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Answers

Snead and Russell will go head-to-head in the race for SGA president on March 8. They've faced each other once before. Russell came out on top. Will history repeat itself, or will Snead clinch the victory?

By Elizabeth Thurman
The Chanticleer News Editor

The Chanticleer recently sat down with Brian Snead and Mardracus Russell, the two candidates for 2005-2006 SGA president.

The two ran against each other in the 2004-2005 election for Vice President of Student Activities, a position to which Russell was reelected.

The Chanty: What are the duties of the SGA president?

Brian Snead: The main task of the SGA president is to represent the students...every single student. As an executive member I have to represent every student. I have to respond [to questions] as every member of the student body. The president has more important meetings. They are a representation of the entire student body. I would be representing *you*.

The Chanty: What will be your major goals if you are elected to SGA President?

Snead: One thing that we're focusing on is growth. Emily, the current president, used a picture of a tree...to expand, to grow. One thing I want to focus on is not only enhancing the current programs we're running, but advancing them and doing new things. For one thing, the Organizational Council wouldn't be here now if we wouldn't have

The Chanty: How do you feel that serving as Vice President of Student Activities and other offices has prepared you for the SGA presidency?

Mardracus Russell: All my campus involvement...Peer Counselors and working with the Student Activities Council for the past two years has given me a bond with them...and seeing what students want has prepared me for being able to listen to what they want.

The Chanty: What can you bring to the office? What qualities do you have that make you a good candidate?

Russell: My platform is based on three points: Create, Communicate, Connect. I want to be able to see what the students want. For the problems they have, I want to be able to create a solution to that. By communicating, I want to be able to go out and brainstorm and see what we can bring in to have a solution to that problem. Through connecting, I want to be able to connect and work together as a whole group. The students will make the right choice for us, and vote Mardracus.

The Chanty: What does SGA need to do to improve?

Russell: I really think that SGA is good right now but there are improvements that you can make in every organization or club. With SGA, I think that things you do and the way you start the process and follow through with it is the whole thing.

The Chanty: What's the biggest challenge that JSU faces right now?

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The Chanty: What's the biggest challenge that JSU faces right now?

Russell: I think it's trying to keep all the stu-

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African American Association hosts talent show, pays tribute to Black History Month

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Tio Ragland took first place, and the \$500 scholarship that came with it, at the African American Association Scholarship Talent Show last Thursday night.

Twenty-one entrants showcased their talents, which ranged from singing and playing musical instruments to spoken-word poetry and dancing. Most of the performances were either spiritual in nature or paid tribute to Black History Month. The most notable exception was Jason Madrigal, who performed a dance routine dressed in drag.

Among the other participants were Michael McDonald, who placed second with his accapella rendition of "Give Me Jesus" and Jesyka Pickens, who earned third with "Because of Who You Are." Damian Flucker rounded out the top four, earning a \$50 scholarship.

Felicia Ellison was a perfect Mistress of Ceremonies for the event. Cutting up with the audience and D.J., she declared most of



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Krystle Bell is shown here singing "I'm Still Holding on to His Hand."

the performances to be "Beautiful, just beautiful."

The African American Association has been holding this scholarship event for

several years in the form of a pageant. This year, however, they decided to change the program to a talent show.

"We had more students who could participate in that," said Amanda Ford, President of the AAA.

The judges were Antoinette Hudson, a JSU history professor; Desmond Hubbard, a graduate student majoring in music and Kelly Grayson, treasurer for the AAA.

After the event, a party was held for the audience as well as the participants. Wings and refreshments were served while the D.J. cranked up the music, encouraging everyone to dance.

The African American Association grew out of the JSU chapter of the NAACP. It was a student-run organization until 1996. Their main purposes are to provide entertainment for students at JSU and address social issues that may arise on campus.

Club leaders try to attend one leadership seminar each year and recently attended a

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SGA elections set, Freshman Forum aids patients

By Paige Baker
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Elections for SGA are being held Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the TMB auditorium.

You must have your student identification present to cast your vote. The ballot will consist of SGA Executive Officers, SGA Senate, Mr./Miss Jax

State, Mr./ Miss Friendly, and JAX CASH.

At Monday night's senate meeting, Justin Davis presented a Bill to Amend Chapter 704 of the Code of Laws. This amendment will change the homecoming regulations and will allow candidate campaigning. The bill was highly debated

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JSU professor urges Anniston crowd to support state constitution reform

By Associated Press

ANNISTON, Ala. (AP) - Supporters of Alabama constitution reform collected signatures at an Anniston forum on a petition calling for a vote on the issue.

Jacksonville State University history professor Harvey Jackson said Alabamians historically have had to be angry to respond to an issue. He urged the forum audience to get others "cranked up."

"Alabamians for constitution reform

have not been able to convince the people that the constitution is the enemy of the state and of the people," Jackson said.

About 40 people attended the Thursday night event.

Jackson and other supporters of con-

stitutional reform told the audience that the current constitution was designed in 1901 to keep political power away from black people and poor white people.

That argument needs to be presented to the general public in a way that

makes them angry, Jackson said.

"Alabamians fear the loss of their liberties," Jackson said.

Josh Parker of Jacksonville, who watched the forum, said he agrees that a new approach to the reform issue is

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By the numbers:

Length of a giraffe's tongue in inches

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Gamecock Scoreboard:

March 4-5 OVC Basketball Championship
GEC-Nashville TBA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi: We hope that everyone is having a good cold week. Thanks to Pi Kappa Phi for hosting War of the Roses this week. Good luck to all of our girls that are participating in the events for the week. Also, congratulations to our basketball girls for all the hard work and effort that they put in this season. And a special thank you to Kim McCain for all your hard work with Higher Education Day and to all the girls who are going. Last, Happy Birthday to Courtney Goldenberg, Deanna Dewberry, Shavon Prather and Paige Baker. **Contact:** Dani McLean, drina802@aol.com.

Delta Chi: Good luck to all JSU athletics this week. Go Gamecocks. **Contact:** Charley, jsu0239m@student-mail.jsu.edu.

JSU Ambassadors: Thanks to all faculty, staff and students that helped to make our February Preview Day a great success! If you have turned in an application for JSU Ambassador, please check your campus mailbox by Friday. Our Phase II mandatory meeting will be on March 8 at 6 p.m. in the Gamecock Center. **Contact:** Ashlie Holland, 782-5260.

Phi Mu: Congratulations to Lauren, our new Phi. We love you! Congratulations Phi Mu Intramural Basketball on making it to the championship. Thank you to Pi Kappa Phi on an awesome War of the Roses week. Good luck to all our ladies in competing in the War of the Roses pageant: Heather McCartney, Erika Morrow, Mary Blackwell, Katie Mathis, and Tyler Snyder. Good luck JSU Baseball! Go Gamecocks! Hope everyone has a great week! **Contact:** Elizabeth Herring, dxegirl04@yahoo.com

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia: The Brothers of Epsilon Nu invite you to our annual "American Musicales." The brotherhood will perform various genres of American music, written by American composers. The American Musicales will take place March 17, in the Performance Center of Mason Hall at 7 p.m.

SGA: Higher Ed Day is on Thursday, March 3. Traffic Court will be held Monday, March 7 at 4 p.m. in TMB 301. SGA Senate will meet Monday, March 7 at 6 p.m. in the TMB. SGA elections will be held March 8-9 from 9-5 p.m. in the TMB. SGA Movie Night will play "Ladder 49" on Tuesday, March 9 at 8 p.m. in the TMB. SGA Justice applications are available now and are due March 11. **Contact:** Brian Snead, 782-5495.

Sigma Nu: Rush Sigma Nu. **Contact:** Drew Wagner, 435-9809.

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

Zeta Tau Alpha: We hope that you are having a fabulous week. We are proud to have three outstanding new members: Jessica Driggers, Kimberly Liphon and Amber Rollins. Thank you Delta Zeta for helping to make our joint recruitment event a success. Congratulations to Crissy Almaroad on her engagement and Happy Birthday to Janele Sharp. Don't forget to vote Jessica Firestone for VPOA on March 8-9. We are looking forward to the BMOC on March 16 at 8 p.m. at Leone Cole. Interested male contestants may contact Cambrey at cambrey_jordan@yahoo.com. ZTA loves JSU faculty. Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Natalie Shearer, natalie_shearer@hotmail.com.

92.J: Come out for the 92.J Spring 2005 Benefit on March 4-5. The event will be held at Brother's. **Contact:** Josh Hylden, 782-5592.

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AAA celebrates Black History Month

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Conference on the campus of Texas A&M. The SBSLC is an entirely student-run conference where leaders of Black student organizations can meet to network and learn leadership skills.

AAA also hosts "Fun Day on the Quad" each semester. This is a free event held at

the beginning of the fall semester and on "dead day" in the spring. This April, the event will include a D.J., free food, and a rock-climbing wall as well as games that students can play.

Ford hopes to schedule events during the month of March to focus on women's issues and the club plans to have a Male/Female auction during March as well.

March is Red Cross Month

Gregg Tubbs, Special to RedCross.org

Tuesday, March 01, 2005 — "I request that during that month (March) our people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross."

--President Franklin D. Roosevelt, first Presidential Proclamation of March as Red Cross Month, 1943

Every year the President of the United States proclaims March to be "Red Cross Month" giving the American Red Cross an opportunity to promote its services and celebrate its successes in serving communities across the U.S.

The March celebration began as a way for the public to learn more about the organization and support it through donations and volunteerism.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the first March is Red Cross Month proclamation in 1943.

For the first 25 years of its existence, the Red Cross held no regular fund-raising drives. Since Clara Barton created the organization in 1881, it was largely dependent for publicity and funds on the spontaneous support of people who learned



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however, the public response was immediate and overwhelming. Within a few days, more than \$115 million was raised. Then in December 1917, the Red Cross held its first "Christmas Roll Call." People were asked to give a minimum of \$1 to join the organization's membership rolls. This drive also proved highly successful, as did an additional War Fund drive and another Roll Call in 1918, the last year of the war.

After the war, the Red Cross decided to make the Roll Call

raised more than \$66 million. Rather than go back to the public with a third appeal in one year, the Red Cross decided to cancel its 1942 Roll Call. Instead, after discussions with President Roosevelt, the honorary chairman of the Red Cross, the whole month of March 1943 was declared "Red Cross Month." The Red Cross set a goal of \$125 million, the largest amount ever requested in one campaign by any American organization. Again, the response was overwhelming.

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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 1 - A male subject was arrested at Crow Hall on a warrant for simple assault and domestic violence.

Feb. 27 - Two male subjects were arguing on the front steps of Crow Hall. Both had the odor of alcohol on their breaths. One was given a trespass warning.

Feb. 25 - A male victim reported that he parked his vehicle in the parking lot of the Kappa Alpha house on Mountain St. on Feb. 24. When he returned the next day, his vehicle had sustained \$350 worth of damage. Person(s) unknown had cut his tires.

Feb. 24 - A female victim reported being assaulted by a male subject in Rm. 112 at Campus Inn Apartments.

Feb. 24 - A female reported that person(s) unknown had damaged the door of Rm. 258 in Daughette Hall. Damages were estimated at \$25.

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

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needed.

"We need to be less polite and less diplomatic," Parker said.

Another observer, Brian Reed of Anniston, called the current state constitution "embarrassing," and said the state needs a new tax system and stronger local govern-

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Monday night, and there was a motion to **table** further debate until next week's meeting. This is a very important **bill** and the SGA **encourages** the student body to come to the **Senate** meeting if they have any questions about this amendment.

Members of Freshman Forum collected used cell phones during the **month of February** that will go to **transplant** patients waiting for an organ **donor**. These cell phones will enable the patient to make 911 calls for free.

Also at the meeting, the SGA congratulated the women's bas-

ments.

Reed criticized the current document's 772 amendments. "We're one state," he said. "We're not even that big."

Anniston-Calhoun County NAACP President Randy Kelley said blacks would benefit from a constitution that better supports education.

"It's not a party issue," he

ketball team for making it into the first round of the OVC tournament. Two JSU student athletes came to ask for SGA support at the game. Then President Williams announced that four JSU senators: Justin Lord, Jessica Firestone, Tremaine Kelley, Ken Catoe and Amanda Tucker were elected to offices for Alabama's Collegiate Legislature.

Traffic Court will be held on Monday, March 7. The SGA will be showing Ladder 49 on Tuesday, March 8 in the TMB auditorium at 8 p.m.

SGA Day will be held March 16 at the baseball game between JSU and UAB.

said. "It's not Democrat, Republican, Communist, whatever you are," Kelley said. "It's about the whole state."

The forum was sponsored by the Calhoun County chapter of Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform and

organization in 1881, it was largely dependent for publicity and funds on the spontaneous support of people who learned of catastrophic events and the Red Cross response to them. News of an event broke, the American Red Cross rushed to the scene with help, and people around the country came forth with outpourings of volunteer assistance and donations of funds and supplies.

This rather haphazard manner of operating changed abruptly in 1917, when the United States entered World War I.

After declaring war, President Wilson ordered the American Red Cross to raise funds to support its aid to the military and civilians affected by war, as Congress had mandated. In response, the Red Cross held its first national War Fund drive in June 1917 and set as its goal \$100 million, an astoundingly large sum at the time. Under the circumstances,

the Greater Birmingham Ministries Constitutional Reform Education Campaign.

Mark Berte, project manager for the education campaign, said he's traveling to Alabama counties to muster support for reforming the constitution.

another Roll Call in 1918, the last year of the war.

After the war, the Red Cross decided to make the Roll Call an annual membership and fund-raising drive. In addition, it conducted special appeals from time to time in response to major disasters, such as the Dust Bowl drought of the early 1930s and periodic flooding on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

In November 1941, with war in Europe, the Red Cross conducted a highly successful 25th Annual Roll Call. A few days later the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the United States entered World War II. As it had done in the previous World War, the Red Cross responded immediately by declaring a War Fund campaign. By June 1942, it had


in one campaign by any American organization. Again, the response was overwhelming.

It took less than six weeks to reach the target, and by June 1943 donations totaled nearly \$146 million. Roosevelt called it, "the greatest single crusade of mercy in all of history."

This success caused the Red Cross to repeat the March drive during the remaining years of the war and then to make it the occasion of its annual membership and fund-raising efforts ever since. As part of the tradition, the president customarily issues a proclamation each year declaring March as Red Cross Month.

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Snead, Russell face off in SGA race

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All those people from those organizations wouldn't be able to hear what we had to say if it weren't for the O.C. So that's something that's beneficial.

The Chanty: How does JAX Cash fall into that?

Snead: JAX Cash is one of those supplemental aspects of JSU that will be a factor in a freshman's decision to come here. The more supplemental aspects we have of JSU, the more beneficial it is to our students. The more the better. Jacksonville has to grow...to be able to keep up.

The Chanty: What is the biggest challenge JSU faces and what can you do as SGA president to address it?

Snead: One of, if not the biggest challenge that the SGA and students in general face is student participation. I know this is a suitcase college. We have a lot of people commuting. It's hard to get the participation that other schools do. The students are out there. We have to give them a reason to get involved.

The Chanty: How will you do that?

Snead: I think one thing [the SGA] has done wrong in the past is set ourselves apart.

Not intentionally. We're student leaders, but we're also just like these other students. We have to put ourselves in their shoes to understand and be able to see eye to eye.

The Chanty: How have the other offices you

"I feel I'm very qualified and ready to take on this responsibility. No doubt."

Brian Snead

have served prepared you for the presidency?

Snead: All my experiences and leadership roles I've had to play have enabled me to be the leader I am today. I've grown...I don't know how to explain the person I am related to the person I was when I came here. The minute I walked through these doors, I was a part of the SGA and served on the Freshman Forum. It has opened every door for me. I've grown so much as a person and a leader. I feel I'm very qualified and ready to take on this responsibility. No doubt.

The Chanty: As Director of Publicity, what has been your biggest challenge?

Snead: A challenge that I work towards in improving the job is to implement new things into the job. I've almost doubled the responsibilities of my job now. I do our web site, and update it weekly or daily. My budget - I've watched how I spend our budget. I now spend it on things that affect the students. I've saved a lot of money by doing that. We've received record participation numbers in some events. It's been the entire executive committee and SGA volunteers that have helped.

The Chanty: Why you and not Drake Russell?

Snead: I feel that I have what it takes. I think that myself, as a person and a leader, will do a better and more efficient job. You have to be able to make decisions and go with those decisions. People have to trust and put faith in your decisions.

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dents on campus on the weekends. I know we're a suitcase college...I want to try to keep us together and stay more informed of activities and the things going on around us.

The Chanty: How are you going to do that if elected?

Russell: If elected, I'll work on it based on my platform. I'll try to create something that can keep students here. Then we can communicate and connect - we'll be there. We can finish it.

The Chanty: How do you feel about JAX Cash?

Russell: In the future, I think JAX Cash will be great for JSU. Something like Alabama or Auburn has. We're trying to shadow those universities. I'm for [JAX Cash]. I really like it. There are changes that I know students are going to see that need to be made. I think that's when students need to come out and voice their opinions on that because every student at JSU has the right to voice their opinions at our Senate meetings and any other time they have issues or concerns.

The Chanty: How long have you been involved with SGA?

Russell: I'm a junior. I've been Vice President of Student Activities for two years. I've been involved with Freshman Forum. I've been a

JSU senator. I've taken steps all the way to the top.

The Chanty: How has the job you've had the past two years prepared you for this?

Russell: The different activities that we have and the different things we bring to campus has given me the opportunity to meet other people. I love people. I love SGA. I eat and drink SGA. I really love being around people.

The Chanty: What led you to make the decision to run for SGA president?

Russell: I've been looking into it for the last year. I had thoughts about it last year. I really like the hands-on aspect of it. I feel like I have the most skills...time management and communication.

The Chanty: If elected, what's the first thing you'll do in office?

Russell: I'm just going to see where it starts. From there I'll work on each and every thing that comes through to benefit students. If it's something we *can* do or something we *can't* do - I'm going to work.

The Chanty: Why you and

"I love SGA. I eat and drink SGA."

Mardracus Russell

not Brian?

Russell: It's all about us - it's Mardracus. I'll be a leader. I think I'm more qualified...I know the job. I have that hands-on experience with students.

Alabama paroles thousands of inmates, prison crowding still unsolved

Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) - Alabama's experiment with increasing paroles for thousands of inmates didn't bring on the crime wave some feared, but it didn't solve Alabama's prison crowding problem either.

Now the state is running

out of nonviolent inmates who are likely candidates for an early release, the Mobile Register reported.

In September 2003, Gov. Bob Riley got the Legislature to create a second state parole board to speed up the release of nonviolent felons. Since then, 4,174 prisoners have been released through the

second parole board's special dockets.

That's on top of the 1,820 paroled through the normal process and the more than 13,500 whose sentences ended or who started the probation portion of a split sentence.

But nearly two years later, Alabama prisons, work

release centers and boot camps hold 23,874 inmates - nearly twice their designed capacity of 12,943.

That doesn't include another 3,370 people who are waiting to be transferred from county jails, are serving time in privately run prisons in other states or are housed in alternative arrangements.

"I don't think anybody assumed that this would relieve the crowding conditions. That's not the intent of the second board," said Donal Campbell, who became Alabama's corrections commissioner when Riley took office in January 2003.

The "second board" is a

three-member panel appointed by Riley that began hearing cases in December 2003. The idea was to speed consideration of parole for thousands of eligible prisoners, giving freedom months or years earlier to those judged to pose the least risk to the community.

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you can eat, you get
drunk a lot easier and
it makes a good
excuse for poor
sexual performance."



These politics are giving me a headache

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



And the ramblings continue. So I guess that the most important thing going on right now would be the SGA elections. More politics. Don't you just love them.

Lord knows I do. If you can't detect just a smidgen of sarcasm in my words, I promise you that it is there. Really the only thing that gets me riled up and just fighting mad anymore is politics. Any kind of politics: politics with this university; politics in this town; this county; this state and yes the country too. I hate them. I wish that the world didn't have to have them. But I am not naive, I do understand that without politics not too much would ever get done. And I am guilty, too, of 'playing the game'. You have to, to get through this day and age.

But anyway, call me burnt-out, call me old and cranky (hell, I am only 24), I just get tired of these situations. And the SGA isn't guilty of all of this, don't get me wrong. All in all under Emily Williams, the SGA has done a good job. They really haven't given us the "Liberal watchdog media" all that much to bark at, save the Homecoming fiasco.

My main gripe is that of the city level and up. And some of the administration here. I still can't believe the move to put in artificial turf. I understand that in the long run it will save us money. I completely understand that. But what about now? I honestly don't know the answer to this question, but is the athletic department going to

fund that? I am sure that it will come out of their budgeted money. But it is hard enough to even get 25 percent of that stadium filled. And that falls on the campus police and the administration and their HORRIBLE relationship with the students.

I understand that alcohol is a big problem across the nation on college campuses. That is because there is very little personal responsibility taken with it. Just an example, but who gets in trouble if some guy/girl gets drunk, then goes to a fraternity/sorority party. Then they get hurt or killed. Who is liable for that? Not the individual who chose to drink that much or chose to drive home after they drank that much. The group they were last at. Now how stupid is that?

If that were not the case, I bet that the university would relax the alcohol policy for the games. Because I promise you that if the university allowed alcohol at the games or not really allowed it, just tolerated it, the attendance would go up. But is that going to happen? Nope, because we aren't adults and we don't know how to take care of ourselves. Yet we are expected to pay over \$2000 for this educational experience by working, scrimping, saving and living in holes for four to six years and start our new lives \$50,000 in debt. But we aren't adults.

We can't smoke where we want to anymore, not even in a bar. Here shortly we aren't going to be able to get married to whom we want to. Not too many years ago, it was illegal for a black person to marry a white person, now we are about to pass a very similar "amendment". Does anyone see the correlation between the two?

Anyway, does anyone see how that can get out of hand? This crap is giving me a headache.

Letter to the Editor

I write this to inform you that you, my fellow students, have the power to change things around campus. looking out for their self-interests. I have overheard a few conversations implying this. **This came from the mouths of those candidates.** It is a fact.

Please know that I am speaking from my personal encounters in that office.

I say to everyone to go out and vote. Please vote for the

Stupid News Con't...

incident occurred. I would imagine that the owner is not coming forward," Iowa County Sheriff Steve Michek said.

Michek said deputies ruled out several claims of ownership, including one from a Connecticut woman who said her kangaroo was missing. An Appleton, Wis., man also claimed he had lost a kangaroo in September, but his description did not match that of the animal.

Zoo officials plan to introduce the marsupial, which has been deemed healthy, to their other five kangaroos this spring when the weather warms up.

RICHMOND, British Columbia (AP) - It wasn't hard for the Mounties to get their man in a car theft, even though it had not been reported.

Alerted by a passer-by, officers found a man asleep at the wheel of a car with the lights on early Sunday. The motor was running and a screwdriver was in the ignition, Royal Canadian Mounted Police said.

The man was sleeping so soundly that police were unable to rouse him by yelling through a bullhorn. When they pounded on the door, he finally woke up, opened the door and emerged with the car in gear. Officers responded quickly to keep the vehicle from rolling away.

A quick check established that the vehicle had just been stolen without the owner being aware, police said.

The man could make a court appearance as early as Monday on a charged of possessing stolen property and three counts of failing to comply with a probation order.

SINGAPORE (AP)- The Singapore zoo is using an old Asian remedy to treat sick animals: acupuncture.

The latest patient is Tun, a 15-year-old Asian elephant whose right leg was crushed by a male elephant nine years ago. Zookeepers worried that Tun, who weighs 5,291 pounds, might not be able to settle her weight on her lame leg as she grew heavier.

Veterinarian and acupuncturist Oh Soon Hock, who has poked and prodded giraffes, cheetahs and Komodo dragons in the name of medicine, started treating Tun a month and a half ago.

"After the first treatment, she was more mobile. Now her leg can be bent better and her muscles are more relaxed," Oh said.

Elephant handlers are on site when Tun receives acupuncture treatment twice a week. The intricate process involves coaxing with repetitive noises, gentle tugs on her fan-like ears and bribery with bananas and carrots.

"I don't think acupuncture has any pain, if you know what to do," said Oh, who learned acupuncture at the Zhonghua Chinese Medicine College in Taiwan.

Oh said acupuncture on animals and humans uses the same premise of locating key points between the joints or veins.

Tun has four months of treatment left.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) - Animal rights activists are disgusted



Sheila Sharp
"It's important to donate blood because it saves lives. Each bag saves three lives. There is always someone in surgery and in demand for blood. And without you being here there would be no need for blood nurses."



Tremaine Kelley
"Simply, it saves lives! Get off your rear ends, JSU, and save lives, give blood!"

I write this to inform you that you, my fellow students, have the power to change things around campus. It can start with just a simple vote. SGA is supposed to be the voice of the student body.

Apparently, some of those who currently hold a SGA executive position do not walk the walk. I have been inside the Office of Student Life. With the exception of Emily Williams and Mardracus Russell, the other executives have turned me away when I asked for help. I was quite surprised when I was turned down. It concerns me that we have those in office who do not want to help.

A few of those candidates for the executive positions are only

looking out for their self-interests. I have overheard a few conversations implying this. This came from the mouths of those candidates. It is a fact. Mardracus Russell is running for SGA president. I do not know Mr. Russell personally, but I do know that he is best fit to be our SGA president. From speaking with him, I know that he is a man that will truly help the student body. During those encounters with him, he has been willing to help me when I needed it most. He is a man of great leadership and integrity. He will put his own interests aside to see that the students' interests are met. This is a true example of what kind of people should hold the executive positions.

Please know that I am speaking from my personal encounters in that office.

I say to everyone to go out and vote. Please vote for the people who would really look out for us, the students. You have the power to make changes. Take advantage of it. Please make our SGA better.

Evangeline Williamson

Stupid things people do that we find amusing ...

GRENADA, Miss. (AP) - Who says you can't have a snowball fight in the Deep South?

A Mississippi

man arrested more than two years ago for selling the frozen treats - also known as snow cones in some parts of the country - near a park is allowed to sell them again as part of a settlement reached with the city.

David Maycock faced misdemeanor charges for disorderly conduct after he allegedly violated an ordinance that prohibited vendors from selling food items within 300 feet of any city park.

Two years after his October 2002 arrest, Maycock and his attorney, Ron Lewis, sued the city. Earlier this month, the City Council said a settlement had been reached.

Neither party would discuss specifics, but Lewis confirmed that Maycock could resume

sales near the park.

DODGEVILLE, Wis. (AP) - Authorities in southern Wisconsin have discovered

that capturing a kangaroo in a snowstorm isn't the hard part. It's finding out where the animal came from.

Authorities recently gave up their hunt for the owner of a red 130-pound marsupial, saying its origin will remain a mystery.

The Iowa County Sheriff's Office has given the Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison permission to keep the kangaroo, nicknamed Roo. The animal has been in quarantine at the zoo since its capture early January.

Sheriff's deputies corralled the male kangaroo in a barn after receiving calls from shocked residents who had seen it hopping through rural parts of Dodgeville for two days.

"We're almost two months out since the

Oh said acupuncture on animals and humans uses the same premise of locating key points between the joints or veins. Tun has four months of treatment left.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) - Animal rights activists are disgusted by a new candy from Kraft Foods Inc. that's shaped like critters run over by cars - complete with tire treads.

The fruity-flavored Trolli Road Kill Gummi Candy - in shapes of partly flattened snakes, chickens and squirrels - fosters cruelty toward animals, according to the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"It sends the wrong message to children, that it's OK to harm animals. And that's the wrong message, especially from a so-called wholesome corporation like Kraft," said society spokesman Matthew Stanton.

The society is considering petition drives, boycotts and letter-writing campaigns to get the candy pulled from the market, Stanton said.

After receiving a complaint from the NJSPCA Wednesday, Kraft officials pulled an animated advertisement from Trolli's Web site that featured car headlights and animals. No other decisions on changes have been made, said Kraft spokesman Larry Baumann.

"If you look across the Gummi category we certainly have many products that are offbeat, and that's what we were doing in this case," Baumann said. "We didn't mean to offend anyone."

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - When two Danish burglars realized someone had stolen the keys to their getaway car, they reacted like honest citizens and called the police.

Police said they were only too happy to help, and arrested them after they confessed to breaking and entering.

The men, 18 and 20, broke into a summer cabin late Wednesday near Kaldred, 55 miles west of capital Copenhagen.

As they carried their haul to the car, they were confronted by a passer-by, who witnessed the break-in and insisted that they return the stolen property.

To ensure they couldn't get away, the passer-by took the keys from their car, and refused to return them. "The two young men then called us and said they needed our help getting their keys back," Chief Superintendent Asger Larsen said Thursday.

He said the two realized that without the keys, they would have to leave their car at the scene, which would put the police on their trail and lead to their arrest anyway.

"It's a pretty straightforward case for us, since this time, the thieves actually reported the robbery," Larsen said.

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FEATURES

Serving up international flare

The great condiment caper

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer
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Photo, Ken Catoe

Students, faculty and community members participate in International Week. A silent auction was held on Monday where people could bid on items students brought with them from their home country.

By Jeff Pruitt
Chanticleer Features Writer

The International Student Organization is currently hosting their annual International Week on the campus of

said the event became an indoor social gathering on the Gadsden State campus.

The ISO Silent Auction took place on Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students were encouraged to donate or make items

styles that filled the room ranged from Europop to salsa. Monday Ketterer said, "There will be a potpourri of music and there will be a lot of food and a lot of good people." Also, for those who attended with two

him to rethink his life and he will later become one of the most notable revolutionary heroes of the 20th Century. A song from the film, "Al Otro Lado Del Rio," recently won "Best Original Song" at the

my favorite because it's about people getting together and showing their talents." Lakcevic will be singing a song from her country of Montenegro, which is located on the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia and Croatia.

Oil, water, timber and condiments; valuable resources I've learned about in college. I spent my first two years in a dorm room and quickly discovered I could save money and refrigerator space by not purchasing condiments.

However, I also hold that every salty fry deserves to be dipped in ketchup and no peanut butter and banana sandwich is complete without first spreading on some mayonnaise.

To get the best of both of these worlds, one must accept the free gift of condiments from restaurants and gas stations. I have learned to appreciate the benefits of this public service. I'm sure it's factored into your price.

A double decker taco for 99 cents may sound like a steal, but I can promise you The Bell is doing you no huge favor; they are still making a profit. So, make sure you grab a handful of hot sauce too. What you don't take inside to begin the condiment bucket should stay in your glove compartment box.

I don't believe everything I hear, but I once heard a news story about a man who survived several days after a car crash because he ate the hot sauce

The International Student Organization is currently hosting their annual International Week on the campus of Jacksonville State University. The week-long celebration began on Sunday, February 27 and will continue until Sunday, March 6.

Dr. John Ketterer, Director of the International House and International Programs, said the purpose of International Week is "to elevate the image of diversity and global interaction" here at JSU.

The week of activities was set to begin on Sunday with a soccer match between the JSU International House and fellow international students from Gadsden State Community College. However, the game was cancelled due to rain. As a result, International House Faculty Advisor Leslie Gardner

State campus.

The ISO Silent Auction took place on Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students were encouraged to donate or make items that represented their country. Some of these items included instruments and African masks. Proceeds from the auction will be used to help international students purchase textbooks.

On Tuesday, there was a scavenger hunt from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It started at the International House where each participant was given their first clue. Solving the clue led you to another location on campus where an ISO member was waiting with your next clue. It continued until there was a winner. Prizes were given to the top three contestants.

The week continued yesterday with Dance Night. It was held at the International House and began at 8 p.m. Musical

Monday Ketterer said, "There will be a potpourri of music and there will be a lot of food and a lot of good people." Also, for those who attended with two left feet, dance lessons were given.

Earlier in the academic year, the International House hosted a Latin Dance Night. While they had a good crowd, ISO Secretary Smrity Silwil, of Nepal, said, "We are expecting more people this time."

Tonight is slated as Movie Night. It is being held at the TMB Auditorium from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided and the featured movie is "Motorcycle Diaries."

The film is the story of a young Che Guevarra, played by Gael Garcia Bernal, who as a medical student, travels across South America with a close friend. This journey inspires

most notable revolutionary heroes of the 20th Century. A song from the film, "Al Otro Lado Del Rio," recently won "Best Original Song" at the 77th Annual Academy Awards.

The final event of International Week is the Tasters Fair on Sunday. It started in 1995 and, originally, it was the only yearly activity held at the International House. It was so popular that International Week was created. The Tasters Fair gives international students the chance to offer up some "home cooking" and to showcase their talents. The food will be divided accordingly into two hemispheres and students will perform songs, play instruments and illustrate their native dances.

ISO President Gordana Lakevic said, "Tasters Fair is

showing their talents." Lakcevic will be singing a song from her country of Montenegro, which is located on the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia and Croatia.

Among the dishes being served are momo, a Nepalese treat, which is an egg roll wrap with pork, turkey and vegetables; arepas, cornmeal thick tortillas stuffed with ground beef, which is being prepared by Vanessa Deliso from Venezuela; and vanilice, a dessert with jelly, that is a traditional food from Serbia and Montenegro.

For those unfamiliar with the International House, it is located on the corner of Highway 204 and Pelham Road, across the street from Martin Hall. It originated in 1946 and currently houses 40 students. International and sixteen American students.

JSU hosts rare photography

By Holly Smith
Chanticleer Features Writer

On Tuesday, March 1, Hammond Hall Art Gallery opened a photography exhibit from the collection of Dr. David Cummings. An Anniston dentist and photography enthusiast, Dr. Cummings will be displaying 40 pieces from his collection of 150. The exhibit includes prints from all over the world taken by some of the world's most famous photographers.

"1851 to the Present- A Photographic History" contains photographs dating back to the beginning of photography, which was invented in 1840. The exhibit shows the progression of the purposes and techniques of photography through history.

Included in the exhibit are photographs from Edouard Baldus, Francis Frith, Eugene Atget, Frederick Evans and Phillippe

Halsman's "Dali Atomicus," which was taken for Life Magazine.

Cummings describes his collection as "a deep and representative collection [of a caliber which] is rarely exhibited in the South." He said he tries to "get prints by photographers I admire of subjects that I can relate to." Other times he buys a piece "because it is an example of photographic history that I want to own, and it fills in a spot in the history of photography."

Charles Groover, head of the Art Department, said the prints "are important historic photographs. One can view a few in museums but seldom is there an exhibit of this many at one time. It is an opportunity for both the campus and community to see a rare important exhibit."

Cummings's collection will remain at Hammond Hall through March 18 and can be viewed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Inventing new March madness

By Joe Munster
Chanticleer Features Writer

On March 3 Jacksonville State University will be hosting the Alabama Conference for Inventors at the Houston Cole Library. The conference, which will start around 7:30 in the morning will be on the 11th floor of the library will have inventors and exports from all around the nation. It is jointly sponsored by the JSU Center for Economic Development, the Small Business Development Center and Invent Alabama.

The conference will have a variety of speakers, which include John Cabeca from the US Patent and Trademark Office. Cabeca is a supervisory patent examiner and he will

start off the conference. John Mitchell, who is president of Protech Manufacturing, will follow him. Mitchell will tell how his company has thrived and will hopefully inspire others as well. Other speakers include a patent attorney, engineering librarian, a representative from Invent Alabama, the executive director of the Central Alabama Women's Business Center and Guy Woodliff, President of Woodliff and Associates.

There will also be one on one sessions on product evaluation, marketing on the Internet, what to do after one receives a patent, and product liability protection. Besides that, there will be a question and answer session at the conclusion of the conference. For

those wanting further information, contact Pat Shaddix at the Center for Economic Development. The phone number is 782-5324 and his email is ced@jsu.edu.

Along with the Alabama Conference for Inventors the Center for Economic Development also does economic impact studies, employee attitude assessment, training, and marketing surveys. They also put out a monthly newsletter called the JSU Economic Update. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide news on the northeast Alabama economy.

For those interested contact Shaddix at the Center of Economic Development and. There is a \$49 fee to attend the.

I don't believe everything I hear, but I once heard a news story about a man who survived several days after a car crash because he ate the hot sauce packs he found in his vehicle. Fortunately, I've never experienced such a severe need for the spicy liquid, but it did come in handy one afternoon when I was starvngly sitting in Atlanta rush hour traffic on 75.

When you finally get out of a bad car scenario, don't forget the condiment treasures to be found at your local gas station. This is the foster home of flavored coffee creamers, multiple kinds of fake sugar and stir straws.

The world has much more to offer in the way of condiments than simply ketchup and mustard. My bucket contains soy sauce, Zax sauce, honey mustard, lemon juice, Arby's sauce, barbeque sauce and plenty more.

Another favorite which really completes a weekend of ultimate frisbee or trip with friends is packages of jelly. Found at places such as Waffle or Huddle House and McDonalds, jelly packets are the window to eating on a budget while traveling. As a road trip warrior, I've mastered the skill of squirreling away jellies.

A bag full of these fruity treats, a jar of peanut butter and a loaf of bread compliment any weekend where you would rather spend money on an awesome experience that you'll remember forever, instead of on food you, well, won't have forever.



Photo, Jodie Coston

**Birmingham:**

03/03/05

John Brannen-Moonlight Music Cafe

88 Faces-The Nick

Cowboy Mouth-Workplay Theatre

RAQ-Zydeco

03/04/05

Connie Smith-Alabama Theatre

Crash Orchard-The Nick

Ferocious Bubbles-The Nick

Sunny So Brite-The Nick

03/05/05

The Smothers Brothers-BJCC Concert Hall

Lynam-Barking Kudu

Bishop Don-The Nick

Red Letter Agent-The Nick

Rewinds-The Nick

Slippery When Wet-Zydeco

03/06/05

The Chieftains-Alys Stephens Center @ UAB

Champion-Cave 9

Enon-The Nick

Nowhere Squares-The Nick

Swearing At Motorists-The Nick

03/07/05

Last Conservative-The Nick

03/08/05

Chicken & Pigs-The Nick

03/09/05

Kelly Buchanan-Moonlight Music Cafe

Backyard Babies-Sloss

Furnace

Social Distortion-Sloss

Furnace

Street Dogs-Sloss Furnace

The Agency-The Nick

Umphey's McGee-Workplay Theatre

Atlanta:

03/03/05

Chinese Whispers-10 High PBM-APCA National Conference

Marcia Ball-History Center Avail-MIQ

Lucero-MIQ

Cary Pierce-Park Bench

PJ Morton-Smith's Olde Bar

American Head Charge-The

Masquerade

Bloodsimple-The Masquerade

Dry Kill Logic-The

Masquerade

Otep-The Masquerade

03/04/05

Lloyd Dobler Effect-Andrews Upstairs

Top Gun-Andrews Upstairs

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Smith's Olde Bar

Marcia Ball-History Center

Jupiter Coyote-Peachtree

Tavern

Patrick Smith Band-Peachtree Tavern

Blankety Blank-Smith's Olde Bar

Eden-Smith's Olde Bar

Royal 7-Smith's Olde Bar

That Rabbit's Dyn-O-Mite-

Smith's Olde Bar

moe.-Tabernacle

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03/05/05

Eden-Andrews Upstairs

Last Conservative-Andrews

Upstairs

Serene-Andrews Upstairs

Danzig-Coca Cola Roxy

Theatre

Eyes Of Fire-Coca Cola Roxy

Theatre

moe.-Fox Theatre

Swearing At Motorists-MIQ

James McMurtry-Red Light

Cafe

Robert Walter's 20th

Congress-Smith's Olde Bar

Supagroup-Star Bar

03/06/05

Elvis Costello-Tabernacle

Tift Merritt -Tabernacle

Straight Line Stitch-The

Masquerade

03/07/05

Half Down Thomas-Smith's

Olde Bar

Sam's Crossing-Smith's Olde

Bar

Someday New-Smith's Olde

Bar

Sleepytime Gorilla Museum-

The EARL

03/08/05

Juanes-DeKalb Atlanta

Center

Bettie Serveert-Smith's Olde

Bar

Say Hi To Your Mom-Smith's

Olde Bar

Mono-The EARL

Parlour-The EARL

Sun Domingo-The Loft (for-

merly Vinyl)

Melissa Ferrick-Variety

Playhouse

03/09/05

Frenzy-Andrews Upstairs

Red Tree-Andrews Upstairs

Skybucket-Andrews Upstairs

State of Man-Andrews

Upstairs

Tim Brantley-Andrews

Upstairs

The Comas-Drunken Unicorn

Vietnam-Drunken Unicorn

Ari Hest-Smith's Olde Bar

Vanessa Carlton-Smith's Olde

Bar

Lou Barlow-The EARL

7 Seconds-The Masquerade

Champion-The Masquerade

The Briggs-The Masquerade

College Concoctions

Microwave Chicken Rolls

Amandine Recipe

Yield: 2 Servings

4 ea Slices bacon

1/3 c Chopped fresh mushrooms

1/4 tb Snipped chives

1/4 c Chopped almonds toasted

1/4 ts Dried thyme,crushed

1 ea Whole chicken breast

Plain yogurt or sour cream

Sliced almonds toasted

Snipped shives

For filling, place bacon slices

in a 10x6x2-inch baking dish:

cover loosely with waxed

paper. Cook on 100%

power(HIGH) about 4 minutes

or till crisp. Drain off

fat,reserving 2 tablespoons

drippings in the baking dish.

Add mushrooms and 1 table-
spoon chives to reserved drippings in dish. Cook, covered on high for 45 to 60 seconds or until tender. Stir in bacon, 1/4 cup almonds and thyme.

Skin, bone and cut chicken breast lengthwise in half. Place one chicken piece, boned side up between two pieces of clear plastic wrap. Working from center to edges pound lightly with meat mallet to form a rectangle about 1/8 in thick. Remove plastic wrap. Repeat with remaining chicken. Sprinkle 1 side of each chicken breast half with salt and pepper.

Place about 2 tablespoons of filling on the seasoned side of each chicken piece. Roll up jelly-roll style. Place chicken rolls in a 9-in microwave safe pie plate. Cook, uncovered, on high for 3 to 5 minutes or till chicken is done, giving the pie plate a half turn and rearranging once during cooking. If desired, serve chicken on yogurt or sour cream; sprinkle with almonds and chives.

1/3 c dried bread crumbs mixed

with pinch of cayenne, 1/4 ts

ground cumin 1/4 ts oregano

and 1/4 ts salt

Rub pork chops with lime juice

and coat with cilantro. In a

microwavesafe pie plate.

microwave butter and garlic for

1 1/2 minutes or until it sizzles.

Dip pork chops in garlic butter,

then in seasoned breading.

Place in center of pie plate.

Sprinkle with remaining seasoned

breading, drizzle on butter.

Cover with waxed paper

and microwave on medium

high for 6 minutes. Turn over

and rotate and microwave, covered

with waxed paper for 6

minutes longer or until center

is no longer pink. Bread

crumbs create moist topping.

Sauce:

4 tb Olive Oil

1 c Onion, Chopped

1 Clove Garlic, Minced

1/2 ts Dried Basil

1/2 ts Salt

1 ts Dried Oregano

1/4 ts Pepper

1/2 ts Sugar

1 29 Oz Can Tomatoes

1 6 Oz Can Tomato Paste

Put the meat and onions in a 1

1/2 qt. covered casserole.

Cover and cook until all red-

ness is gone from the meat, 5-7

minutes breaking up the meat

and stirring twice. Drain fat

from cooked meat.

Drain excess liquid from the

spinach and set aside to add to

sauce. Mix the meat, spinach,

and remaining ingredients.

Stuff gently into the cooked

and drained manicotti. Place

the manicotti in a single layer

in a 2 qt. (12"x9") rectangular

casserole.

Cover with the sauce. Cover

loosely with waxed paper and

cook 10 minutes in the

microwave oven on high

power. Let stand 5 minutes.

Sprinkle top with more parmesan

cheese of desired.

***Sauce: Mix all ingredients

and cook, covered, in a 2-quart

casserole in the microwave

oven fore 20 minutes, stirring

occasionally.

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ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Now is a time for opportunity and expansion for you. Just remember that good fortune is not going to come knocking at your door, you have to make yourself accessible, and be aware of the potential all around you. Don't overdo, overindulge or overspend!

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

You are due for a good time this week, so enjoy what you deserve. Your love life is moving along nicely now, don't let your active imagination ruin it for you. A nice financial bonanza is possible. There seems to be an influential person helping you out behind the scenes.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Finding yourself in a social whirlwind will make you available for any possible romantic interests. Try to avoid immediate entanglement with a romantic prospect. Your health prospects are excellent this week. Take extra precautions when traveling.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

It's a lively week for your social agenda and you will have a fair share of the popularity. Challenges may occur in a business relationship, so be prepared to cope diplomatically. Don't be too quick to act on rumors or too slow to get a move on when needed.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)

You have a lot of positive energy that can be put to good use in building up your physical

resources or work-related activities. Be especially careful to avoid accidents whether at home or in the workplace. Be cautious of any romantic involvements with strangers.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

There seems to be a few minor hazards connected with a much too rambunctious social agenda. It may be time to redo your looks in some way. Avoid clashing with your mate or partner; your temper may cloud a relatively simple issue.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Your intentions and thoughts are focused on your relationships, whether romantic, business-related or marriage. Any partnership desires you presently have will flourish and remain stable for quite some time. Any new business opportunity will flourish.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

A new love, or perhaps an ongoing relationship will finally turn in the direction you want it to. The need to be part of a couple is strong right now. You would be wise to tone down any urges to overdo or overindulge. Be cautious concerning transportation and travel.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

You find it very easy to attract or pursue romance this week. But do avoid any showdowns with loved ones; you can't expect to have everything go exactly the way you would like it to. All moneymaking activi-

ties are successful and you should see an increase in your earnings.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

The assertive and dynamic qualities of your personality will shine this week, along with any romantic notions. It is a volatile time for you with emotions running in every different direction, so proceed with extra caution. Job advancement is almost certain.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

A bit of upbeat financial news will keep you going strong for at least the rest of the year. Behind the scenes influences may be able to ease your way up the success ladder. There seems to be a certain amount of stress and strain in an important relationship.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

A fairly conservative type of investment will prove worth it's while this week. Don't take too much for granted, even though your social life is an absolute whirlwind. Your approach to work and achievement is effort, attention to detail, patience and good luck.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You should be smiling a lot in the months ahead. Your cup runneth over in the love department. Impulsiveness may look like you aren't thinking clearly, but the real truth is that once you make such a decision, you stick with it.

desired, serve chicken on yogurt or sour cream; sprinkle with almonds and chives.

Microwave Spiced Pork Chops Recipe

Yield: 4 Servings

2 inch thick boneless loin, pork chops, trimmed of fat
1 tb lime juice
2 tb chopped fresh cilantro
2 tb unsalted butter
1 ts minced garlic

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SPORTS

Women swing through Birmingham Southern, Men finish 12th

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First-round leader Jacksonville State finished with a team total of 612 to win the Buffalo Rock/Southern Shootout by one shot over host Birmingham-Southern at the par-72, 5,863-yard Bent Brook Golf Course. Jax State also claimed the tournament title last season.

The Gamecocks finished one stroke ahead of Birmingham-

Southern, who overcame UAB to finish second. UAB's Brooke Mangan carded a 70 in Tuesday's final round to finish as the top individual with a two-round score of 146.

UAB placed third overall, carding a 310 on Tuesday for a total of 617, while Troy and Gardner-Webb rounded out the top five teams with scores of 630 and 632, respectively.

Shanelle Howell, who was the individual leader after Monday's opening round, finished second with

a total of 147 to lead the Gamecocks. Louise Fleming finished with a 153 to claim 11th place.

Florencia Moran tied for 14th after carding a 155, while Marilen Fernandez-Ruiz tied for 19th with a total of 157. Mercedes Huarte tied for 40th with a final score of 164. Jacksonville State returns to action on Marcy 14-15 at Silver Lakes in the Annual Chris Banister Golf Classic.

Jacksonville State shot a final round of 297 to post a team total of

921 to finish 12th at the Tulane Invitational at the par-72, 7,078-yard English Turn Golf and Country Club.

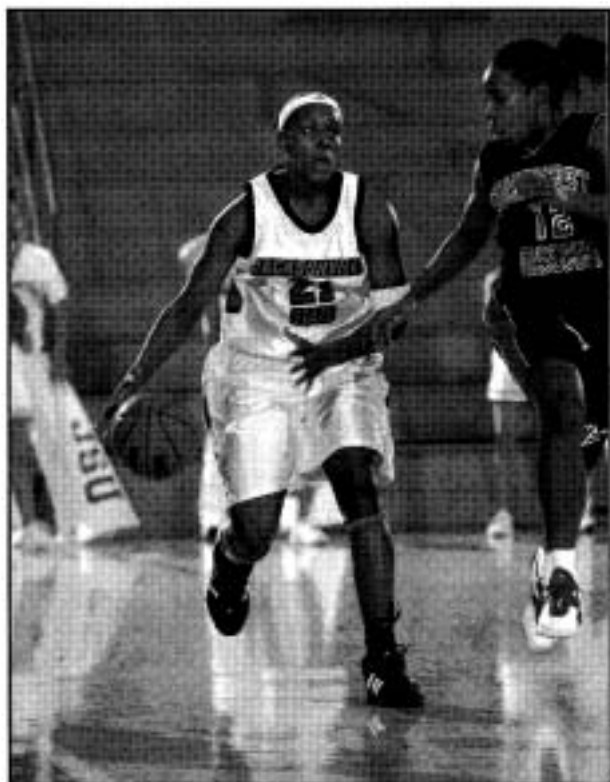
Notre Dame won the 14-team event with a total of 893, followed by UNC-Wilmington, Southern Miss and South Alabama with an 895 each, while Ole Miss and Tulsa both tied for fifth place with a 54-hole total of 897.

The Gamecocks were led by Santos Caceres with a 225 as he finished tied for 17th, while Patrico

Cozzoli shot a 4-under 68 on Tuesday for a 226 to tie for 19th. Bryan Rozier tied for 59th with a 237, while Julian Colmenares carded a 239 to tie for 63rd and Matias Anselmo tied for 66th with a total score of 240.

Jacksonville State returns to action at the University of Alabama's Conrad Rehling Spring Invitational at Ol' Colony Golf Course on March 11-13.

Game preview



Courtesy/ JSU Steve Latham

Tennis goes down to BSC

From Staff reports
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Birmingham-Southern College rallied to win four singles matches to overcome a 1-0 deficit and earn a 4-3 win over Jacksonville State University in men's college tennis action at the BSC Tennis Complex on Tuesday.

Birmingham-Southern improved to 4-3 on the season. JSU is now 3-3.

The Gamecocks won two-of-three doubles matches to win the doubles point and take a 1-0 lead in the match. Mauricio Engler and David Ray defeated Kieran Ricci and Christian Rybertt for BSC's doubles win.

BSC won four singles matches at number the one-four positions to earn the victory. Eric Baumgardner,

ed Jennifer Williams 6-2, 6-3 in number one singles for JSU, while Michelle Dushner won at number three over Daisy Humphrey, 6-0, 7-6, 5-10. Babette Lombardo got the final JSU (3-3) point at number six singles with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Stephanie Boucher.

JSU men's tennis Singles competition:

1. Eric Baumgardner (BSC) def. Vedran Sirola (JSU) 6-3, 7-5
2. Thomas Richter (BSC) def. Arturo Nieto (JSU) 6-3, 6-2
3. Richard Turner (BSC) def. Rodney Rapson (JSU) 6-2, 6-2
4. Mauricio Engler (BSC) def. Andres Amores (JSU) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4
5. Kieran Ricci (JSU) def. Philipp Haas (BSC) 7-6, 7-5
6. Christian Rybertt (JSU) def. David Ray (BSC) 6-4, 6-1

Ray (BSC) def. Christian Rybertt/Andres Amores (JSU) 8-6

JSU women's tennis Singles competition:

1. Zeynep Gurkaynak (JSU) def. Jennifer Williams (BSC) 6-2, 6-3
 2. Rachel Malina (BSC) def. Robin Gorman (JSU) 7-6, 6-2
 3. Michelle Dushner (JSU) def. Daisy Humphrey (BSC) 6-0, 7-6, 5-10
 4. Casey Ragsdale (BSC) def. Erin Higgs (JSU) 6-0, 6-3
 5. Cammie Nix (BSC) def. Layla Abby (JSU) 6-3, 6-3
 6. Babette Lombardo (JSU) def. Stephanie Boucher (BSC) 6-1, 6-4
- Doubles competition:
1. Rachel Malina/Cammie Nix (BSC) def. Babette Lombardo/Michelle Dushner (JSU) 9-7
 2. Jennifer Williams/Casey Ragsdale (BSC) def. Robin

Courtesy/ JSU Steve Latham

JSU lost both of the earlier contests with Eastern Kentucky but the Gamecocks hope history will not repeat itself in Nashville.

Jacksonville State came back from a 15 point deficit in the second half against Eastern Kentucky in game one , but could not push ahead for the lead. EKV was victorious at Pete Mathews Coliseum , 63-61.

For Jax State, Shanika Freeman recorded 17 points in both games.

EKV opened the second game on 25-5 run on a three-pointer by Laura Shelton with 12:42 remaining in the first half. Shanika Freeman 17 points.

Tip off is set for Friday at 12pm against Eastern Kentucky.

BSC won four singles matches at number the one-four positions to earn the victory. Eric Baumgardner, Thomas Richter, Richard Turner and Engler won their singles matches to earn BSC's four points.

On the women's side, BSC won three of six single matches and won all three doubles matches to claim a 4-3 win over the Gamecocks.

Zeynep Gurkaynak defeat-

Philipp Haas (BSC) 7-6, 7-5
6. Christian Rybertt (JSU) def. David Ray (BSC) 6-4, 6-1

Doubles competition:

1. Vedran Sirola/Rodney Rapson (JSU) def. Eric Baumgardner/Thomas Richter (BSC) 8-4

2. Kieran Ricci/Arturo Nieto (JSU) def. Richard Turner/Philipp Haas (BSC) 8-5

3. Mauricio Engler/David

Lombardo/Michelle Dushner (JSU) 9-7

2. Jennifer Williams/Casey Ragsdale (BSC) def. Robin Gorman/Layla Abby (JSU) 8-4

3. Daisy Humphrey/Laura Kirk (BSC) def. Zeynep Gurkaynak/M. Barnes (JSU) 8-4

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8 Murray State

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5 Tennessee State

2 SouthEast Missouri

#7 Samford

6 Tennessee -Martin

3 Tennessee Tech

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12pm

Game 7
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Game 6
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SPORTS

Is it true?
Say it ain't
so, Joe!

Gamecocks take show to Music City

Cobie Carlisle hits game-winner with :24 to send JSU to semi-finals vs. E. Kentucky

By
Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Have you ever heard a story and thought whether or not it was true?

What is worse than that is when you can not even tell whether the person is lying or not.

It is all about delivery. What separates Dominoes from Lil Ceaser? Delivery.

After taking in all that information, I want you to close your eyes and imagine....

Well that's not going to work because you're reading so try taking in a deep breath and imagine...

I was sitting at a basketball game and a reliable source sat down next to me and said, "Mr. Ortiz, I remember when they couldn't even let media in to the coliseum because it was so full." I started to chuckle and you could only imagine my thoughts.

The source continued with his story and went something like this. There was a JSU fan with a really crappy seat at the Pete. Looking with his binoculars, he spotted an empty seat at half-court. Thinking to himself "what a waste" he made his way down to the empty seat.

When he arrived at the seat, he asked the man sitting next to it, "Is this seat taken?" The man replied, "This was my wife's seat. She passed away. She was a big JSU fan." The other man replied, "I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. May I ask why you didn't give the ticket to a friend or a relative?"

Philip Cruce
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

When you play your hardest and still come up short to the same team twice in a season, you might think that there is no way you will beat them the third time, right?

History wouldn't repeat itself as the Gamecocks beat Tennessee State 65-64 after falling to them the two previous times this season.

JSU came out flat and did not have their best half of basketball. They had 15 turnovers and were down by 11 at the break.

The second half didn't start off any better, as TSU would maintain their 11 point lead for the first four and a half minutes. It looked as though JSU would fall to Tennessee St. for a third time. But then JSU must have realized that they had been in this same spot many times.

They knew that a month ago they were down by the exact same score against Austin Peay and had come back to win. JSU kept the faith and

then marched on with a 15-2 run, to tie things up at 43. The tie was short lived after TSU quickly answered with a basket.

From there the game was back and forth while TSU would have as large as a seven point lead with 5:53 remaining. After a few lay-ups by Shanika Freeman and some big free throws by Rebecca Haynes, the game was tied again with 2:05 left in the game.

After a quick TSU score, Haynes nailed a monster three to put the Gamecocks up by one with 1:25 to play.

This was JSU first lead of the night and got the whole crowd on their feet. Kendra Bailey of TSU would hit a two pointer with 1:06 to regain the lead. JSU decided it was time to use their final timeout with 45 seconds left. After the timeout the Gamecocks missed their first few shots but lucky TSU had last touched the ball before going out of bounds. The ball was thrown into the hands of Cobie Carlisle, who threw up what would soon be the game winning shot.

"We ran a play called two", said Cobie Carlisle, "I just touched the ball and shot it."

"We had worked on that play in practice," said coach Dagostino. "We were confident in that shot."

TSU still had 23 seconds to score, but after a missed shot Katja Fuess came down with the rebound for Jacksonville. She passed the ball out to Haynes who would give the ball up to Freddricka Embry to run out the clock. This was a great win for JSU and they now advance to the second round of playoffs.

Freeman lead the team with 13 points, Haynes was right behind with 12. Heather Shepard and Embry would both finish with nine while Carlisle and Fuess would finish with eight a piece.

JSU now travels to Nashville Friday where they will play Eastern Kentucky, a team which also beat them twice this season.

Coach Dagostino says, "We have grown since those loses."

The game is set to start at 12pm so if you can get out of class then try and make the trip.



Courtesy/ JSU Steve Latham

"I was thinking "just shoot it" because I would never get a more open shot." - Cobie Carlisle-

Seniors lead charge as Gamecocks keep rolling

Team embraces #31 as number is retired and sits on left field wall at University field



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Jacksonville State celebrated its home opener by sweeping Lipscomb, 4-2 in the first game and 5-2 in the night cap.

Junior Carly Kellam (4-1) struck out eight batters to get the opening win. She allowed just three hits

hits. When we had a runner on, we hit some big home runs and that's what it takes to win those game."

In the night cap, the Gamecocks scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to pull away.

Lauren Horwath led Jacksonville State, going 3-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI. McDonald had a double with three RBIs. Breanne Oleson went 2-for-

Gamecocks retired Tera Ross' number 31 jersey.

In memoriam of Ross, who died in a car accident Dec. 10, 2003, the athletic department also unveiled a left-field banner, also bearing the pitcher's name and number.

"Because Tera was such a unique individual and student-athlete, I'm proud to say that her No. 31 jersey will never be worn by a JSU soft-

one passed away. One was a big JSU fan." The other man replied, "I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. May I ask why you didn't give the ticket to a friend or a relative?"

The man replied, "They're all at the funeral."

Imagine hearing what seemed to be a joke but there was no sign of laughter from the man.

So I tried to be cool and relate to the man so I said, "Man that's heavy."

So then I decided to tell the man a story from my arsenal.

Two buddies Seth and Ken were two of the biggest baseball fans in America.

Their entire adult lives, Seth and Ken discussed baseball history in the winter, and they argued over every box score during the season. They went to 60 games a year. They even agreed that whoever died first would try to come back and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven.

One summer night, Seth passed away in his sleep after watching the JSU victory earlier in the evening. He died happy. A few nights later, his buddy Ken awoke to the sound of Seth's voice from beyond.

"Seth, Is that you?" Ken asked. "Of course it me," Seth replied. "This is unbelievable!" Ken exclaimed. "So tell me, is there baseball in heaven?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad news for you. Which do you want to hear first?" "Tell me the good news first." "Well, the good news is that yes there is baseball in heaven, Ken." "Oh, that is wonderful! So what could possibly be the bad news?" "You're pitching tomorrow night."

Lots of memories happen at games. The friends you'll make and the plays you'll see.

Are these stories true? Maybe! But how can you know for sure if you never go to a game.

How would you know about your fellow students if you never go to a game. I hear alot of students that talk about the college experience but have never gone to a game.

To me, there is nothing more college than going to a sports game. Men or women.

But hey, what do I know, I am just a student.

Is it true? Go and find out!



Seniors Sam Gutierrez, Melinda McDonald, Breanne Oleman, Megan Jezierski.

Lipscomb, 4-2 in the first game and 5-2 in the night cap.

Junior Carly Kellam (4-1) struck out eight batters to get the opening win. She allowed just three hits with two earned runs.

Maigin Alexander and Melinda McDonald each nailed a 2-run home run for the Gamecocks (7-2).

"I thought we played good, solid defense with no mistakes," said McGinnis.

"Our pitching was good although it wasn't as sharp as it can be. I thought our hitting was good, but the key was that we had timely

Lauren Horwath led Jacksonville State, going 3-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI. McDonald had a double with three RBIs. Breanne Oleman went 2-for-3.

"In the second game, we had hits, but they weren't as timely and that's to be expected this early in the season," said McGinnis. "We've got some young players, but we'll continue to get our confidence back."

Kelly Raw (2-0) picked up the win after striking out three batters in the last two innings.

In a pre-game ceremony, the

pitcher's name and number. "Because Tera was such a unique individual and student-athlete, I'm proud to say that her No. 31 jersey will never be worn by a JSU softball player again," said Jacksonville State coach Jana McGinnis. "We may never know how many lives she touched.

"People still approach me and tell me about things that Tera had done for them in the past."

Coach McGinnis, alongside athletic director Jim Fuller, presented Ross' mother Jamie, father Terry and brother Zach with a framed jersey and game photos.

Heartbreaker

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Wayne Arnold tossed in 16 points, but none bigger than his 3-pointer from the left side with less than :20 remaining to lead Tennessee State (14-16, 9-7) to a 63-62 win over Jacksonville State (7-22, 2-14) in the season-finale for the Gamecocks on Saturday.

Walker D. Russell gave the Gamecocks a 62-60 lead after sinking a pair of free throws with 40.2 seconds remaining before Arnold hit the game-winner for the Tigers.

JSU had three chances in the final :15, but Brandon Davis' attempt rolled off the rim, B.J. Spencer missed a 10-foot jumper and Anthony Wilson got the rebound but his final shot attempt was blocked off the backboard as time expired.

"This is a tough one to swallow," said JSU head coach Mike LaPlante. "It's very, very frustrating, but you can't help but credit our guys."

"We came on the road on senior day and played six guys, including four that played a total of 40 minutes. We fought until the very end and this is a very tough place to win."

Eric King led Tennessee State with 21 points and eight rebounds, while Arnold tossed in 16 and Bruce Price finished with 10 points to lead the Tigers.

Jax State opened the game and built a 10 point lead midway through the first half after Tim Lewis sank a

baseline jumper to give JSU a 15-5 lead with 10:45 left.

Tennessee State battled to slice the lead down to 31-28 at the half after JSU shot 53.8 percent in the first 20 minutes, hitting 14-of-26.

The Tigers took their first lead of the second half after King scored on a lay-up with 12:38 remaining as TSU took a 41-40 lead. Tennessee State held a 52-47 lead with 7:45 remaining, but the Gamecocks scored eight straight to build a 55-52 advantage with 6:05 left after Wilson sank a pair of free throws.

The final four minutes saw three ties and four lead changes, but the Gamecocks did not hit a field goal over the last seven minutes. JSU did sink 13 straight free throws during that stretch.

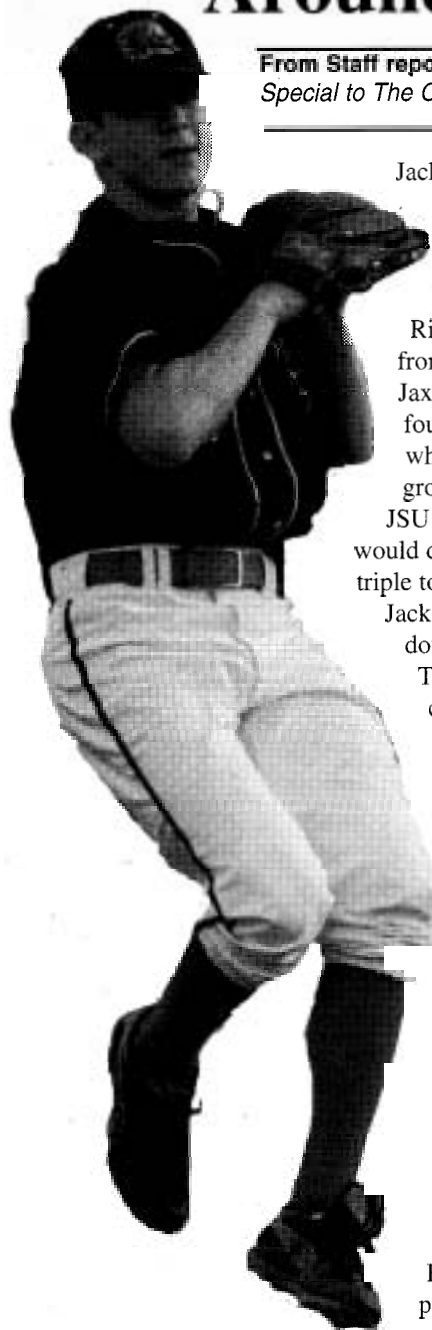
Jacksonville State was led by Spencer with 19 points and Russell added 16. Wilson, Russell, Spencer and Tim Lewis played all 40 minutes, while Brandon Davis played 24 and Carlos Lumpkin totaled 16 minutes of the bench for the Gamecocks.

Jax State shot just 36.8 percent over the second half, while Tennessee State hit 60.9 percent (14-23) over the final 20 minutes. The Tigers finished the game shooting 54.3 percent.

"We have a very bright future," said LaPlante following the game. "We have a good nucleus to build upon and we're going to hit the road recruiting to return the Gamecock basketball program back into a league contender."

Around the diamond

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Jacksonville State's baseball team split a double header with Marshall University on Saturday at Rudy Abbott Field.

JSU took game one of the Saturday series, defeating Marshall 5-4.

Richard Turner single, as he drove in Matt Page from second base.

Jax State would add another run in the bottom of the fourth, and take a 2-1 advantage over Marshall, when Ray Bearden scored from third on a Turner ground out to shortstop.

JSU would add one in the seventh, as Bret Pettus would drive in Brian Piazza, following Piazza's two out, triple to the right, centerfield gap.

Jacksonville State would tie the game when Page doubled down the rightfield line, scoring Cory Tucker from second base. The winning run would come two batters later, when Winston Pearson doubled down the leftfield line to Clint Carroll.

JSU's Tony Drinkard (1-1) got the win, going four and third innings, allowing four hits and recording five K's.

In Game Two, Marshall used a four run, sixth inning to hand the Gamecocks their fourth loss of the season 7-3.

Jacksonville State' baseball team dropped a 2-1 decision to Marshall Friday afternoon. Marshall tacked on the winning run, in the top of the ninth, when Brent Mason advanced from second on a Jake Ball overthrow.

JSU's Jon Clements fell to 0-2 on the season, allowing only one Marshall run on five hits and striking out three in four innings on the mound.

The Gamecocks take on Louisiana Monroe at Rudy Abbott Field for a three game set. First pitch is set for 3pm on Friday.

Freshmen Center-fielder Brian Piazza has been on a tear to open the season.