

"There needs to be a safety net," said Karn, who didn’t vote for Bush last year.

One person that Bush need not spend any time trying to persuade on Thursday is Bronner, chief executive of the pension program for Alabama’s education workers and state employees.

Bronner said Social Security has long-term problems, but Bush’s solution "is dead wrong."

Bronner recommends Bush avoid dramatic changes and make minor adjustments, like President Reagan achieved in 1983.

"Most of the problems with Social Security can be resolved without destroying the program as Bush’s plan would do," Bronner said.

His recommendation: Bush should consider getting rid of the automatic cost-of-living increases each year and let Congress approve each one, based on how the economy is doing.

"That’s a huge question and it hasn’t been answered yet," Shelby said.

Shelby said Congress should look at other options too, such as gradually raising the retirement age to reflect Americans’ increased life spans.

Bonner said one thing is certain about Bush’s trip to Alabama: He was wise to pick AUM as one of his stops because AUM has a mix of traditional students.

Military considers returning Abu Ghraib prison to Iraqi government

By Rawya Rageh

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Incipient attacks against Baghdad’s notorious Abu Ghraib prison may force the U.S. military to return the facility to Iraq’s government and take their own high-security prisoners to a safer place, a U.S. military official said.

Photographs showing naked, terrified Iraqi prisoners being mistreated and humiliated by U.S. military guards.

Plans for moving the prison, however, are not yet final, Johnson said. The military, he added, will continue to the notorious facility “for the foreseeable future.”

Johnson said prisoners at Abu Ghraib were divided into two groups - security Umm Qasr and Camp Cropper at the Baghdad International Airport complex.

At 3,200 inmates, Abu Ghraib has already surpassed the 2,500 people it was designed to incarcerate. Camp Bucca has 5,750 detainees, 550 more than its capacity. Camp Cropper, which holds 110 high-profile detainees, including former dictator Saddam Hussein, is the only prison that

Two students tear it up on the dance floor during the ISO-sponsored dance - an event scheduled for ISO’s celebration of cultural diversity.
A bill concerning homecoming regulations was passed at Monday night’s Senate meeting. The new regulations will allow candidates for the top 10 contestants, who are chosen by the pageant judges, to campaign by word of mouth. Word of mouth was determined to be any face-to-face contact between the candidate and any other student(s).

Another section of the bill will allow the top five contestants to openly campaign just as in the SGA spring general elections. The author of the bill, Justin Davis, stated that three Senate Committees (Constitution and Code, Homecoming, and Elections) as well as the SGA Executive Board had been reviewing and revising the bill since January. The bill was passed unanimously among the Senate.

The SGA will be hosting Mind Tripping and Blizzard of Bucks tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. Mind Tripping will stun the audience when contestants have their minds read and their thoughts revealed. During Blizzard of Bucks, 12 contestants will be drawn at random from the audience and compete in the widest, zaniest games ever for a chance to win cash and prizes. The grand-prize winner will get a chance to step inside the Incredible Money Machine for a chance to win up to $500 in cash.

SGA passes new homecoming regulations

name a few.

Carson Pearce, an RN at New Beacon Hospice, said that he and the other representatives of the facility were there looking for many types of potential employees. The facility uses social workers to counsel families. It also employs psychiatrists and a large nursing staff, since the goal of the facility is to provide end-of-life care to patients with terminal diseases.

Criminal Justice majors had the first floor to themselves as they munched through tables set up for Army recruiters as well as representatives from local police departments.

The departments try to give the students a career fair each spring so that they know the types of jobs they will be eligible for upon graduation.
Sardines, old ladies and the SGA election

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Editor-in-Chief

So I guess that we are supposed to endorse someone. For the SGA election I mean. But you know what? We just aren’t going to do it. We aren’t. It’s not going to happen. So if you are tuning in this week for that, you may stop reading.

For those of you who really don’t give a crap, I will get you caught up on what has been goin’ on in my life. After working three jobs for over two years and going to school full time, being involved in too many things on campus and trying to have what some would call a pretty dysfunctional (but fun) relationship, I was rejected, oilied up and damn near screwed.

Sorry for that all of you fifth and sixth grade students who just read that.

I can understand why so many people get utterly addicted to substances after college. They work their butts off with the promises of milk and honey from the “establishment” and then they end up working at some fast-food chain with a clown as a mascot. And that is just so they can pay back the $45,000 in student loan debt that they racked up during college.

I chose this life though. This is all my fault. No one told me that I had to go into a low paying job. I did it because when I was young I thought that I could change everything. I thought that my voice behind these words would make a difference in at least someone’s life. It’s quite a funny notion now that journalists and the writing profession are just behind lawyers on the shit list of society.

So I have been thinking about changing what I want to do. Who knows, I might just want to work at the clown place. At least there, there won’t be as much crap to deal with. Or so I think. Probably everyone else who works there would love to work here in an air-conditioned office, instead of slaving over a hot grill. Even with the out-dated computers.

So I guess I am reduced to a half-rate hack who, by the way, you are reading.

Letter to the Editor

I am writing in response to the article about evolution and same sex marriage. I am a high school student who has a real interest in science. I understand the scientific method and single cell or bacteria, what made it move and able to multiply. It only makes sense that we are nor going to ban child pornography, because someone said we need to fix a “bigger

Stupid things people do that we find amusing...

DE PERE, Wis. (AP) - For most people, PEZ is just a candy, but Barry Umbs calls his addiction to collecting PEZ dispensers “a bit of an illness.”

Umbs, an engineering manager for Rockwell Automation in Milwaukee, joined some 60 other self-described “PEZheads” at a convention in De Pere on Saturday.

The man has been a feverish PEZ dispenser collector for the past 15 years, and seeks not only each kind of dispenser, such as ones featuring Bugs Bunny, but the same kind from different countries, with different patent numbers and packaging.

“It’s conceivable I could have nine of this same kind, but each one has something different,” he said. “It’s the thrill of the hunt that gets me.”

The event, the second held by the Bryan and Tammy Lewis of De Pere, offered PEZheads the chance to buy, sell and swap their dispensers, show off their collections, and share PEZ news.

They held it in the pool room of their apartment complex.

The candy dates back to 1927 in Austria, where candymaker Edward Haas made tiny mint blocks for adults as an alternative to smoking. In 1952, PEZ came to the United States, where the makers put cartoon heads on the dispensers to sell them to children.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) - A new county law aims to keep readers from reeking.

Libraries in San Luis Obispo County have had their own rules banning offensive body odor since 1994, but the policy became law after the Board of Supervisors last month adopted an ordinance that lets authorities kick out malodorous people.

A strict code of conduct, officials argue, is needed to ensure one patron’s right to use a public library doesn’t infringe on the rights of another.

Yet the law can raise tough questions for librarians, said Irene Macias, Santa Barbara’s library services manager.

"What is bad odor?" Macias asked. "A woman who wears a strong perfume? A person who had a garlicky meal?"
I am writing in response to the article about evolution and same sex marriage. I found that some of the information in the article was a bit misleading. The opinion stated that if we teach the creation theory, then we would also have to teach every other theory that anyone else brings forth. Some people might say that creationists have a belief based on their religion, not scientific fact. Let’s look at one of the scientific laws of motion. It states that an object at rest will remain at rest unless acted upon by another object. If so, then how did the evolution process begin? Even if someone says that life started as a single cell or bacteria, what made it move and able to multiply. It only makes sense that there has to be an immovable mover, a greater power, God. So why would someone say there is no scientific evidence? This is wrong. This is one of the many scientific facts to back up creation. Why should it not be taught in a classroom? The other view stated last week about same sex marriage is also misleading. Saying that we should not care about legislation on these issues is foolish. Just because in someone else’s opinion there are more serious problems, does not mean that these issues should be ignored. That would be like saying that we are not going to ban child pornography, because someone said we need to fix a “bigger problem.” Maybe same sex marriage is not threatening other heterosexual marriages, but it is the destruction of our society and of our future families. Also in the article about evolution and same sex marriage, it was stated that all this is about politics, and that it blinds us from the important issues. To me, these are both important issues.

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FEATURES

Year for higher education

By Holly Smith
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Last Thursday hundreds of students from universities across Alabama assembled in Montgomery for the annual Higher Education Day rally, creating the second largest turnout since its first meeting eight years ago. Higher Education Day is held each year to give students and educators a chance to express their concerns about education funding to the Alabama state legislature.

JSU representatives, including the SGA, Hardcorps, the JSU PepBand and a group of political science majors made the trek to the capital in two relatively full buses. These dedicated students loaded and left JSU at 5 a.m.

Speakers at the rally included Governor Bob Riley, head of the Higher Education Partnership Gordon Stone, and JSU's own Dr. Meehan. Hardcorps members entertained the crowd with charts from their basketball game repertoire.

Alabama Jobs 2005, a job fair with representatives from over 25 companies seeking new employees from all majors, was held after the rally.

Monday began the Higher Education Partnership's (HEP) week-long membership drive here in Jacksonville. The HEP is a statewide organization who lobbies in Montgomery for proper appropriations to benefit higher education.

Level I yearly memberships are $12 for faculty and staff, $5 for students and $25 for alumni, according to Alan Renfroe, assistant alumni director in the office of Alumni Affairs. Not only do HEP members receive discounts at hotels, automobile rental agencies and savings on eyecare through a vision plan, but they also know they are supporting the cause of higher education.

"Higher education provides better jobs for Alabamians, attracts business and industry, improves the quality of life, is a strong investment of state revenue, provides better opportunities for students to obtain degrees, provides graduates who are ready to compete in the marketplace and stimulates economic growth," said Renfroe.

The HEP works to provide a controlled effort to keep tuition from increasing by lobbying for the greatest amount of state funds as possible to go towards higher education. HEP's most recent efforts have been extremely successful, as next year's appropriations will not be cut, giving adequate reason to proclaim 2005 the year for higher education. "For JSU students," Renfroe said, "this means that tuition will probably not go up."

The HEP membership drive will continue through March 11. For more information, contact the JSU HEP Membership committee through the Alumni Affairs office.

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer Features Editor

The action plan for this paper to be an informative, investigative and interesting 10 pages is difficult to master. Even though Jacksonville is a smaller town and university, and the appearance potential doesn't seem wonderful, the potential for stories and articles is still great. With a little attitude and persistence, this may happen.

First, there needs to be a little more audience participation. In another place and on universities around the country, students go through an application process in order to write for the student paper. Although presidential opinions rear their heads in an opinion column, all politics are aside in the hiring process.

This office does not have an anti-personnel mindset as much as I believe students to be anti-press. Print journalism majors at this school need to have some advanced planning installed into their agendas.

Should you really wait until an authorized person begs you to write an article which can later be used for your portfolio? Or until the atmospheric pressure drops to your liking? And if you're waiting for advanced payment, that's definitely not going to happen.

Unlike an attorney's profes-
Tasting your way around the world

A celebration of cultures with dance, song, fashion and tons of food: the atmosphere at last Sunday’s Taster’s Fair. The fair was held at 6 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium and was sponsored by the International Student Organization as a conclusion to their International Week of events. One plate was not enough for the event. There were two long lines of different kinds of food from students’ home countries, cooked by the students. Not only they did they share the taste of their countries, but the audience also sat at tables and watched dancing, singing, instrumentalists, a fashion show and more. Photos, Bryan Sintos

It’s getting hot in here

By Coty Cockrell
Chanticleer Features Writer

Emaciated and utterly devoid of energy, I gather up the remainder of my strength and slowly takes in each breath as if it were my last. I go play “first chair” on my priority list, but I realize that there are greater wrongs to be righted and bigger fish to fry.

Having said that let me note that in addition, Mason Hall is currently one of the oldest classroom facilities on campus. With an old building there are undoubtedly going to be problems with humidity ruining several expensive pianos, shaky plumbing, and even structural integrity issues.

For now, however, let me cut through all this verbosity – Mason Hall is unbearable. It is insanely hot and there is nothing anyone can do about it. From the basement classrooms, to the second story practice rooms, to the rehearsal space on the top floor, we cook. We simmer. We broil in our own skins. How does that kick your kitty?

Just so you don’t think that I am pushing some pointless rant, let me tell you about an ambitious guy who is searching for answers. Scott Carter, an art major who is heavily involved in the music department, bought an external thermometer and hung it on the wall in the band room. “There are people getting nauseous during rehearsals! It’s a good 25 degrees hotter than the outside temperature,” Carter professed.

Before the entire band of about 65 even entered the band room to rehearse for an hour and a half that day, the needle read 88 degrees. “We just want somebody in a leadership position to notice. We pay all this money for tuition and we have to suffer. It’s not just music classes, it’s computer classes too! We’ve tried for years to do something, but nothing has been done!”

I had the chance to speak with Dr. Legare McIntosh, head of the David L. Walters Department of Music. It has been recognized for at least ten years; five years ago a project was started to alleviate this by providing individual climate controls. However, statewide budget cuts forced JSU to cut this, among countless other programs.

The problem, McIntosh explained to me, is a combination of old technology and Alabama weather. Because the buildings are so old, heating and cooling is carried out via hot or cold water running through pipes in the ceilings, walls and floor. However, the particularly old buildings only use one set of pipes at a time, meaning that they can either have hot water or cold water running through them.

This is where Alabama weather comes in. We have already experienced unpredictable early spring days that were frigid in the morning and rather tepid in the afternoon. “To make matters worse, there isn’t sufficient power to even run another AC unit,” McIntosh continued. “If we could get some air circulating upstairs that would alleviate the high temperatures, as well as keep viruses from spreading so badly. The administration is well aware of the problem; we are just victims of proration.”

There’s your answer, Mason Hall. The fact of the matter is that this is no easy problem to fix, as it is seeded in many larger issues. Until we can afford to get a new music building, my suggestion would be to bring plenty of water with you to rehearsal and drag out those flip-flops and swimsuits a bit early! If we’re going to feel like we’re in the seventh circle, we might as well have a bit of fun, too!
Broccoli with sesame and lime

4 cups broccoli flowerets
2 tablespoons rice vinegar
1 tablespoon water
1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
1 teaspoon fresh-squeezed lime juice
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds

In a microwave-safe serving dish, arrange broccoli and 1/4 cup water. Microwave on high for 4-5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain. Combine vinegar, water, oil, ginger and lime juice. Pour over broccoli and toss to coat. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. Serve warm.

Per serving: Calories 28 Fat 1 g

Chile cheese rice

1 cup Sour cream
4 ounces Can chopped green chilies, drained
1 tablespoon Dried parsley
3 cups Hot cooked white or brown rice
12 ounces Monterey jack (cut in strips)

***Toppings:***
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar
2 tablespoons toasted slivered almonds

Mix sour cream and chilies, set aside. Mix parsley into the rice. Layer 1 cup of rice, 1/2 the sour cream mixture, and 1/2 the cheese in a 1 1/2 quart casserole. Repeat. Cover with remaining rice. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and nuke on medium high 8-10 minutes. Top with cheddar and almond mixture, recover, and let stand until the cheese melts, about 3 minutes.

Ham-and-swiss-loaded potatoes

4 baking potatoes
1 cup diced ham
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese, divided
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions, divided
1/2 cup fat-free sour cream
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Pierce potatoes with fork, arrange in circle on paper towels in microwave oven. Microwave at High 16 minutes or until done, rearranging potatoes after 8 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes. Preheat broiler. Cut each potato in half lengthwise; scoop out pulp, leaving 1/4-inch shell. Combine potato pulp, ham, 1/2 cup cheese, 1/3 cup green onions, sour cream and pepper. Spoon potato mixture into shells. Combine 1/2 cup cheese and remaining green onions and sprinkle over potatoes. Place potatoes on baking sheet; broil 4 minutes or until golden.

Irish Cr6me Fudge

1 small Potato (about 5 ounces)
3 tablespoons Irish Creme liqueur
2 Squares unsweetened chocolate
3 tablespoons Margarine/butter
1 pound Powdered sugar, unsifted
36 Walnut pieces (optional)

Line an 8x8-inch pan with foil. Extending foil over the edges of the pan. Butter foil; set the pan aside. Prick potato 2 or 3 times with fork. Cook on 100% power (High) for 4-5 minutes or until tender, turning over once. Cool and peel. Mash potato (you should have 1/3 cup). Add liqueur, stir until smooth. Set aside. In a 2-quart microwave-save casserole combine chocolate and margarine; cook, uncovered, on High for 1-2 minutes or until almost melted, stirring once. Stir until smooth. Stir potato mixture into chocolate mixture. Slowly stir in powdered sugar. Stir or knead until smooth. Press into the foil-lined pan. Score into thirty-six 1/4-inch squares.

Design a icing over fudge.
ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
People close to you are charming and agreeable, but not very good about keeping promises, so be realistic at all times. Share some of your more creative ideas with someone who can take them one step further, in a practical way. Keep an eye on the food you're eating.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)
All you want this week is peace and quiet, but it seems like everyone needs to speak or be with you. Find time to sneak off on your own. Your feelings for a lover are intense, so try and remain as realistic as possible. Concentrate on organizing family matters that need your attention.

GEMINIs: (May 22-June 21)
The focus is on your private life for the next month or so. This time you may find it easier to sort out old misunderstandings. Don't take any risks with your money right now; you may spoil your upbeat mood. Once harmony is restored, turn your attentions to making plans with a few good friends. You are inclined to be jealous and possessive of a mate. Stay cool.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)
Finish up with routine projects at work or at home as opposed to starting new ones. You will do best with what's familiar right now. You tend to worry about money, so just be extra careful about how and where you spend. With your delightful charm you may get just what you need.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)
Even though you try your best to please everyone, you won't be very successful. Maybe you should try to please yourself. You are going to be more thoughtful and introspective than usual. Let your thoughts move to spiritual matters. You have a strong need to help and serve humanity.

VIRGO: (August 24-September 23)
The people you care about are very receptive to your ideas right now. That's the kind of support you really need. When it comes to your home life, things have been going in ten different directions; it's time to get organized. Get out and mix with new friends.

LIBRA: (September 24-October 23)
Any family squabbles may come as a result of tensions. Be at your best and don't let anyone spoil your upbeat mood. Once harmony is restored, turn your attentions to making plans with a few good friends. You are inclined to be jealous and possessive of a mate. Stay cool.

SCORPIO: (October 24-November 22)
Think before you speak. That temper of yours may flare without any provocation. Your idealistic side usually wins out, so try real hard to follow your dreams. Hopefully something that has been bothering you for the last several months is now gone for good.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23-December 21)
A friend of yours has a serious problem and is relying on your help to come up with a solution, so think fast. The week will go by pretty smoothly for it will have plenty of variety. At least you won't have to worry about getting bored.

CAPRICORN: (December 22-January 20)
It's time to take a serious look at the romance in your life and ask yourself if your expectations are realistic. Try not to take life to seriously and have fun with those you love. You tend to accomplish a lot and everyone around will catch your enthusiasm.

AQUARIUS: (January 21-February 19)
This week brings a welcome relief from recent pressures, so spend time with those you love. Your strong ego may get you in hot water with a mate, and those old feelings of whether you've made the right choice or not are going to surface again. Your plans for the future are very realistic.

PISCES: (February 20-March 20)
If you feel that your friends have been difficult to deal with lately, perhaps you should take a good look at yourself. Listen to what a loved one has to say about your personal life, there is more merit there than you are willing to admit. Start improving things on the job.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Now's time to review projects and former decisions. Re-structuring will be important at this time. It's also ripe for wise investments and business dealings. Some of your most cherished beliefs about security may be tested in the coming year.
SPORTS

Rifle team ready to compete for National Championship

From Staff Reports
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The NCAA Men’s and 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, Colorado.

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. Individual and team competitions in smallbore three-position (60 shots) will be held Friday, March 11. Individual and team competitions in air rifle (60 shots) will be held Saturday, March 12. The overall team champion will be determined by combining the smallbore and air rifle team totals into one aggregate score for each institution.

In the 2004 championships, the Nanooks of the University of Alaska Fairbanks captured their sixth consecutive team title at the National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Rifle Championships. The Nanooks won the crown with an aggregate score of 6,273 out of a possible 6,400 in smallbore and air rifle combined. The University of Nevada, Reno finished second with 6,185 points, followed by the U.S. Naval Academy at 6,182.

Softball has strong showing

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Jacksonville State took two games during the first day of competition at the Stetson Invitational, Friday at the Stetson Softball Field. The Gamecocks defeated Maine, 4-1 and St. Bonaventure 6-5.

Carly Kellam (7-1) was the winning pitcher in both games for JSU, recording 14 strikeouts in game one. Kellam came in game two in the sixth inning to finish and claim the win over the Bonnies.

“We played well today in the first game,” said JSU head coach Jana McGinnis. “But we committed too many errors in the second game and the score shouldn’t have been so close.”

Jacksonville State (11-4) fell in the Championship Game of the Stetson Softball Tournament Sunday afternoon to the host team, 2-0 at Stetson Softball Field.

The Gamecocks’ Carly Kellam took the loss for JSU, recording 11 strikeouts on the day. Lauren Horwath, Melinda McDonald, Samantha Gutierrez and Maigin Alexander each had hits in the game.

“Our bats were not there at all today,” said JSU head coach Jana McGinnis. “We had opportunities to score and we couldn’t score. That was the difference between a win and a loss.”

Sherilynn Wilder and Melissa Wiggins each tallied RBIs to secure the win for the Hatters (14-5).

JSU will travel to the Winthrop Invitational next weekend.

Baseball takes on UAB next Wednesday March 15. Join the team for 50 cent hot dog night.

Tennis takes out UT Martin

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JSU won at number three doubles with Zeynep Gurkaynak and Erin Higgs, 8-3. Dushner won her match 6-2, 6-3.

Jacksonville State’s men’s tennis team defeated Tennessee-Martin in an Ohio Valley Conference outing Saturday, 7-0.

After winning the doubles point with Arturo Nieto and Kieran Ricci at number two and Christian Rybertt and Andreas Amores each winning 8-4, the Gamecocks swept the singles action.

Vedran Sirola won at number one singles, 6-2, 6-0, while Nieto won at number two, 3-6, 6-1, 10-8. Rodney Rapson won at number three singles 6-3, 6-3, and Amores won at number four 6-4, 6-4.

Ricci won 6-1, 7-5 at number five and Rybertt won at number six, 6-1, 6-0 bringing JSU’s record to 4-4 overall and an undefeated 2-0 in the league.

On the women’s side, JSU lost to the Skyhawks 6-1. The Gamecocks won at number three singles, with Michelle Dushner 7-5, 7-5.

The women fall to 4-4 overall on the year and 1-1 in the conference.

Jacksonville State’s Michelle Dushner was the lone singles winner Sunday in a women’s tennis match with Georgia Southern. The Gamecocks fell to the Eagles, 6-1.
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There were 35 seconds on the clock and Shanika Freeman took the ball to the rack and dropped the lay-up to put JSU up one 60-59.

Then Eastern Kentucky's Pam Garrett put up a 15 footer and drained the shot to give EK a one point advantage.

Then senior Fredricka Embry put up a three pointer that spun out of the rim. EK would get the rebound followed by an immediate foul.

Eastern Kentucky point guard Laura Shelton made the first free throw. Everyone in the house thought she would make the second one.

JSU head coach Dave Dagostino called a sideline break for Rebecca Haynes with 13 seconds left on the clock.

Shelton missed the free-throw and Freeman pulled down the rebound. Freeman shot the ball up court to Haynes who then made a move, split two defenders and laid up a perfect ball on the rim that spun around, dying to go in but came out.

The season was over. Eastern Kentucky beat the Gamecocks for the third time this year.

"Think about your scariest horror film," said Eastern Kentucky head coach Larry Joe Inman.

"As a coach you hope it doesn't come down to the last shot but you just hope it goes your way."

The game was a see-saw battle throughout the game with both teams having leads as many as seven points.

It was an end to a remarkable season that saw the Gamecocks finish a little short in the semifinals of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

"A lot of people forget that there is just one team at the end of the year that doesn't finish with a loss, and that is the National Champion," said Dagostino. "The state of our program is in great shape with four returning starters coming back next year."

Shanika Freeman led the way for the Gamecocks with 17 points, while Fredricka Embry added 12 and Rebecca Haynes finished with 10 points.

The season ended with this group of seniors being the winningest team in school history.

Hats off to senior Gamecocks Shanika Freeman, Heather Shepard, Laniece Thomas, Nina Bliss, and Shari Riley who have represented JSU well and walk away from the program winners.

Shanika Freeman was also named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference tournament team for her efforts. It marks the second time Freeman was named to the team.

Pi Kapp repeats as basketball champions

Phi Mu claims the sorority title over AOPi, GDI’s beat No Namers in independent

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Another Intramural Basketball season is done and now in the books.

GDI's completed an undefeated season and went on to claim their second straight Fraternity championship defeating Sigma Phi Epsilon by a score of 47-37. Ryan Shell led Pi Kappa Phi with 15 points while Kyle Hicks led Sig Ep with 11 points.

GDI's defeated the No Namers in the regular season on her game high 16 points and helped Phi Mu build a 10 point advantage in the second half.

Phi Mu went on to win the game 37-30.

Phi Mu advanced to play the WB in the Women's Championship Game. Phi Mu was the only team to defeat WB
Basketball season is done and now in the books.

GDI's completed an undefeated season and went on to win their second consecutive Intramural Championship. The Fraternity Championship was a match-up featuring the #1 Sigma Phi Epsilon and #2 Pi Kappa Phi.

"Any team could have won, we could have had a bad game or they could have had a bad night, who knows," said Sig Ep Dusty Cordel.

Coming in, Pi Kappa Phi was subjected to posters mocking their War of the Roses week, (an event that funds their philanthropy work). One poster read "Sig Ep winning the fraternity championship" PRICELESS.

However, Pi Kappa Phi would get the last laugh and

Don't hit the panic button on the season!

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Friday
JSU posted a team season-high in runs and hits to take down the Indians of Louisiana-Monroe, 10-4.

The Gamecocks posted five runs on five hits in the first inning, chasing away ULM starter Matt Lane in two-thirds of an inning. The five spot, in the first inning, tied the most runs JSU had scored, in one game, all season.

"I think it's our best effort to this point," JSU Head Coach Jim Case said. "I've always said hitting contagious and tonight we did that and with runners in scoring position. We swung the bats with confidence against a guy (Lane) that is really good."

"I thought Josh Forrest threw tonight without his best stuff. We got him a lead and he came in a threw strikes," Case said. "Clark came in at gave us some good innings, but you could see him getting a little tired toward the end, as he has not pitched a lot."

Saturday
JSU dropped the second game of the three-game series with Louisiana-Monroe, 6-2.

"I'm disappointed..., but again encouraged by the way our guys fought today," Case said. "I think our guys went home last night and thought about this game. We put ourselves in position to win, we just didn't capitalize."

Sunday
JSU's late ninth inning rally falls short, as Indians take game three and series, 5-4 over the Gamecocks.

JSU down three runs heading into the bottom of the eighth staged a ninth inning rally to try and defeat Louisiana-Monroe and win its first series of the season. The rally was derailed as Brian Haskins was thrown out, on a relay from left field, at the plate, off of a Jason Horn double to left field.

"Our guys showed no quit," Case said. "It was hard to see, but it looked like Jason's (Horn) hit missed going out by four or five feet and it's a two-run homerun and we win."

Tuesday
JSU defeated Alabama State, 13-7, Tuesday afternoon.

"Improves JSU's record to 4-7, as the Hornets fall to 5-9. JSU would answer in the bottom of the first with four runs, capped off by Richard Turner and Austin Stein scoring on a Winston Pearson double down the left field line.

The Hornet bats would erupt in the top of the fourth, as ASU posted four runs and took a 7-6 lead over the Gamecocks. JSU would silence the Hornet bats, as Lee Drinkard ended the ASU scoring with seven runs.

JSU would score in each of the final four innings, posting a total of seven runs and take a 13-7 win over the Hornets. The win marked the 23rd straight time the Gamecocks have defeated the Hornets.

JSU will return to action, as the Gamecocks travel to Middle Tennessee.