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 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?
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 a cappella rendition of “Give Me Jesus” and Jesyka Pickens, who placed 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 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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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 constitutional 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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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 incoming regulations and will allow candidate campaigning. The bill was highly debated

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March is Red Cross Month

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.

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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 a yearly event. The public responded highly:

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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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"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 government.

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 basketball 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. The forum was sponsored by the Calhoun County chapter of Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform and 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.
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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These politics are giving me a headache

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 us. Is the athletic department going to include alcohol in the cost and then only allow it at the games? I doubt it.

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 charge 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 tug 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.

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Tun has four months of treatment left.
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 so-called wholesome corporation like that will truly help children.

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.

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.

When two young men then called us and said they needed our help getting their keys back," Chief Superintendent Asger Larsen said. "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."

COPLEY, Ohio (AP) - The fruity-flavored Trolli Road Kill 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.

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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.

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FEATURES

Serving up international flare

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.” Lakecvic will be singing a song from her country of Montenegro, which is located on the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia and Croatia.

The great condiment caper

By Erin Chupp
Chanticleer Features Editor

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 is a list of events:

- An Anniston designer opened a photography exhibit featuring 40 pieces from his collection as "a deep and representative collection of the purposes and techniques of photography through history.
- Cummings describes his collection as a "deep and representative collection of 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.
- 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 and will have inventors and experts 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 Proact Manufacturing, will follow him. Mitchell will talk about 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 & 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 conference.
Horoscopes

College Concoctions

Microwave Concolion Rolls
Amandine Recipe
Yield: 2 Servings

4 ea Slices bacon
1/3 c Chopped fresh mush-
rooms
1/4 t Snipped chives
1/4 c Chopped almonds toasted
1/4 t Dried thyme, crushed
1/4 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 tablespoon chives to reserved drippings in dish. Cook, covered on high for 45 to 60 seconds or till 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 inch 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.

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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 20)

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 activities 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.

Microwave Spiced Pork Chops Recipe

Yield: 4 Servings

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Women swing through Birmingham Southern, Men finish 12th

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.

Florence 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 in March at 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 Kolmenares carded a 239 to tie for 63rd and Matthias 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.

Tennis goes down to BSC

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
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. EKU was victorious at Pete Mathews Coliseum, 63-61.
For Jax State, Shanika Freeman recorded 17 points in both games. EKU opened the second game on a 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.

2005 O’Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Basketball Tournament
March 4-5 Nashville, TN

#1 Eastern Kentucky

#8 Murray State

#4 Jacksonville State

#5 Tennessee State

#2 SouthEast Missouri

#7 Samford

#6 Tennessee -Martin

#3 Tennessee Tech

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On the women’s side, BSC won three of six singles matches and won all three doubles matches to claim a 4-3 win over the Gamecocks.
Zeynep Gurkaynak defeat-

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

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 Caeser? 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.

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Gamecocks take show to Music City

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

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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 could have their best half of basketball. 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."

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Heartbreaker

From Staff reports

Special to The Chanticleer

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 you are 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 a lot 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!