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SGA tackles homecoming queen controversy issues

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA Senate resolved issues surrounding the 2004 homecoming queen election during Monday night's meeting.

In lieu of the October disqualification of three Top 10 contestants after they violated Election Committee campaigning rules, Tim King present-

ed four bills to the Senate clarifying campus election rules. The bills also listed the punishments that would be handed down to any rule breaker and who was responsible for doling out those punishments.

Senate Bill 89 ensured that the Elections Committee would be the governing body over all elections. Bill 90 listed the types of violations and punishments for regular elections. Bill 91 did the

same for homecoming elections and Bill 92 gave the Student Judiciary Council the authority to hear all cases not involving election violations.

The Senate approved all four bills unanimously.

In addition to King's proposed legislation, five other bills were introduced and also approved unanimously. Krystle Bell authored two bills. The first concerned the establishment of commit-

tees and the naming of committee chairpersons. The second corrected a SGA Code inaccuracy concerning terms of office for Senators and Committee Chairs.

The last three bills were all allocations. The Political Science Model Arab League, Psychology Club/Psi Chi, and the JSU Rugby Club all received \$300.

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Russell takes SGA top spot

By Elizabeth Thurman
The Chanticleer News Editor

Mardracus Russell defeated Brian Snead during last week's SGA elections for 2005-2006. *The Chanticleer* recently had the chance to sit down with the newly elected SGA president.

The Chanty: Now that you've been elected, when will you officially take over the office of president?

Mardracus Russell: April 18. The shadow period is between March 14 and April 15.

The Chanty: What do you think attracted student voters to you and your campaign?

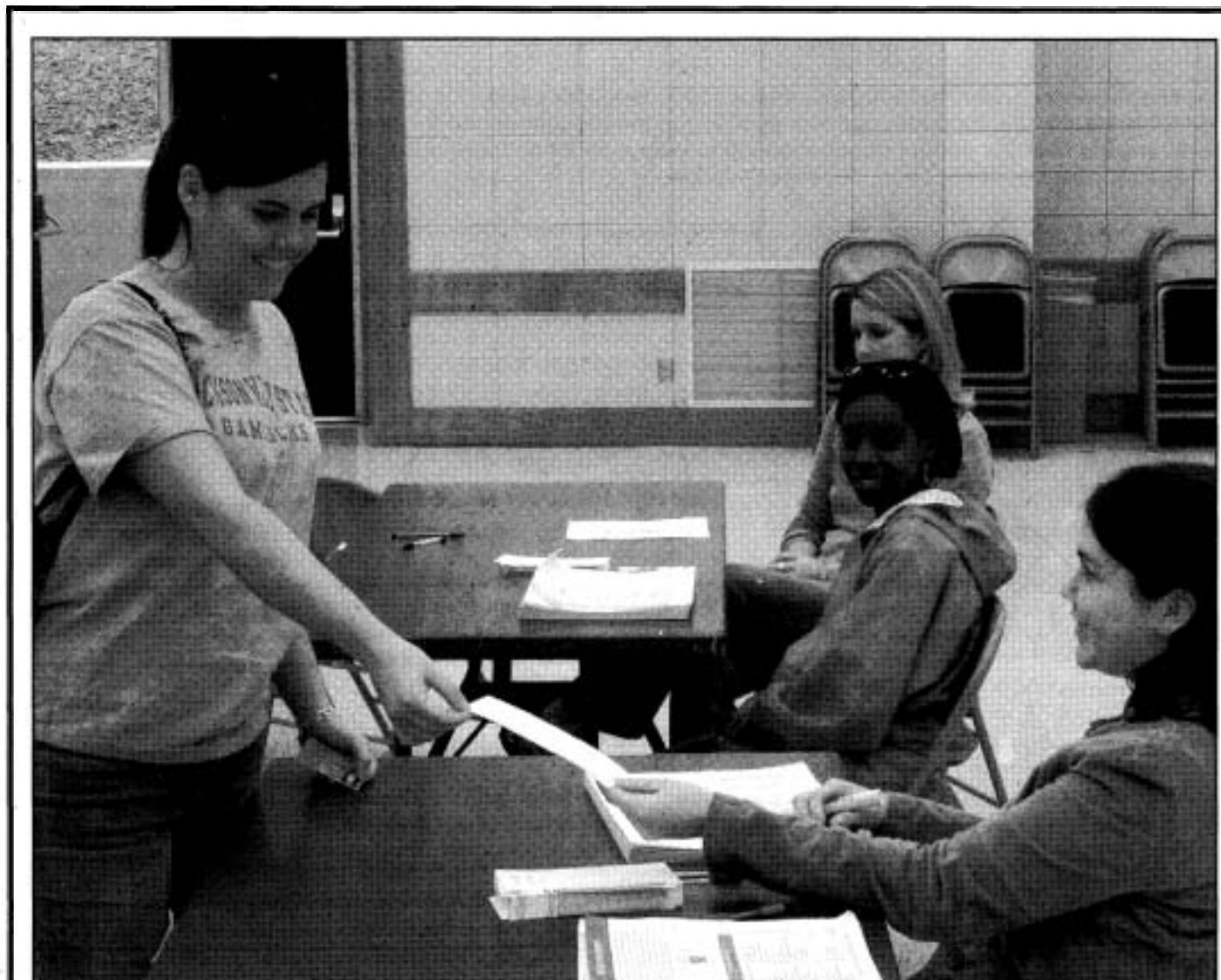
Russell: I was told by several people that my personality would be good for the position. Through my campaign, I feel that I had a platform that was leading toward a positive direction.

The Chanty: Do you have any reservations or nerves about taking over an office that was handled so well this year by Emily Williams?

Russell: I really think that Emily Williams did an outstanding job as president, but I think each person has different ideas to lead an organization for change. Each person brings in something new to the table.

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Russell: I am very confident that we have a strong team this upcoming school year. I think everyone is well-rounded and will work hard for the students of JSU. Every elected officer is responsible for doing their part. If one or more officers fail to do their part, then the organization falls short. With this team, I'm confident that we will not fail. Each elected officer is coming to their specific offices knowing what responsibility lies before them.

The Chanty: What's next for SGA?

Russell: JAX Cash and the revisions of Homecoming bills.

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Photo by Kenn Catoe

A student smiles as she turns in her ballot Tuesday for the run-off race for Vice-President of Organizational Affairs. Antonio Davis defeated Jessica Firestone for the office of VPOA.



Photo by Kenn Catoe

Mardracus Russell works diligently in his office to prepare for his term as SGA president 2005-2006.

Social Work students turn out for lectures

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Social Work majors had an opportunity to learn more about their chosen field during the 24th annual Social Work Day, held at the Houston Cole Library on Wednesday, March 9.

Students were allowed to choose which workshops to attend based on their chosen

area of interest or personal preference.

Workshops ranged from hospice care and AIDS information to diagnosing and working with adolescents.

A new type of workshop at the event, "Spiritual Renewal for Social Workers," drew the interest of many students.

The lecture focused on spirituality in social work as well as how workers could use their spirituality, their own inner

strength, to combat burnout and to manage stress.

"I loved it," said participant Julie Lowman. "They focused on spirituality, not religion, so people could apply whatever they wanted to it."

The event also doubled as an awards ceremony for the National Association of Social Workers-Coosa Valley Unit.

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Georgia man launches two-day killing spree across state; four dead

By Daniel Yee
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) - The deputy, a 51-year-old woman just 5 feet tall, was simply no match for the inmate she was escorting to the courtroom, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound former college linebacker on trial for rape.

Authorities say Brian Nichols overpowered deputy Cynthia Hall, took her gun, and easily gained access to the courtroom, where he went on to kill the judge and a court reporter. Security cameras captured images of him overpowering the deputy, but no one, it turned out, was watching the screens.

There were more security gaffes. Earlier in the week, Nichols was found to have had two homemade knives in his shoes while in court. And the vehicle reported to be his

getaway car was found more than 13 hours after the shootings - in the same parking garage where it was allegedly carjacked.

Authorities are investigating how the security breakdowns happened on that bloody Friday morning, and they are vowing changes will be made. The issue is getting national attention as well, with Sen. Arlen Specter, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, saying he would hold congressional hearings on improving security at courthouses and for judges.

Among the issues being looked at in Georgia are better training, increasing deputy staffing, requiring inmates to be handcuffed in the courtroom and a security standard that would apply to every courthouse in the state.

"You go to courthouses across Georgia, you would find everything from high security to no security," said state Sen. Joseph

Carter, a lawyer. "I've been to courthouses where they see you in a suit and they say, 'Are you an attorney? Come on in.' You appreciate the courtesy, but that always gives you a little pause."

The heightened security is the result of what happened when Nichols, 33, allegedly went on a rampage as he was being taken to the courtroom for his rape trial. In addition to the judge and court reporter, he is accused of killing a deputy outside the courthouse and a federal agent while he was on the run. Nichols surrendered Saturday after a woman he had taken hostage apparently coaxed him into it.

Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Clarence Huber declined to elaborate on what security changes were made at the Fulton County Courthouse when it reopened Monday. But

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Sam Spady Week boosts alcohol awareness cause

By David Howton
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

After months of planning, Sigma Pi's Sam Spady Week, an event held to raise funds for alcohol awareness, went off without a hitch.

The event, which was held March 7-12, came about in response to the death of 19-year-old student Samantha Spady, whose body was discovered at the Sigma Pi fraternity at Colorado State University in 2004. The cause of her death was determined to be alcohol poisoning.

"These men have laid a strong foundation for Sigma Pi and other Greek organizations

at JSU to build off of," said Sigma Pi Expansion Consultant Lorne Book during his visit last week. "We're proud they're a part of our organization and look forward to great things from these young men."

Throughout the week, the Sigma Pi Colony hosted several guests to the JSU Campus for the first time including Executive Director Mark Briscoe and most importantly, Rick and Patty Spady. The Spadys made the trip from their home in Nebraska to support the hard work that was put into Sam Spady Week and left knowing the true meaning of "Southern Hospitality". "We've had a great time in

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By the numbers:

Number of American cities that hold St Patrick's Day parades

100

Gamecock Scoreboard:

March 18, 19, 20 JSU vs. Furman
6:30, 2:00, 1:00 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi: Happy St. Patrick's Day! We hope that everyone is having a great last week of school before Spring Break. Congratulations to our girls for an awesome Rush Workshop this past weekend. Also, a thank you to Pi Kapp for our St. Patrick's Day Mixer and Happy early Birthday to Erin Cunningham! We hope that everyone has a safe and fun Spring Break! **Contact:** drina805@aol.com.

Alpha Xi Delta: Hope everyone has a great St. Patrick's Day and a safe Spring Break! Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** reality_check_03@hotmail.com.

Athletic Department: Come support JSU baseball and softball this weekend! All students get in free with their Student I.D. Baseball plays Furman on Friday at 6 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m.; and Sunday at 1 p.m. Softball hosts Austin Peay in a double header on Saturday starting at 12 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. GO GAMECOCKS! **Contact:** Misty Cassell, 782-5536.

Delta Zeta: We want to welcome our two new members, Heidi and Robin! Congratulations, Sigma Pi, on a successful Sam Spady Week. We hope everyone has a fun and safe spring break! Visit our website at www.jaxstdeltazeta.org. **Contact:** Laura Buchanan, lauradzlg@yahoo.com.

JSU Peer Educators: We will be hosting a "St Patrick's Day - Have a Safe Spring Break" Social on Thursday, March 17 in the Gamecock Center from 3-5 p.m. Free refreshments and door prizes will be available, and cash prizes of \$50 and \$100 will be given away. Please come for food and fun! **Contact:** Fred Mays, 782-5146 or Todd Prater, 782-8166.

Omicron Delta Epsilon: The induction banquet for new members will be held on Thursday, March 17, at 6 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. Guest speaker will be Al Lyon, Plant Manager of Federal Mogul. All current and new members are welcome. **Contact:** Constance Brewster, jsu8684d@student-mail.jsu.edu.

Phi Mu: Congratulations to Tyler Snyder on making it to the top five in the Sam Spady Pageant! Thank you to Sigma Pi on a great Sam Spady Week! Congratulations to Lindsey Dant for receiving the Sun Shine Award and to Tyler Snyder on receiving the Phi Mu Lady of the Week award. The Phi Mu Golf Tournament, benefiting our philanthropy, Childrens' Miracle Network, is steadily approaching. If you are interested in playing or donating to the tournament, contact a sister and she will be glad to assist you. We hope everyone has a great week! Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Elizabeth Herring, dxegirl04@yahoo.com.

P.R.O.: "Are You Ready for the Real World?" The Public Relations Organization will be hosting a seminar on Thursday, March 31 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Self Hall 236. This seminar is a great tool to help prepare you for internship and job interviews. **Contact:** Jimese Warren, 435-1650.

Society of Professional Journalists: We will be holding our weekly meeting Thursday, March 17 at 5 p.m. in Self Hall 180. All communication students are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing Communication Week. **Contact:** Elizabeth Thurman, 782-8191.

Sociology Club: Join us for our next program on Media Mania: The Influence of TV on Popular Culture! Dr. Terasha King from the Communication Department will be the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome! It will held Wednesday, March 30 at 3 p.m. in Brewer Hall 228. **Contact:** Dr. Hugh McCain, 782-5350.

Zeta Tau Alpha: We hope that everyone is having a great week. We are proud to have Brandi Sides as our outstanding new member. Congratulations to our members for winning the 2005 War of the

Atlanta courthouse security catches heat after shootings

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longer lines at a checkpoint near the entrance indicated more thorough searches.

Huber said the courthouse had a good track record before the rampage, but added, "We're going to be much more vigilant and much more cautious in doing our jobs."

Prosecutors actually had asked for increased security surrounding Nichols last week after he was found with the homemade knives - one crafted by a door hinge, another from piece of metal "the size of a TV remote," said Barry Hazen, the suspect's attorney in his rape trial.

Hazen said security at the courthouse has long been a concern. He said he has met with inmates in rooms without the protection of a deputy outside. Microphone wire guides made of metal or plastic sit on courtroom tables, potential weapons within easy reach of an inmate, Hazen said.

"There were times when I felt very uncomfortable," he said. "I don't think they have enough deputies."

Huber said the number of deputies at the courthouse is sufficient, but acknowledged that inmates outnumber the staff. "It's not uncommon to be moving four inmates at one time - with only one deputy with them," Huber said.

Authorities have said Nichols was not in handcuffs or shackles as he was being moved to the courtroom because they did not want to taint the jury by showing him in restraints.

The U.S. Supreme Court has held that people on trial can be shackled in front of the jury, but only if prosecutors have a strong argument for

it. Prosecutors could very well have won that argument in Nichols' case because of the knives.

Nichols apparently took Hall's gun from a lockbox, using her keys, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Monday. Officers normally remove their guns when transporting inmates because of the possibility that the prisoner will grab the weapon from the holster.

The newspaper also reported that a courthouse surveillance camera recorded the attack on Hall, but no one in the control center noticed. The episode points to the need for a national

courthouse security standard similar to what keeps federal courthouses secure, said Howard Safir, a former operations chief for the U.S. Marshals Service and chairman of SafirRosetti Security Co.

Safir said that in federal courthouses, "you're not going to put a large prisoner with a violent history and with a history of having been found with weapons alone with someone virtually half his size."

Federal security agents analyze an inmate's threat potential and take appropriate security measures. A series of locks and other safeguards prevent unauthorized people from getting into a judge's chambers and then into the courtroom, Safir said.

In Nichols' case, Hazen said the judge had expressed worries about his client - but the concern was directed more at the lawyer than the judge.

"As we were walking out, he put his hand on my right shoulder and said, 'Be careful,'" Hazen said.

"We're going to be much more vigilant and much more cautious in doing our jobs."

*Lt. Clarence Huber
Atlanta Sheriff's
Spokesman*

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Jacksonville and wish Sigma Pi the best of luck in all they do as we look forward to a contin-

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McCain, 782-5350.

Zeta Tau Alpha: We hope that everyone is having a great week. We are proud to have Brandi Sides as our outstanding new member. Congratulations to our members for winning the 2005 War of the Roses. Thanks to Pi Kappa Phi for a great week. We are proud to have brought home several awards from Zeta Day, which took place last weekend. Congrats to everyone for all their hard work. Thanks to everyone who came and supported our Big Man on Campus fundraiser. Happy Birthday to Kinzi Crow, Anna Catherine Cordle, and Erin Williams. Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Natalie Shearer, natalie_shearer@hotmail.com.

University Police Department: The UPD encourages every student to fill out a survey offered at www.police.jsu.edu/aboutus.html. Please visit this web site and offer us your feedback! **Contact:** Cpl. Neil Fetner, 782-5566.

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

CAMPUS CRIME

March 14 - Joshua Swint reported the theft of a pair of Nike Air Jordans valued at \$162 from his residence in Daugette Hall.

March 13 - Shatandraneka Fowler reported harassing communications from an unknown caller to her Sparkman Hall residence.

An information report was filed on an alarm activation of the ATM at Theron Montgomery Building.

March 12 - Christopher Menchion reported the theft of a Troy Aiken jersey valued at \$100 from his Daugette Hall residence.

March 10 - Elizabeth Selasky reported a theft of \$800 from her residence in Fitzpatrick Hall.

Sharonta Jackson reported phone calls to her Pannell Hall residence from someone claiming to be UPD. An investigation showed the report to be invalid.

March 9 - A theft was reported in Ramona Wood Hall. Twelve gallons of paint, three rolls of tape, two drop cloths, a six-pack of rollers and spackle totaling \$127.38 were stolen.

March 8 - Michael J. Hendking, Jr. was arrested in the parking lot of Pannell Hall for possession of marijuana and violation of the JSU handgun policy.

March 7 - A male juvenile was arrested at Salls Hall for burglary.

Boots placed on cars:

March 10 - Ralpheal Camaron Graves- white Nissan Maxima
Megan Mary Jezierski- silver Ford Escort
Jeremy Tidwell- black Pontiac Grand Prix

March 9 - Monique A. Jordan- green Mazda Protégé
Krystal D. Arron- black Nissan Maxima

March 8 - Danterrius D. Gladden- green Toyota Corolla
Whitney Lynn Elder- purple Jeep Liberty
Nakia Lashelle Cox- white Infiniti
Rodrick J. Olds- purple Chevy Impala
Hershel Neil May- gray Mercury Cougar

March 7 - Bethani A. Edwards- blue Ford Ranger
Thomas Nix Clayton- burgundy Honda Civic

Jacksonville and wish Sigma Pi the best of luck in all they do as we look forward to a continued relationship with them," said co-founder of the Sam Spady Foundation, Patty Spady.

During their visit, the Spadys were guests of a casual Sigma Pi meeting, participated in the family day bar-b-que and Miss Sigma Pi beauty pageant, and ate at a JSU favorite restaurant, Struts.

Sam Spady Week kicked off Monday with a benefit concert at Leone Cole which featured local band Savalt and Atlanta favorite Ethan. Even through bad weather and the untimely arrest of Ethan's bass guitarist, the show went on as planned. Tuesday featured 8-ball and 9-ball pool tournaments with gift certificates to the winners. Wednesday was the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament which was "such a huge success we're looking at holding another one next month," said Sigma Pi Philanthropy/Fundraising Chair Michael Miller.

Thursday was the 4-on-4 basketball tournament which was very competitive, as four teams fought tooth and nail to come out on top. The finale on Saturday night was the inaugural Miss Sigma Pi pageant, which was a huge success. "Being a Greek man and being around other Greek organizations for years, I have never seen a beauty pageant on this grand of a stage," Rick Spady said. "The men of Sigma Pi and the students of JSU have been a big help to the foundation and we thank everyone for their participation, support, and prayers."

As an addition to the pageant, everyone who entered the event received an "Ace of Spades" card which gives warning signs of alcohol poisoning. You can get your own Ace of Spades card by contacting any member of Sigma Pi or by sending an email to SamSpadyWeek@hotmail.com

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Russell clinches SGA president office

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The Chanty: Some students have said they feel like the SGA doesn't really represent them and that they don't feel like they are a part of what happens on campus. What would you say to those students?

Russell: First of all, every student is a member of the SGA. All we ask is that they come by the Office of Student Life and fill out an involvement form. We welcome every student and we will listen to all of their concerns. We ask the students not to hesitate to come by and talk with us to learn more about getting involved in various functions

or activities. Remember, it starts with you, but then it is all about us. sible solutions that may be beneficial to reaching this goal.

The Chanty: You've mentioned that one of your main goals is to motivate students to stay on campus over the weekends. Is this still a goal?

Russell: Yes, it is a very much so that it is a concern that we want to carry out, but the executive branch

and I will brainstorm and come up with pos- sible solutions that may be beneficial to reaching this goal. pus community and find a solution to the

"My biggest challenge will be to keep everyone happy."

Mardracus Russell

The Chanty: If you could change one thing at JSU, what would it be?

Russell: I would strive for better communication amongst the students, student organizations, faculty, staff, and the SGA. I would go out and talk to the cam-

problem. From there, we would communicate and make a connection. This is a platform that I stood on when I ran for the office. I feel with these steps that communication can be defined and successfully completed.

The Chanty: What will be your biggest challenge this year?

Russell: My biggest challenge will be to keep everyone happy.

The Chanty: Are you relieved that the election's finally over?

Russell: Yes!

Alabama woman arrested for protesting war

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - A woman arrested for holding an anti-war poster at Auburn University Montgomery during President Bush's visit last week was released by a city magistrate, who said she was expressing her right to free speech.

The woman was handcuffed by AUM police officer Chris Silvis with help from two state troopers because she refused to protest inside a predetermined area on campus, where other protesters demonstrated, according to the police report.

The woman, who held a sign reading "Stop the War!" outside the gym where Bush was speaking Thursday, refused to give her name to authorities and is listed as Jane Doe in court documents.

Judge overturns California gay marriage ban

By Lisa Jeff
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - To gay marriage supporters, it is a historic development akin to a 1948 state Supreme Court decision that made California the first state to legalize interracial marriage.

To gay marriage opponents, it is an appalling abuse of judicial power that overturned a long-held tradition that marriage is a union between a man and a woman.

Setting the stage for a drawn-out legal battle between the two sides, San Francisco County Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer overturned California's ban on gay marriage Monday and said that withholding marriage licenses from same-sex couples trespasses on their civil rights.

If it is upheld on appeal, the ruling will open the way for the nation's most populous state to follow Massachusetts in allowing same-sex couples to wed.

In his ruling, Kramer likened the ban to laws requiring racial segregation in schools, and said there appears to be "no rational purpose" for denying marriage to gay couples.

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those marriages void, saying the mayor overstepped his authority. But the court did not address the underlying issue of whether the law against gay marriage violates the California Constitution.

At issue in the current case were a 1977 law that defined marriage as "a personal relation arising out of a civil contract between a man and a woman," and a voter-approved measure in 2000 that amended the law to say more explicitly: "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." Gay marriage opponents were particularly upset by the judge's decision to nullify to 2000 proposition - approved by 61 percent of voters.

"The practical effect is the disregard of close to two-thirds of the people of California who used the initiative process to ensure that marriage would remain between one man and one woman," said Robert Tyler, an attorney for the Alliance Defense Fund.

The state maintained that tradition dictates that marriage should be limited to opposite-sex couples. Attorney General Bill Lockyer also cited the state's domestic-partners law as evidence that California does not discriminate against gays.

But Kramer rejected that argument, citing

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The SGA Senator of the Month for both February and March were also named at the meeting. Justin Davis received the award for February and Kim McCain was named for March.

Two SGA events are slated for the remainder of the spring semester. The JSU Star Talent Show will be March 29 and the Pat Green concert will be held on April 14.

The SGA banquet is scheduled for April 4. At the ban-

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Robyn Snider, an instructor at JSU who volunteers her time to many community programs and sits on the board of directors of three different social work groups, earned Social Worker of the Year.

Sandra Arthur, a member of Coosa Valley NASW, took the Lifetime Achievement Award for her service in implementing the federal Safe and Stable Families legislation. This program has been responsible for the allocation of \$30 million to Alabama family and children service programs.

quet, the officers for 2005-2006 will be installed. The SGA will also be presenting a JSU faculty member with their annual Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Faculty Member.

March 28 will mark the last Senate meeting for the semester. This meeting will be informal with no placards used and no bills presented. Senate members plan to use this last meeting to reflect on what has happened during the 2004-2005 school year.

Kelli Lee, the Vice President of the JSU Social Work Club, received Social Work Student of the Year and Joe Estep, an attorney in Anniston, received the award for Public Citizen of the Year.

Social Work Day included a silent auction. Local business donated various items from hair products and pedicures to purses. Kim Womack, an instructor for the department of social work, donated a print of a landscape.

The Coosa Valley chapter of the NASW and the JSU department of social work sponsored the daylong event.

give her name to authorities and is listed as Jane Doe in court documents.

She was released from the Montgomery County jail Thursday evening when Chief Magistrate Patrick Murphy said the sign was a form of free speech protected by the First Amendment.

"I ordered her released because nothing in the complaint indicated a criminal offense because there was no probable cause and she didn't commit a crime," Murphy said.

Her arrest and Murphy's comment were first reported Saturday by New York Times regional newspapers in Florence, Gadsden and Tuscaloosa.

Murphy said the woman did not have to identify herself because there was no probable cause she committed a crime.

AUM spokesman Lee Bridges said the officers asked the woman to limit her protesting to the campus "free speech zone" - an area designated by school policy for protests in general.

there appears to be "no rational purpose" for denying marriage to gay couples.

"The state's protracted denial of equal protection cannot be justified simply because such constitutional violation has become traditional," Kramer wrote.

The ruling came in response to lawsuits filed by the city of San Francisco and a dozen gay couples a year ago after the California Supreme Court halted a four-week same-sex marriage spree started by Mayor Gavin Newsom.

The opinion had been eagerly awaited because of San Francisco's historical role as a gay rights battleground.

"Today's ruling is an important step toward a more fair and just California that rejects discrimination and affirms family values for all California families," San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera said.

Conservative leaders expressed outrage at the ruling and vowed to appeal.

"For a single judge to rule there is no conceivable purpose for preserving marriage as one man and one woman is mind-boggling," said Liberty Counsel President Mathew Staver. "This decision will be gasoline on the fire of the pro-marriage movement in California as well as the rest of the country."

Last winter, nearly 4,000 gay couples got married after Newsom instructed the city to issue them licenses, in defiance of state law. The California Supreme Court later declared

dence that California does not discriminate against gays.

But Kramer rejected that argument, citing *Brown v. Board of Education* - the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down segregated schools.

"The idea that marriage-like rights without marriage is adequate smacks of a concept long rejected by the courts - separate but equal," the judge wrote.

It could be months or years before the state actually sanctions same-sex marriage, if ever. Kramer's decision is stayed automatically for 60 days to allow time for appeal.

Lockyer has said in the past that he expected the matter eventually would have to be settled by the California Supreme Court.

A jovial Newsom was flanked by several same-sex couples and their supporters at a City Hall news conference shortly after the ruling was announced. "We will not be appealing this decision," the mayor joked as the crowd broke into laughter.

Two bills now before the California Legislature would put a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage on the November ballot. If California voters approve such an amendment, as those in 13 other states did last year, that would put the issue out of the control of lawmakers and the courts.

The decision is the latest development in a national debate that has been raging since 2003.

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Peterson's attorneys file motion for new trial, say withheld evidence sheds new light

By Brian Skoloff
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) - Scott Peterson's lawyers said in court papers unsealed Monday that newly discovered evidence could have spared the former fertilizer salesman from a death sentence in the slaying of his pregnant wife.

The motion, filed under seal Feb. 25 in Redwood City, requested a new trial based on evidence allegedly withheld by prosecutors and improperly presented, along with legal errors and jury misconduct.

Defense lawyer Mark

Geragos said prosecutors withheld evidence that a state prison inmate claimed he heard that Laci Peterson had interrupted a burglary at a neighbor's home in Modesto on Dec. 24, 2002 - the day she disappeared. Scott Peterson claims he went fishing that day, and Geragos says the tip "points to the conclusion that Laci was alive after Scott left for the day."

But prosecutor David Harris the burglary happened two days after Laci Peterson's disappearance. He said the evidence would not have changed the verdict.

Geragos said he became

aware of the tip about six weeks before the verdict and later discovered "a small notation in hundreds of pages of tip sheets" provided by prosecutors before the trial.

He said it took several weeks to investigate and prison tapes that would have confirmed the tip were no longer available.

"If the evidence were presented at a retrial, it is highly probable a different result would have occurred," Geragos wrote.

Harris said the tip was provided to defense attorneys a year before the trial started.

"His claim is reminiscent of

the 'boy who cried wolf,'" Harris said.

The defense also claimed the judge erroneously dismissed two jurors, and erred in denying Geragos' motion for a second change of venue.

Peterson, 32, was convicted Nov. 12 of two counts of murder in the deaths of his wife and her fetus. The jury recommended the death penalty a month later; formal sentencing is set for Wednesday.

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Tashana Rogers
Hawaii

"I would like to learn how to surf and it is pretty."



Shea Blevins
Thailand

"To visit the Tsunami"

Everything you would ever want to know

By Patrick McCreless
The Chanticleer
Managing Editor



While sitting in the Chanticleer office, trying desperately to come up with a topic for my editorial, it occurred to me that, unlike my coworkers, I have yet to write anything about myself.

Sure, I have written about my ideas on certain topics, but as of yet, nothing about me as an individual. And since I'm sure that everyone on campus is dying to know what makes Patrick tick, I will take this opportunity to share a little about myself.

Well, first of all, I am apparently horrible at playing the game, "rock, paper, scissors." Were it not for me losing terribly to a certain Mr. Guthrie, I would not have written this editorial at all. Don't get me wrong. I like writing. I just don't like having to start writing at 12:30 in the morning.

Now, as many of you may have already surmised, I am a communications major. That's pretty obvious. Believe me, if I weren't, I would not be working at this paper until 4 a.m. But what many of you probably do not know is that I am also a former Marching Southerner. For three years, I proudly marched the saxophone for one of the greatest bands ever to step on a football field.

Some may see that as a little biased, and they would be right. Unless of course, they are from Troy State, in which case I could care less.

And while I'm on the topic of the Southerners, I'd just like to acknowledge all the woodwinds. I think we all know that they are the ones with the

REAL musical talent in the band.

I would also like to inform everyone right now that I am not a liberal.

That's right. I am not a liberal. I know that may be hard for those who have read my editorials to believe, but it's true. In actuality, I am a realist.

I do not see things in terms of liberal or conservative. I just look at the information presented to me from all sides, and make rational decisions devoid of any ideologies.

Sure, everything I have written up to this point could fall into the category of liberal, but that is just a coincidence. If you don't believe me, just ask me sometime about my stances on illegal immigration or government spending. You might be a little surprised.

I am not going to say much about my family. That is a huge topic for another opinion article. Suffice it to say that they are crazy and leave it at that.

Another thing about me that many of you probably do not know is that I am a fitness nut. Seriously, it has become an entire lifestyle for me. Weightlifting, jogging and eating a good diet are all a part of my daily routine. And this isn't just some thing I started for this year's New Years Resolution. No, this is something that I have dedicated many a year to. And I mean dedicated. I'm talking working out in 10 degree below zero weather dedicated.

Well, I hope everyone enjoyed getting to know me a little better. If not, then I'm sorry.

Remember, this was all the fault of Guthrie and his unbelievable luck.

Letter to the Editor

As the former editor of Pi Kapp's fundraiser "War of the Roses" awards points to each sorority for winning various competitions the fraternity hosts throughout the week. One fact, the sign was mocking the fact that Pi Kapp was bribing girls to show up and sit on their side of the court.

"The Chanticleer" and its edi-

Stupid things people do that we find amusing ...

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) - A kindler, gentler New Jersey? In a state where one former governor once joked that the official bird was "the middle finger," Assemblymen Jon M. Bramnick and Gordon Johnson think a few more random acts of kindness couldn't hurt.

A resolution under consideration in the state Legislature is encouraging residents to join "a campaign toward civility, kindness and respect to all."

Bramnick, a Republican, says it seems people just aren't as nice to each other as they were in decades past.

"In the halls of Trenton everyone's always very nice and it's 'Good morning! How are you?' Then I get back in the real world," Bramnick said last week.

The Assembly Judiciary committee was expected to decide whether to send the proposal along for a vote before the full Assembly.

In the meantime, Bramnick and Johnson, a Democrat, hope New Jerseyans will listen - and lighten - up. It's not the first time state officials have tried to soften up Jersey's image. Last year, then-Gov. James E. McGreevey declared a Random Acts of Kindness Day.

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - He came to sell President Bush's plan to overhaul Social Security. Instead, U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley sold something else - his beat-up old car.

Grassley closed the deal at a downtown Des Moines hotel, selling the 1986 Olds Delta 88 for \$356, one dollar below book value, to an Iowa factory worker.

The gray Oldsmobile, with 172,511 miles, paint peeling off the body and a Volkswagen hubcap on one wheel, was used in political advertisements last year during Grassley's re-election campaign as a prop for his claim of visiting all 99 counties.

The deal started last month at a town meeting, where Grassley, who heads the Senate Finance Committee, was explaining Bush's plan to partially privatize Social Security.

Roy Nelson, 41, was there with his four daughters. One of them stood up and asked him about the car because she was turning 16 within a month.

"Grassley told her that the book value was \$357, 'but today I'd sell it to you for \$356,'" Nelson said. "I looked at him and said, 'Sold.'"

Grassley said he thought it was a joke. On Saturday, the two met again.

"I'm going to show you everything wrong with it," Grassley said to Nelson as they walked to the car. "The first thing is, you have to unlock it from the passenger side because the other side doesn't work, you see."

Shea Blevins
Thailand

*"To visit the Tsunami
Disaster and the
people."*



Jennifer Douthit
Brazil

*"It's warm year
'round and there's
more freedom."*



Dustin Stilwell
Ireland

*"The scenery is
beautiful and my
heritage is Irish."*

As the former editor of "The Chanticleer," I understand the basics of running a newspaper, which includes story assignment. The choice to have Amado Ortiz write the article about the IM Basketball Championship was a fine example of why we are taught as journalists to avoid assigning stories to people who will automatically be biased before even picking up the pen.

Amado is not only a Pi Kappa Phi himself, but he played in the game. He made a point to leave out certain pieces of information in the story and take jabs at the opposing fraternity, while strategically leaving out a bit of information that justified what the other fraternity did. You see,

Pi Kapp's fundraiser "War of the Roses" awards points to each sorority for winning various competitions the fraternity hosts throughout the week. One of the categories in this competition, dubbed "Attendance," awarded points to sororities who came to the Championship Basketball game and supported the Pi Kapps.

"Coming in, Pi Kappa Phi was subjected to posters mocking their War of the Roses week, (an event that funds their philanthropy work)," wrote Amado in the article.

The jab Amado took at the sign Sig Ep had hanging in the coliseum made it sound like Sig Ep was "mocking" Pi Kapp's philanthropic activity, but in

fact, the sign was mocking the fact that Pi Kapp was bribing girls to show up and sit on their side of the court.

"The Chanticleer" and its editors should learn from this omission of information and take note of how biased this article really appears to a reader. I hope that you learn from your mistakes now, because the journalism world beyond college would not tolerate such biased material.

-Danni Lusk



Dave Dillon is the editorial cartoonist for The Chanticleer.

TWO MORE AGAIN.

"I'm going to show you everything wrong with it," Grassley said to Nelson as they walked to the car. "The first thing is, you have to unlock it from the passenger side because the other side doesn't work, you see."

Once inside the car, Grassley told Nelson not to worry about the brake light that is always on, the power steering that sometimes sticks and the fact that "every two or three times, the starter won't catch."

Yet, Nelson was satisfied and got out his checkbook. The deal done, the men shook hands. Nelson smiled and had Grassley sign the dashboard and trunk lid with a marker.

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Call it the Case of the Missing Cobras - all 82 of them.

The deadly snakes were apparently stolen from a Red Cross facility, and police fear they were destined for the stew pot.

The King Cobras had been kept with other poisonous snakes at the Red Cross' compound in downtown Bangkok, where they are milked for their poison to be used as serum for snakebite medicine.

Workers discovered that 62 snakes went missing in January. After 20 more were gone on Feb. 2, Red Cross veterinarian Montri Chiewbamrungkiat filed a complaint with police.

Authorities said they suspect a Red Cross employee stole the cobras, which have never escaped through the steel nets that enclose the cement pits where they lived.

"The veterinarian said he believed that the missing snakes had already gone into cooking pots, and that the thief who stole them must be someone who knows how to handle snakes," said police Lt. Col. Vichien Vatchirasaeng.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) - Some customers may have thought it was simple justice. Alas, it was technology that prevented a gas station's sign from displaying any price \$2 or higher.

Byron Wheeler, who owns a Byco gas station, said he kept prices below the \$2 mark for five days last week because the station's electronic sign couldn't display a "2" in the dollar position.

Wheeler said the company is upgrading the sign, which has been in place at the station's convenience store since the business opened in 1991. But until the sign can be brought up to speed, Wheeler is displaying only the time and temperature.

And, those five days last week will be only a memory to customers.

"It brought customers in," Wheeler said. "We had some fun with it."

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Mozart's Requiem

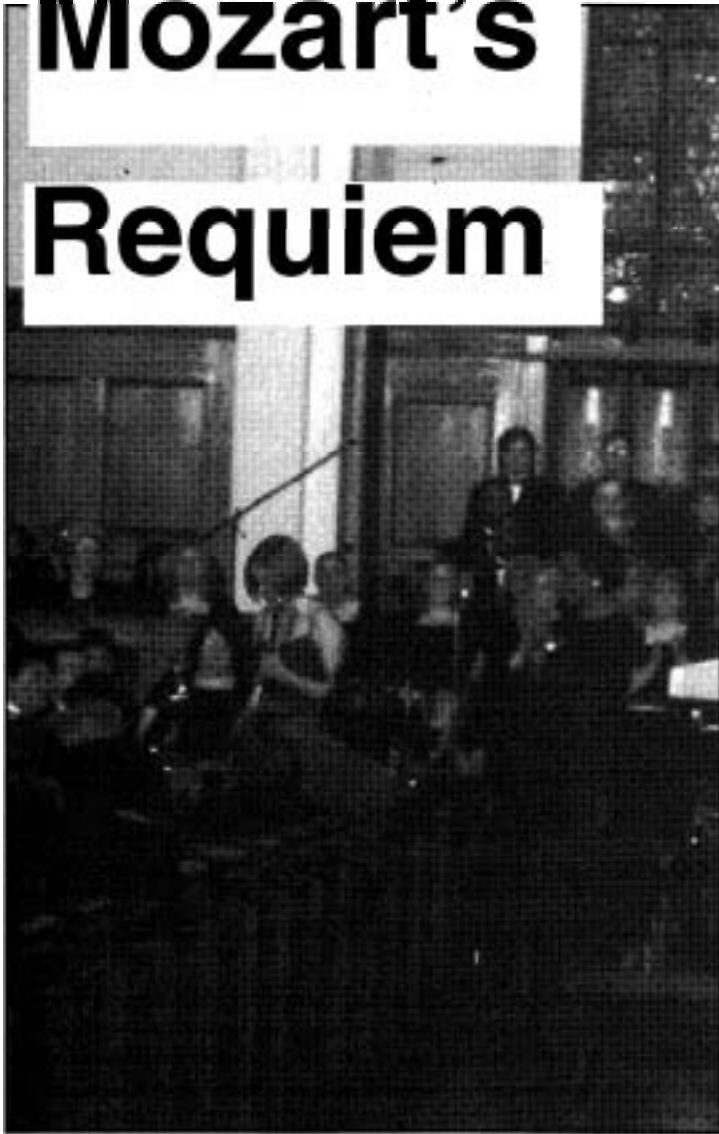


Photo courtesy, Michelle Morgan

Kelly Crotts is applauded for her solo performance before the A Cappella Choir and Civic Chorale began Mozart's Requiem Tuesday night.

By Holly Smith
Chanticleer Features Writer

Tuesday night at First United Methodist Church in Anniston, the Calhoun County Civic Chorale and the Jacksonville State A Cappella Choir presented Mozart's Requiem.

Directed by Dr. Patricia Corbin, JSU director of choral activities, and accompanied by an orchestra consisting of JSU students and faculty instrumentalists and members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, the

The JSU A Cappella Choir, Civic Chorale, music students, faculty, Alabama Symphony players recreate a requiem



Photo courtesy, Michelle Morgan

In tuxes and black dresses, a combined choir including JSU students and community members performed Mozart's Requiem.

wrote Corbin an e-mail expressing her gratitude for dedicating such a beautiful work to her husband, who had enjoyed playing it himself.

The choirs have been working on the music for months. "The music is pretty difficult," Corbin said. "It is above average but very well written, so it is fun to sing. It requires good vocal technique."

All sections of the choir had solo moments in the music, so no one section was more important than any other. "There are two aspects to the music. One is comforting and commemorating, and the other is facing the last judgment, when your sins are presented. It has a

graduate student in the voice program at the University of Georgia. They were joined by Kathryn Hartgrove, mezzo-soprano and voice professor at Georgia State University.

Many hours of preparation went into this concert. The choir practiced three times a week on a regular basis, and had extra rehearsals leading up to the performance. The choir met for about four hours the day before the concert.

These extra hours also included a master class given by Kenneth Shaw. He worked with the students, listening to selected soloists and giving helpful critiques of

Top of the mornin' to you all

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



A bird chirps outside my window as the moon hands the morning over to the sun. I am quite content because I have been stirred awake, yet the annoying, repetitive beeping of my alarm has not sounded. The morning gets brighter as my mother enters the room and tells me breakfast is ready whenever I want some. Then, as she leans in for what I believe to be a good morning hug, I receive a good solid pinch on the arm as she yells, "Gotcha!"

Welcome to the beginning of St. Patrick's Day growing up as a Chupp pup. They say sometimes you have to learn the hard way, but I'm pretty sure my mom got a kick out of making sure my brother and sister and I did. The next year on March 16 I climbed into bed wearing dark green socks, forest green shorts and a lime green tee.

Although pinching parties did come from Ireland, this painful practice stems from the Irish children, not necessarily St. Patrick's Day. This day was once supposed to be used to honor St. Patrick, a missionary who brought Christianity to

Requiem.

Directed by Dr. Patricia Corbin, JSU director of choral activities, and accompanied by an orchestra consisting of JSU students and faculty instrumentalists and members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, the choirs performed Requiem in its traditional Latin form.

At the beginning of the evening, Corbin told a packed audience the concert was dedicated to Dr. James Fairleigh, a former head of the music department, who recently passed away.

Corbin remembers Fairleigh as being "enthusiastic" when she joined the music department staff. She said, "Dr. Fairleigh was an organist and would have loved to play in the concert."

Since the requiem is used in the Roman Catholic Church as a Mass for the dead, Corbin said, "It seems fitting to dedicate the concert to him." Fairleigh's wife

All sections of the choir had solo moments in the music, so no one section was more important than any other. "There are two aspects to the music. One is comforting and commemorating, and the other is facing the last judgment, when your sins are presented. It has a fire and brimstone feel," said Corbin.

Her favorite part of requiem is the opening because it sets the mood with its ominous character. Tuesday night, the organ pedaled low tones and the brass gave weight and strong meaning to the opening of the requiem. The bass section entered first and then the choir layered in slowly.

Also participating in the concert were several JSU alumni: Teresa Cheatham-Stricklin, soprano and a current voice professor here at JSU; Kenneth Shaw, bass-baritone and professor of voice at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music; and Steve Simmons, tenor and

mance. The choir met for about four hours the day before the concert.

These extra hours also included a master class given by Kenneth Shaw. He worked with the students, listening to selected soloists and giving helpful critiques of their performances.

There was also a flute concerto composed by a colleague of Mozart performed by Kelly Crotts, JSU's professor of flute before the concert began. She astounded the audience with her technical skills and ability to make the most difficult appear effortless.

The audience was given programs including the English translation so they could follow along. As Corbin gave her final release, the crowd didn't give a standing ovation a second thought.

Ring one, Ring two, Ringu: a critics view

By Christy Lemire
AP Movie Critic

"The Ring Two" has a B-movie premise with grade-A production values, making it tenser, moodier, scarier, and all-around better than you'd expect from a sequel — especially the sequel to a horror movie, one that didn't exactly get universally ringing endorsements the first time around (especially not from this typist).

Yes, the original "Ring" from 2002 made scads of money — \$129 million, to be exact. By now haven't you learned that big box office isn't necessarily an indicator of quality?

But "Ringu," the Japanese movie that was the basis for "The Ring," was onto something. It's the highest-grossing film in Japan's history and it launched an entirely new horror genre.

Hideo Nakata, the director of "Ringu," makes his American film debut here. And that makes a huge difference. He seems completely comfortable letting the pacing play out slowly and steadily, and not so interested in gimmicks or quick, cheap scares — though there are a couple that will make you jump out of your seat.

Oh, it's still based on a totally ridiculous idea, this nonsense about a little girl who's been dumped down a well but still manages to communicate through supernatural video production. It did then and does still beg the question: If she can manipulate technology in such a sophisticated fashion, why can't she get herself out of there?

Anyway, the spooky little girl Samara is back, and so is Naomi Watts' character, girl-reporter Rachel Keller, as the target of her terror. Having survived the first film's deadly videotape attack six months earlier, Keller has moved from Seattle to a small town in Oregon to start over.

David Dorfman, who's also back from the original as Rachel's young son, Aidan, has now graduated from the Haley Joel Osment School of Kid Movie Creepiness and is working on his master's degree.

He becomes the human vessel through which Samara manifests herself, which includes a visually stunning scene in which bathtub water flies upward from his body and hovers like an upside-down pool on the bathroom ceiling.

Others who have the misfortune of coming into contact with her are rendered fatally paralyzed mid-scream, like figures in an Edvard Munch painting. (Six-time Oscar winner Rick Baker, whose film include "An American Werewolf in London" and "Men in Black," did the special-effects makeup.)

An even more special effect is far simpler. Not to give it away, but it's a cameo that will bring "Carrie" to mind, and make you wish it lasted longer.

Watts is solid here as she is in everything — believably frightened and protective, with grace under pressure and a natural ability to connect with the audience.

But she and Dorfman and the aforementioned mystery performer are all bogged down by the contrived, often clunky scares of returning writer Ehren Kruger's script.

The movie is more effective when it's about a mother and her child and the intangible spiritual phenomena plaguing them. When it becomes too literal toward the end, focusing on the evil that sprouts from their television set, it confirms that you really can go to the well one too many times.

"The Ring Two," a DreamWorks Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for violence/terror, disturbing images, thematic elements and some language..

Running time: 110 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four.

Popping into new art forms

By Jaime Dishman
The Courier

HOUMA, La. (AP) — Frank Chaisson didn't plan on entering the Twist and Shout balloon-sculpting competition in Texas. He went to the convention where the contest was held to learn more about making balloon sculptures and enhancing his artistry.

But with only two hours before the competition closed, Chaisson decided to enroll.

In about an hour and a half, he made a small Elvis, about 12 inches tall, that included a cape, bell bottoms and a teddy bear held by "The King."

His work paid off. His creation came in third place — behind a second-place winner from Japan and the first-place winner from Arizona.

Of the 17 other contestants against whom he competed, Chaisson said he had no idea he had the ability to win. But judges liked his intricately detailed miniature Elvis. Chaisson had even duplicated the rock-n-roll icon's classic half-open shirt by placing a peach-colored balloon underneath the layers of white to make it seem as though his shirt was somewhat unbuttoned.

But Chaisson didn't start out making exceptional balloon figures. Like many others who try to get into the art of twisting balloons into shapes, he made the traditional sword and dog during his first attempts. And it wasn't easy.

"I kept popping the balloons," he said. But, as he practiced more frequently and learned different twisting techniques, Chaisson soon learned the art of making different masterpieces.

A photo book filled with pictures show balloon birthday cakes, SpongeBob SquarePants and even the Three Stooges.

Some of the largest works Chaisson has to his credit were some almost-life-sized cars using hundreds of balloons for a car dealership's grand opening in Houma about a year ago. It took him about six hours to make each car.

St. Patrick's Day. This day was once supposed to be used to honor St. Patrick, a missionary who brought Christianity to Ireland during the 400s A.D. (or C.E. for those who wish to care more about the P.C.'s of life).

Between Hallmark and Americans claiming European celebrations, St. Patrick's Day to most of the red, white and blue is an excuse to eat, drink and tarry. Who even knows that in legends, leprechauns are actually said to be unsociable and unfriendly little fairies? However, a little green-dressed guy does look cute on a greeting card or next to a pot of gold on a cereal box.

I won't lie—I fell into enjoying the unknown just as much as any other kid digging out the marshmallows from the box. In fact, one of the only reasons why I even began more of an in-depth search was because I became all too curious as to why my classmates would yell my name on this day:

"Erin go braugh!" I found out this popular Irish phrase means "Ireland forever;" the phrase people have on flags hanging outside their houses. In that case, why don't we put out ones that read "Vive la France?" However, I'm pretty sure I know why.

Before school, though, we have to get back to breakfast. The day begins with green buttermilk biscuits. Not only are they exciting and tasty, but you can eat them as leftovers for days because you can't tell when they start growing mold.

Then after school, all the chil'ren in my family get green milkshakes with a bag of gold (those chocolate circles wrapped in foil).

All of this preceeds the goodness that is the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal: corned beef and cabbage. And dessert? A green pound cake of course.

There's nothing wrong with having some fun with green food coloring or pinching a few people—it may be the only day you'll have an excuse for it. Just don't be completely blind to history's hand in this day.

**Birmingham:**

03/17/05
Lynam Barking-Kudu
Demon Gione-The Nick
The Ease-The Nick
03/18/05
Be It the Means-The Nick
Divided-The Nick
Red Halo-The Nick
03/19/05
60 Cycles of Sound-The Nick
Deadly Fists of Kung Fu-The Nick
Pacific Stereo-The Nick
Tzar-The Nick
Kings Of Leon-Workplay Theatre
The Features-Workplay Theatre
Robert Earl Keen-Zydeco
03/21/05
Alabama Thunderpussy-The Nick
RPG-The Nick
03/22/05
Willie & Lobo-Sol Y Luna
The Bloodthirsty Lovers-The Bomb Shelter
The Hold Steady-The Bomb Shelter
The Oranges Band-The Bomb Shelter
John Doe-The Nick
Nick Luca Trio-The Nick
Twinemen-The Nick
03/23/05
The Agency-The Nick

Atlanta:

03/17/05
Balter Dirl-10 High
Johnny Andrews Band-10 High
Matthew Knights-10 High
Sam Shaber-10 High
Breakfast Club-Andrews Upstairs
Hot August Knights-Smith's Olde Bar
Icanlickanysonofabitchinthehouse-Smith's Olde Bar

Tribute Band-Andrews Upstairs
Heidi Hensley-Atlanta Room @ Smith's Olde Bar
John Mooney & Bluesiana-Blind Willie's
Liz Larin-C. J.'s Landing
Paranoid Social Club-C. J.'s Landing
Kings Of Leon-Coca Cola Roxy Theatre
The Features-Coca Cola Roxy Theatre
Sage Francis-Drunken Unicorn
Donna Hopkins-Smith's Olde Bar *
Ralph Roddenberry-Smith's Olde Bar
Snow Machine-The EARL
The Arts & Sciences-The EARL
Rockets To Ruin-The Loft (formerly Vinyl)
Swagger-The Loft
Warm Gunns-The Loft
"Psychopathic All Stars Tour"-The Masquerade
ABK-The Masquerade
Blaze Ya Dead Homie-The Masquerade
Esham-The Masquerade
Jumpsteady-The Masquerade
Porter, Batiste & Stoltz-Variety Playhouse
03/19/05
Sam Thacker-Andrews Upstairs
Ten Story Relapse-Andrews Upstairs
The Brilliant Inventions-Andrews Upstairs
Redbelly Band-C. J.'s Landing
Eric Sardinias-Coca Cola Roxy Theatre
Steve Vai-Coca Cola Roxy Theatre
M.I.A.-Drunken Unicorn
Queens Of The Stone Age-Earthlink Live
Throw Rag-Earthlink Live
All That Remains-HiFi Buys Amphitheatre
Lamb Of God-HiFi Buys Amphitheatre
Shadows Fall-HiFi Buys Amphitheatre
Slipknot -HiFi Buys Amphitheatre
Sun Domingo-Peachtree Tavern

Buddy Guy-Tabernacle
Tom Hambridge-Tabernacle
Lay Down Mains-The EARL
Teen Wheat-The EARL
The Apes-The EARL
The Liverhearts-The EARL
03/20/05
Bill Mallonee-Smith's Olde Bar
Justin Rosolino-Smith's Olde Bar
Parade-The EARL
Silent Kids-The EARL
The Rosebuds-The EARL
"One Tree Hill" Tour-Variety Playhouse
Bethany Joy Lenz-Variety Playhouse
Jessica Harp-Variety Playhouse
Michelle Branch-Variety Playhouse
The Wreckers-Variety Playhouse
Tyler Hilton-Variety Playhouse
Pat Metheny Group-Woodruff Arts Center
03/21/05
Bowfire-Fox Theatre
One Atom 12-Smith's Olde Bar
Interpol-Tabernacle
03/22/05
Fatboy Slim-Eleven 50
Southern Culture On The Skids-Smith's Olde Bar
Taylor Hollingsworth-Smith's Olde Bar
Crooked Fingers-The EARL
Liz Durrett-The EARL
03/23/05
Greedy White Citizens-Andrews Upstairs
Heavy Mojo-Andrews Upstairs
Paper Champions-Andrews Upstairs
Redaction-Andrews Upstairs
Someday New-Andrews Upstairs
Eric and Jimmy-Dining Room @ Smith's Olde Bar
Jason Marcum-Limerick Junction
John Doe-Smith's Olde Bar
Nick Luca Trio-Smith's Olde Bar
Twinemen-Smith's Olde Bar
Clem Snide-The EARL
Dave Berkeley-The EARL
The Bloodthirsty Lovers-The

Horoscopes

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

This week it may be best to avoid causing emotional scenes with any partners. Romance will have a dreamy aspect for you. You and a lover will be very much on the same wavelength. There will be a social connection that will prove helpful in business.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

You may meet with extra incidental expenditures right now. However, the impulsive buy may not be the correct choice. Be sensible in regards to spending. Mix-ups in communication are possible now, or some information you receive will be in error. Avoid commitments without advice.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

A small disappointment may arise in regards to a friendship this week. But you will be pleased with the positive business and financial developments that occur now. Either you or your partner may spend extravagantly. It's not a good time to loan money. Protect your resources.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

This week you may make up with someone from whom you've been estranged. An old friend gives you good advice this week. A home matter may require attention. You may be making travel plans on the spur of the moment. Money developments are on a positive note. Avoid neglecting duties.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Your cleverness and efficiency

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

Utilize your time wisely this week. Don't spread yourself too thin. Make a schedule. You may not get around to a task that really needs to be done. You will achieve the greatest success by helping others to solve problems. Guard against overindulgence, and don't overspend.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Resist any temptations to gloss over details. This week they need your careful scrutiny. You will get a lot done early, but later your mind may wander and energy level will slow down. Exercise initiative and watch doors open for you. The chance you've been waiting for is here.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Weekend getaways and recreational pastimes are highlighted this week. Watch your spending. Patience will be needed because you will tend to rush into certain things. Enjoy times with friends. If little things start going wrong, take a break and reflect.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

There's an accent on family life and domestic matters this week. One family member may need encouragement from you. You are now ready to investigate new career opportunities. Explore your options. Both travel and recreational pastimes

are happily highlighted.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

A burdensome responsibility is lifted from your shoulders this week. Try not to be overly critical of a child. You may change your perspective towards a financial matter. Take care to go easy on your use of credit. Guard against romantic tiffs.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Getting your house in tiptop shape will be a priority during the week. Avoid any arguments about money. Luck will be with you especially concerning partnership matters, legal affairs and travel. Some will make marriage plans. Opportunity is found everywhere.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

You will have a good head for fact and figures now. Attend to bookkeeping and meet with financial advisors. Unexpected business developments are to your advantage. You will achieve the most success by accepting offered suggestions and cooperating with others.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You'll have some inspired thoughts about either a business or financial matter. This is the right time to tell a romantic interest how much you care. Cooperation from others may be difficult to obtain. Singles may need to be aware of insincere newcomers.

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ouse-Smith's Olde Bar
Moto-Litas-The EARL
Rock City Dropouts-The
EARL
03/18/05
Who's Bad - Michael Jackson

Amphitheatre
Sun Domingo-Peachtree
Tavern
American Minor-Smith's
Olde Bar
The Dears-Smith's Olde Bar
The Soundtrack Of Our
Lives-Smith's Olde Bar
The Pictasters-TBA

Clem Snide-The EARL
Dave Berkeley-The EARL
The Bloodthirsty Lovers-The
EARL
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College Concoctions

St. Patrick's Day Emerald Salad

Ingredients

1 1 lb. can sliced peaches with
syrup
2 3 oz. pkgs. lime gelatin
2 cups boiling water
1 red maraschino cherry
1 cup halved and seeded fresh
grapes
or 1 8 oz. can grapes, drained

Directions

Drain peaches, save syrup. Add
enough warm water to syrup to
make 1 cup. Dissolve gelatin in
boiling water. Add cold water
and the peach syrup. Chill until
jelly-like. Place one cup of
gelatin mixture into 6 cup salad
mold. Place 12 peach slices on
top of the gelatin, forming a
sunburst. Place cherry in cen-
ter. dice remain peaches. Add
peaches and grapes to remain-
ing gelatin. Pour into mold.
Chill until firm. Unmold onto
chilled serving plate.

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Ingredients

Corned Beef Brisket
4 potatoes
3 carrots
1 medium cabbage

Directions

Wash brisket under water.
Place in pan cover with water
bring to a boil Turn heat down.
Add peeled potatoes and car-
rots cut in hunks. Cover and
simmer for 30 minutes. About
20 minutes before the corned

beef is done, wash cabbage, cut
in wedges and add, cook
uncovered.

Shamrock Silk Pie

Ingredients

1 (15 ounce) package frozen
prepared pie crusts, thawed
1 (3 ounce) package cream
cheese, softened
1/4 cup white sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate
chips
2 eggs
1/4 cup Irish Mist liqueur
1 (8 ounce) container frozen
whipped topping, thawed
1 tablespoon Irish Mist liqueur
3 drops green food coloring

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F
(190 degrees C). Prepare pie
crust according to package
directions for a filled one crust
pie. In a microwave-safe bowl,
microwave chocolate chips
until melted. Stir occasionally
until chocolate is smooth.

In a large bowl, combine cream
cheese, sugar, and flour. Mix
with an electric mixer at medi-
um speed until well blended.
Add melted chocolate, eggs,
and 1/4 cup liqueur. Mix well.
Fold in 1 cup whipped topping.
Pour filling into the pie shell.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or
until knife inserted in center
comes out clean. Cool.

Combine remaining whipped

topping, 1 tablespoon liqueur,
and the food coloring. Spread
over pie.

YIELD: 8 Servings

Irish Soda Bread

To make one 8-inch round loaf,
you will need:

Ingredients

4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 to 1 1/2 cups buttermilk

Directions

Preheat the oven to 425
degrees Fahrenheit. Sift the
flour, soda and salt together
into a deep mixing bowl.
Gradually add 1 cup of butter-
milk, mixing with a large
spoon until the dough is firm
enough to be gathered into a
large ball. If the dough crum-
bles, add some more of the but-
termilk, a tablespoon at a time,
until the particles adhere.
Place the dough on a lightly
floured board, and pat and
shape it into a flat circular loaf
about 8 inches in diameter and
1 1/2 inches thick. Set the loaf
on a floured baking sheet. With
the tip of a small knife, cut a
1/2 inch deep cross into the
dough, dividing the top of the
loaf into quarters.
Bake the bread in the middle of
the oven for about 45 minutes,
or until the top is golden
brown. Remove from the oven
and wrap in a clean cloth and
let cool on a wire rack for
about 20 minutes.

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SPORTS

Baseball wins first series of the year

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Friday

Winston Pearson went 2-for-5 and drove in the game winning run in the top of the ninth inning to lead Jacksonville State to a 4-1 win over Middle Tennessee State (6-4) on Friday.

JSU improves to 5-7 on the season after scoring three runs in the ninth inning to break a 1-1 tie.

Bret Pettus started the ninth inning rally with a one-out walk and Cory Tucker then reached on a throwing error as Pettus moved to third. Pearson then singled to left field to score Pettus as the Gamecocks took a 2-1 lead.

Jake Ball then reached on a walk and Austin Stein had a two-RBI single to center field to score Pearson and Tucker as the Gamecocks built a 4-1 advantage. Stein finished with a pair of hits and two RBI as JSU finished with eight hits on the day.

"For two seniors to set up and get some big hits from Winston and Austin, it was a big shot in the arm against a really good team," said head coach Jim Case. "We just kept battling and battling and made some really good defensive plays to get the win. There were a lot of good things that happened in the game."

Middle Tennessee jumped to the quick lead after Jeremy Taylor had a RBI double down the left field line in the bottom of the first inning, but JSU answered and tied the game in the second.

Richard Turner led off with a single through the left side and Brian Piazza followed with a single up the middle. Jason Horn then walked to load the

bases before Bret Pettus hit into a double play that scored Turner as the Gamecocks tied the game at 1-1.

Donovan Hand (1-1) pitched three solid innings of relief, allowing just one hit and recording three strikeouts to earn his first win of the season. Josh Forrest allowed just two hits in six innings as the starter for JSU, finishing with four strikeouts. Jimmy Kelly (0-1) suffered the loss for the Blue Raiders.

"I thought Josh and Donovan just threw outstanding," said Case. "In a close game, you have to rely on your pitching to give yourself a chance and I just felt like Josh and Donovan were both outstanding on the mound today." The Gamecocks won for the fifth time in seven games in the series and ended Middle Tennessee's string of six straight outings with double-digit hits.

Saturday

Jacksonville State erased an eight-run deficit after two innings, capped by Winston Pearson's two-run homer in the eighth, to defeat Middle Tennessee, 9-8, Saturday afternoon to claim its second straight win over the Blue Raiders.

The homestanding Blue Raiders scored seven runs in the first inning and added another in the second to take a commanding 8-0 advantage. But the Gamecocks began to chip away, scoring once in the third and three times in the fifth.

JSU added a single run in the sixth before touching the Middle Tennessee bullpen for two runs in both the seventh and eighth innings to get its second win in the series and sixth win in the last eight meetings between the two clubs.

"When we got behind by eight runs, we talked about just trying to win innings - win this inning and win the

next inning and find a way to get back in the game," said JSU head coach Jim Case. "We won five of the last seven innings and that turned out to be the difference."

The Gamecock bullpen tossed 8.1 innings of relief, allowing just one run on six hits. Clark Jinks (2-0), the third of four JSU pitchers, got the win, tossing 3.2 scoreless innings while giving up three hits. Lee Drinkard picked up his first save, getting the final four outs.

"It's obvious that we had some very good relief pitching today, which gave us a chance to get back in the game," added Case. "To be honest, that was the only chance we had to get back into the game after getting behind early. I'm very proud of our guys for not giving up and they just kept battling and battling," Case said.

The Gamecocks got on the board on a groundout by Pearson in the third and tallied three runs in the fifth.

A leadoff walk started the trouble for Blevins in the fifth. After a strikeout three straight hits, singles from Cory Tucker and Pearson and a double by Clint Carroll, pushed across two runs. A walk loaded the bases before Austin Stein's groundout cut the deficit to 8-4.

Brian Piazza's solo homer to right in the sixth made it 8-5 Middle Tennessee.

Kyler Wetherington came in and got two quick outs before giving up three straight hits to JSU, the last a run-scoring double from Richard Turner to cut the deficit to 8-6.

Anderson came on and uncorked a wild pitch, allowing a run to score. He did get a glove on a ball heading for centerfield off the bat of Piazza, slowing it down enough for McNamee to make a play and end the inning with

the Blue Raiders clinging to a one-run lead.

The Gamecocks made the comeback complete in the eighth inning, thanks to a one-out double from pinch-hitter Brian Haskins and Pearson's two-run homer to right, giving JSU a 9-8 lead. "Winston hit a clutch homerun in the top of the eighth inning to give us the lead," said Case. "I also thought Brian Piazza had an outstanding day, finishing with three hits and a homer."

The Blue Raiders threatened to tie the game in the bottom of the inning, with McNamee singling with two outs and Birkofer fighting off four pitches to draw a nine-pitch walk. But Drinkard, a side-armer, came in to strikeout Nate Jagers for the final out of the inning.

In the ninth McKenry drew a walk and Hines collected his third hit of the game. But Matt Campbell's chopper over the mound was the final out of the contest.

Clements gave up seven runs, four earned, on seven hits in just two-thirds of an inning. Matthew Darwin came in and did more than an admirable job, working 3.1 innings and allowing one run on two hits.

"We talked a lot about winning series last week and coming into this weekend, we thought it was very important to win this series," said Case. "When conference play begins, that's your goal. You want to find a win to win a series and if you sweep, that gives you a big advantage."

Sunday

Matt Scott allowed just three hits and struck out three in tossing a complete-game shutout, as Middle Tennessee State claimed a 9-0 win over Jacksonville State on Sunday.

Jacksonville State won the first two game of the series, but MTSU was able

to savage game three and avoid the sweep.

The Blue Raiders gave Scott an early lead with four runs in the first. That was more than enough for the sophomore righthander, who hit three batters and faced the minimum in seven of the nine innings to run his record to 3-0.

Jeff Beachum, Nate Jagers and Chase Eakes all had two hits apiece, while Jagers, Eakes and Marcus Taylor all drove in a pair of runs.

The Blue Raiders (7-5) got off to another good start, scoring four runs in the first on five hits and the aid of two JSU (6-8) errors. JSU starter Tony Drinkard (0-2) last just 2/3 innings, giving up all five hits and four runs to get stuck with the loss.

Eric McNamee, Beachum and Jagers all singled to start the inning, and Taylor's ground ball scored a run for a 2-0 lead. A bad pickoff throw moved Taylor to third, and he scored on Michael McKenry's single down the leftfield line.

Eakes plated the final run of the inning with a double to rightcenter, chasing JSU starter Tony Drinkard after just one-third of an inning. Drinkard (0-2) suffered the loss, allowing four runs on five hits with one walk.

A solo homer from Jagers, his fourth of the season, made it 5-0 in the second. Chris LeGuenec led off the fourth with a walk and scored on a two-out infield single by Beachum before Taylor's single through the right side plated Beachum later in the frame for a 7-0 advantage.

Middle Tennessee added two more runs in the seventh, the first on an RBI single from Eakes and the last on a bases-loaded walk to McNamee.

Tennis falls to Samford

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Tennis falls to Samford

From Staff Reports
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Jacksonville State fell to Samford Tuesday in men's and women's tennis in rain shortened matches.

The men fell to the Bulldogs 4-1, with wins at number No. 2 doubles, Arturo Nieto and Kieran Ricci, 8-4.

Ricci also won at No.5 singles, 6-2, 6-2. The Gamecocks fell to 6-5 on the year and 3-1 in the league.

On the women's side, Zeynep Gurkaynak and Erin Higgs tallied the only Gamecock win at No. 3 doubles, 8-5.

The women are 7-6 on the year and 3-2 in

the OVC.

JSU will travel to UAB Thursday..

Jacksonville State (7-5, 3-1 OVC) defeated Southeast Missouri, 6-1.

The Gamecocks took the doubles point with Robin Gorman and Layla Abby at No. 2, 8-3, while Erin Higgs and Zeynep Gurkaynak was at No. 3, 8-0.

Michelle Dushner won at No. 3, 8-3 and Gorman won at No. 3, 6-2, 6-0. Higgs won at No. 4, 6-1, 6-2, while Abby won at No. 5, 6-2, 6-0.

Babette Lombardo won win the super tie-breaker 6-0, 4-6, 10-6.

Softball team splits in tourney

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Jacksonville State defeated Towson 5-1 and fell to Akron 3-2 in the last day of the Ringor Invitational Sunday at Winthrop. JSU faced Akron in the Silver Division.

Junior pitcher Christine Pierce was named to the All-Tournament Team for her efforts.

The Gamecocks went 3-3 in the

tournament and are 14-7 on the 2005 season. They return to action Tuesday as they travel Tuesday to Chattanooga for a 4 p.m. double header.

Jacksonville State's Daniela Pappano has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week, as announced by the league office Monday.

Pappano, a sophomore from Bolton, Ontario, hit .450 on the week, with a slugging percentage of .850. She recorded nine hits,

including two doubles and two homeruns, while driving in six batters.

She currently has four home-runs on the season moving her to third on the all-time career home-run list at JSU.

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Big 12 claims toughest conference

From Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - After saying all season they play in just about the toughest conference in the country, Big 12 coaches have found a couple of high-profile supporters - the selection committees of the NCAA and NIT tournaments.

Led by NCAA No. 2 seed Oklahoma State, the Big 12 has eight teams preparing for the postseason - six in the NCAA and two in the NIT. The only other conference with six NCAA entries is the Big East.

"Six doesn't surprise me at all," said Kansas coach Bill Self. "I thought if Texas A&M had won a couple of more, they could have got in."

The greatly improved Aggies of Texas A&M and Big 12 coach of the year Billy Gillispie are in the NIT hosting Clemson on Wednesday. Also in the NIT is Missouri. The Tigers host DePaul on Tuesday at the brand new Mizzou Arena.

The only Big 12 teams sitting

home are Baylor, Nebraska, Colorado and a disappointed Kansas State.

Seeing Missouri in the NIT must be particularly galling to the Wildcats (17-12) since they swept the Tigers (16-16) in their season series and had a better record.

"I am disappointed for our players and coaches with the NIT's decision not to select Kansas State," coach Jim Wooldridge said in a statement. "We certainly felt that we earned our way into the tournament. We had been playing our best basketball of the season, winning four of our last six games, with both losses coming to Big 12 co-champion Kansas."

"We had a successful season. Unfortunately, the NIT did not select a good team in Kansas State."

In the main event, do all six Big 12 teams in the NCAA tournament have a chance to make it to the Final Four?

"I definitely think they could," Gillispie said. "There's not an easy bracket. But I definitely think they can. Our

league plays as good a defense as anybody in the country, we take care of the ball as well as anyone.

"The coaching of those teams in there is something else. I wouldn't be surprised to see a couple of (Big 12) teams make it to the Final Four. You have to be lucky."

Oklahoma State, the conference tournament champ, is the highest Big 12 seed and will play Southeast Louisiana on Friday. The No. 3 seed Jayhawks will join the Cowboys for their first-round games in Oklahoma City, opening against Bucknell.

Texas Tech, which played a tough game against Oklahoma State in the Big 12 tournament finals on Sunday, will have a quick turnaround. The Red Raiders must play on Thursday as the No. 6 seed against UCLA in Tucson, Ariz.

Oklahoma, which tied Kansas for the regular-season championship, is at Tucson on Thursday as a No. 3 seed facing Niagara.

Texas, which fought through

a series of injuries, is seeded No. 8 and will play on Thursday against Nevada.

The lowest seed from the Big 12 had to make the biggest rally to get there. Iowa State, which lost its first five league games and then won six in a row, including victories on four straight weekends over ranked teams, is a No. 9 seed and will play Minnesota on Friday.

"I've said all year that our conference top-to-bottom might be the strongest in the country," said Iowa State coach Wayne Morgan. "If you go 12 schools vs. 12 schools top to bottom, we'd prevail most of the time."

The Cyclones and Jayhawks might also be in the strongest bracket, one that includes North Carolina, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Florida and Villanova, which handed Kansas its first loss of the season.

"They had us down 32 and they're a five seed, if that tells anybody anything," Self said. "They are great one-on-one players, the best we played against all year."

Self agrees that all six Big 12 teams have a shot at reaching the Final Four in St. Louis.

"But being very realistic, teams are going to have to get really hot, KU included, and play their best basketball of the year," he said. "The same is true of all leagues."

Texas Tech coach Bob Knight, no fan of conference tournaments, had little to say about the grueling Sunday/Thursday assignment the Red Raiders were handed. He may tone down practice a bit.

"I think you've got to be careful how much time you spend running up and down the floor," he said. "Probably conserving energy as much as possible is the best way to develop energy."

Knight also dismissed the notion that some teams are coming into the tournament on a hot streak.

"Just because we caught fish yesterday doesn't mean we'll catch them today," he said.

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SPORTS

Rifle team
and an
apology!

Rifle team finishes second in NCAA championships!!

By
Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



JSU captures air rifle title while finishing one point behind United States Military Academy

From Staff Reports
Special to The Chanticleer

I want to congratulate the rifle team on their excellent performance in the national championship competition. You might not know this but the rifle team finished second in the whole entire nation. The Gamecocks finished one point behind United States Military Academy.

A big round of applause is due for the team after finishing second ahead of six-time defending champion Alaska Fairbanks.

In other news I would personally like to apologize to the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon for the way last week's article misrepresented them.

In no way, shape or fashion did Sig Ep disrespect, dog, or mean anything bad by the sign towards the Philanthropy War of the Roses week they held up at last weeks game about Pi Kappa Phi.

The sign was a parody of the Visa commercial priceless series. The sign assigned point value like the commercial does for the various events Pi Kapp had in the week.

So the parody went like this to the best of my recollection: Tug-o-war 10 points, girls attending game 20 points, beating Pi Kapp for the second time to win the fraternity championship, PRICELESS.

No big deal! It is just like an athlete in pro sports guaranteeing a victory in the Super Bowl.

I usually don't respond to letters written to the editor because

Jacksonville State finished second, just one point shy of winning the 2005 NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Championship, at the United States Olympic Training Center on Saturday.

It marks the highest-ever finish for the Gamecock rifle team, which claimed the 2005 Ohio Valley Conference Championship two weeks ago.

The United States Military Academy claimed the Championship with an aggregate score of 4,659, while Jacksonville State finished with a total score of 4,658. Nebraska placed third with a total of 4,657 and six-time defending champion Alaska-Fairbanks placed fourth with a score of 4,656.

Jacksonville State did win the Air Rifle Championship over Nebraska by virtue of a 151-147 advantage on center shots.

Jacksonville State freshman Joseph Hall finished fifth in the smallbore competition with a 94.9 final score on Friday.



The Rifle team finished second at the NCAA championships. Photo is from Media Guide provided by the Athletic Department.

2005 NCAA National Collegiate Rifle Team Results

Overall Team Results

Team Smallbore Air Total

1. US Military Academy
2328 2331 4659
2. Jacksonville State University
2320 2338 4658
3. University of Nebraska
2319 2338 4657
4. University Alaska Fairbanks
2334 2322 4656
5. US Naval Academy
2314 2323 4637
6. University of Kentucky
2310 2317 4627

Air Rifle: Team Results

1. Jacksonville State University
2338 (151)
- 14 Baldwin, Kari 2 592
- 46 McMillin, Audry 1 586
- 15 Hall, James 2 581
- 13 Hall, Joseph 3 579

Hey you! Here comes the men in stripes!

NO BIG DEAL! IT IS JUST LIKE an athlete in pro sports guaranteeing a victory in the Super Bowl.

I usually don't respond to letters written to the editor because the fact that people read the paper is a good thing. As a writer, you don't want to discourage anyone from writing to the editor.

Having said that.

If I was a former Editor of a school paper, (repeat school paper) I would try to stop and remember how tough a job working for the paper is.

It is a very tough job to recruit writers. I have two writers. One is another Pi Kapp and the other is Whit McGhee who was unavailable and barely has enough time to cover softball. So I should pose the question, Who should suffer? The players who have played hard in the game or the readers of the paper because the Chanticleer doesn't have enough staff.

The best solution should have been to not cover the story, right? Wrong! The solution was for me to right the truth about what happened. Did Sig Ep hang up a sign about the War of the Roses point system? Yes! Did the sign upset a couple of Pi Kapps? Yes! Did the Sig Ep's claim to beat Pi Kapp for the second time in the fraternity championship? Yes! Did Sig Ep lose 47-37? Yes!

What is so biased about that? The letter was correct when it said, "...because the journalism world beyond college would not tolerate such biased material."

For one, the material was not biased if it is the truth. Secondly, the professional world has enough budget and staff to send other writers to cover the story.

I did play in the game but it would have been unprofessional for me to write about my nine-point performance in the game. (A three pointer to put the Pi Kapps up seven after Sig Ep had regained momentum was key in the second half)

But I can't write about that because I agree it would have been unprofessional. But I would like to pose another question. Is the letter simply worried about journalistic style? Probably! But one would wonder what would fuel such a heated reaction about an article written about a fraternity basketball game.

Hey you! Here comes the men in stripes!

Amado Ortiz

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

"What are you doing?," said the angry fan. "That's the worst call I have ever seen in my life." "Come on ref, I could have made that call with my eyes closed," said the mad Lambda Lambda Lambda fraternity member. "Next Halloween I am going to dress up like you, a blind referee."

Welcome to the life of an intramural referee. It is a world when everyone remembers the bad calls and all the good calls are never brought up.

It is a very tough and responsible job and none of the glory comes their way. It is a job that can decide the outcome of every game. It is a job can't play any favorites in order to be fair and consistent. It is a job that requires true profes-



Courtesy/ Amado Ortiz

Left: Stephen Parker during a volleyball game. Right: Evan Monson getting in position for the call.

alism.

Eight guys experience this every semester and these same eight guys are students just like you. You might not know JD Davis, Evan Monson, Blake Arthur, Gerhard Mathangani, Stephen Parker, Tanner Maddox, Richard Cantrell or Brad Deaver but I bet you have talked about one of their calls.

"You don't ever want to miss up a call that will change the game, said first year IM referee Brad Deaver. "We know how important each game is to the teams."

Intramural sports is a department run by the JSU recreational department. Each semester, dozens of teams divided into different leagues participate in sports from flag-football to inner tube water polo. The teams compete for points that ultimately decides the winner of the All-Sports trophy in each division. The All Sports trophy is awarded to the team in each division that has compiled the most amounts of points from each sport.

Other University's pick their IM officials differently. They post signs asking anyone who is interested to show up and watch a video. The Rec department goes more in depth with the instruction of the officials. The Rec department watched the same video as the other schools, but they also have a class that is taught by Mark Jones.

The officials not only get in depth instruction about how to officiate sports, but also get class credit for it. More time is put into training the officials to work the games

The All Sports Trophy means more to a fraternity or sorority member than a wood pecker needing to fly out of a con-

crete forest. It's life or death.

For that very reason, Alan Gilbert (director of intramural sports) has to choose his referees carefully. "I have to choose somebody that is able to handle the pressure," said Gilbert.

Referees are hand picked by Gilbert and are advised to take a 400 level class called Intramural Sports on the rules and guidelines of every sport

"It is a job that is very tough and is a part of the university work study program. Most work study jobs don't require getting yelled at but this one does."

"That is probably the hardest part of the job," said first year referee Tanner Maddox. "Learning all the rules to every sport and catching all the comments."

"I love my job," said second year referee Evan Monson. "But the one thing that I dislike is someone who yells and does not know the rules of the game."

Not every aspect of their job is negative though. There are many benefits to being selected as an IM referee and a lot of things an outsider might not know. "The fun thing is that we are very active and run a lot," said Monson.

"We are always hustling to try to get in position to make the right call," said Deaver.

Along with the exercise opportunity comes the financial opportunity. All referees have to qualify for the work study program.



Courtesy/ Amado Ortiz

"We can work 15 hours or more than 15 depending on the sport," said Maddox.

The referees have also formed a common bond to work together and protect their own. "We have to have each other's back a lot," said Gilbert. "But you can not judge these guys by the calls they make."

It is a tough job that doesn't get any limelight but these eight individuals only care about being fair.

"There are no favorites," said second year Gerhard Mathangani. "For the two-or-three hours you are there, you have no friends."

Fairness and professionalism. Those are two calls that are not tough to make for these guys. Picture yourself in the men in stripes next time you jump on the men in stripes. Is it really so easy?

"This is the best group that I have had since I have been working here at JSU," said Gilbert. "I hope to keep them for a few years."

JSU women's golf claims Chris Banister Classic

From Staff Reports

Special to The Chanticleer

Jacksonville State placed four players in the Top Eight and finished with a 54-hole total score of 943 to win its second straight tournament title on Tuesday at the Chris Banister Classic at the par-72, 5,989-yard Silver Lakes Golf

Course on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

JSU's Mercedes Huarte recorded a par on the first hole of sudden death to claim medallist honors over Murray State's Nikki Orazine. Both players finished with a tournament total of 231.

The Gamecocks shot a final round score of 306 and finished 12 shots ahead of

Murray State as JSU won their second straight Chris Banister Classic.

Murray State finished second with a total of 955, followed by Lamar (967), Tennessee Tech (1021) and Eastern Illinois rounds out the Top 5 with a total of 1023.

Arkansas State finished sixth at 1036, followed by Belmont (1039) and Shorter

College rounds out the eight-team field with a 1085.

Jacksonville State's Huarte claimed her first title, followed by Louise Fleming's total of 233 to finish third. Marilen Fernandez-Ruiz finished fourth with a 236 and Florencia Moran carded a 243 to tie for eighth place.

Shanelle Howell posted a 254 to place 21st for Jax

State.

The Gamecocks return to action on March 21-22 at the Samford Bulldog Lady Intercollegiate.