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Campus group has small focus

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The Chanticleer News Editor

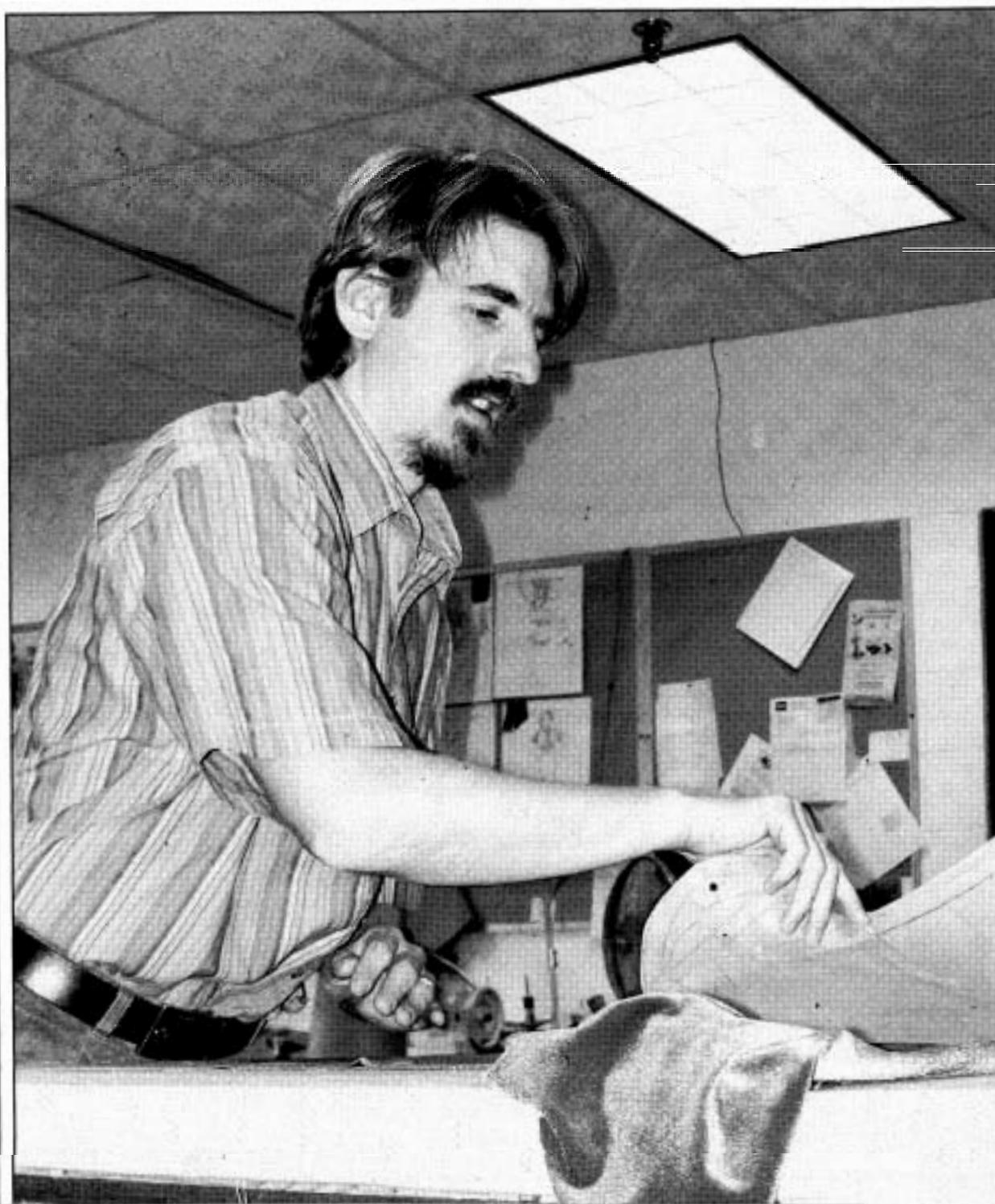
Justin Harris stood in front of the group of students holding up 2 golf clubs, a putter and a 9-iron, asking which one he should use if he was a football field away from the green.

The group of students was attending a Campus Outreach meeting and the answer to the question was clear. The purpose is obvious because of the design.

Harris, the college minister from Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, was a guest speaker for the group's weekly meeting, Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. in the Jack Hopper Dining Hall. He encouraged the students to consider what their design told them about their purpose, referencing Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in His own image..."

But don't think that students sit and listen to a different speaker every week. Many Wednesday nights are dedicated to discussion groups. A speaker will give a quick 5-minute overview of a topic. Students then break up into small groups to discuss the topic and what the Bible says about it.

Other nights are simply



Traynor, Blades join drama dept.

By: Charity Jones
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

It's hardly a secret that drama is a fiercely competitive field, and while we should all be proud for the men and women that do make it to the stage, it is easy to forget the people who work backstage. JSU's two newest faculty members, both former students, have first-hand knowledge of just how grueling the work behind the scenes can be.

"I started drama and theatre in high school, and carried on with it through college. So the decision wasn't so much whether or not to do theatre, but was more about which area I wanted to go into," said Randall Blades, teacher and director of costume design for the JSU Drama Department.

He worked as an actor and set designer before he moved on to costume creation and design. Later, he worked with the Atlanta Opera and in the costume shop in the movie *Drumline*.

Whether it's piecing together an outfit from outdated clothes and acces-

sory items, such as the upcoming musical "Crazy for You," has quite a bit of experience under his belt.

He worked as the artistic director for "Storybook Theatre," a children's production company in North Carolina that performed at JSU summer shows.

He is currently teaching Intro to Theatre and working on implementing a children's theatre program at the school.

Unlike Blades, Traynor said he had no idea he had a talent, or even a passion really for theatre until he took a college speech class with Dr. Steven Whitton.

Dr. Whitton recommended he audition for the upcoming play "The Rainmaker". Traynor was cast, fell in love with drama, and changed his major from pre-med to fine arts.

In his 20 years in professional theatre Traynor has had to work hanging lights, sweeping floors, striking sets, acting, directing, writing and stage managing as well as directing the music.

Having worked as hard as he has, Traynor has one

...other things are simply social nights with food and games.

Unlike many other college ministries, Campus Outreach is small-group oriented. Their focus is life-on-life discipleship.

Seth Terrell, one of the on-campus staff members at JSU, said that their purpose is to "grow and divide." The group wants to stay small.

Small is definitely a relative term. The Wednesday night group is large enough visitors don't feel like outsiders yet small enough that regular attendees know who the visitors are and know that they need to know what's going on.

Terrell described the weekly meetings as "real informal" with a "coffee-house atmosphere." He also said, "basically any denomination is welcome." Their main purpose is "to build Christ-like laborers, on the campus, for the world."

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Photo By: Jennifer Bacchus

A new teacher and costume designer for the JSU drama department, Randall Blades, builds costumes for the upcoming musical "Crazy For You."

...together in their own dated clothes and accessories, or designing something completely new, the costume creators and designers are every bit as essential to a show as the actors who wear their creations.

Eric Traynor, who synthesizes and directs music for JSU Drama Department pro-

...having worked as much as he has, Traynor has one piece of advice for aspiring drama majors: "Learn everything you possibly can while you're in the university...so that when you go to work somewhere you make yourself invaluable."

Political science, graduate studies find new homes

By Patricia Mantooth
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

It's been seven years for the Department of Political Science and four years for the College of Graduate Studies since they were literally crammed into Curtiss Hall. The professors have been making quick trips across campus with seconds to spare before their next classes begin.

Both departments were able to put up that "We're Moving" sign during the fourth week of January, however.

The College of Graduate Studies and the Poli-Sci Department packed their strewn

paper work and office supplies, much of which had been packed into their cars, and headed to their new homes. As of January 23, 2006, the College of Graduate Studies inhabits the third floor of Bibb Graves Hall. The Department of Political Science moved to the second floor of Brewer Hall on Tuesday, January 24.

"It was hectic for the students because they couldn't easily get in contact with the teachers, and it was hectic for the professors to have to drag books back and forth," said Rita Downing of the political science department.

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Photo By: Patricia Mantooth

Denise Davis, secretary of the graduate studies department of JSU in her new office on the third floor of Bibb Graves. The department moved there last Monday.

Senate minutes

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Higher Ed Day:

"It's one of the biggest things we do," said Vice President of the Student Senate Justin Lord concerning Higher Education Day. On Thursday, March 2, students from publicly funded universities and junior colleges in Alabama will go to Montgomery to lobby for money allocated to higher education.

Applications to attend are available from every instructor and in the Office of Student Life, room 402, Theron Montgomery Building.

Basketball Bucks:

At tonight's basketball games the organization with the most members in attendance will win a \$500 cash prize.

Student Bill 69:

Student bill 69 passed unanimously at Monday's SGA Senate meeting. The bill provided for two poll workers who must be present in order for the polls to stay open during any school election.

Allocations:

Allocations open on February 2 for any organization seeking funds.

Mr. and Miss JSU and Friendly:

Applications for both are due by February 16 in the Office of Student Life.

Blood Drive:

There will be a blood drive on February 8 and 9 in the Leone Cole Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ambassadors:

On Feb. 1, applications for JSU Ambassadors became available at the Visitor's Center and are due March 1 by 4:30 p.m.

Black History Month:

The SGA will be hosting several events to commemorate Black History Month. There will be a Hollywood showdown game show on Feb. 15, a showing of "The Gospel" on Feb. 21, and a soul food dinner including a night of music on Feb. 23.

For more info:

For more information about SGA events visit the Office of Student Life. Senate meetings are held every Monday at 6 p.m. room 301 TMB.

Meehan lobbies for change

JSU president hopes to net \$5.3 million from legislature

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"It's what presidents do all the time," said Dr. William Meehan, president of Jacksonville State University, concerning lobbying for state funding.

Governor Bob Riley (R) has proposed a bill to allocate \$500 million to all state-funded Alabama schools. The amount of money designated for each school was announced during last week's session.

\$5.3 million has been earmarked for JSU.

Dr. Meehan's main purpose in Montgomery is to urge legislators to support this bill. He was at the capital last week and will contin-

ue to make weekly trips to campaign for this bill.

The revenue will be used for academic purposes, such as new computers and educational buildings. It cannot be used for dormitories or athletics.

Specifically, the money could be used for the new music building that JSU is hoping to build at McClellan. JSU's allotment could also be used to expand the College of Education.

"It's all politics," said Jack Hopper, assistant to the Dr. Meehan.

There is currently a debate between the Democratic and Republican Parties concerning this bill.

Democrats question if

there is actually \$500 million available. They also question if the available money comes from the rainy day fund or the education trust fund.

Since this is an election year, this bill can directly affect the outcome of the upcoming election.

"There has been no state money awarded since I have been here," said Dr. Meehan. All new buildings and improvements to the campus have been funded through the JSU Foundation.

"It is very unusual for the education trust fund to have a \$1 billion plus excess," said Hopper, "Jacksonville State would welcome it with open arms."

Meehan's wishes

- New computers
- Building maintenance
- New music building
- Expand art department
- Add on to college of education

State house considers emasculation

Drastic measure proposed for convicted child molesters

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A bill that mandates the surgical castration of sex offenders above the age of 21 who sexually offend minors 12 years of age or younger is currently being reviewed by the Alabama State Legislature. After the first reading before the entire House of Representatives, it was sent to the Judiciary Committee for review. Since the Judiciary Committee handles more bills than any other committee, this bill has not been discussed.

"The main goal is to make sure that the bill does not violate the constitution as being cruel and unusual," said Judiciary Committee Chair Marcel Black.

This bill, House Bill 3, was spawned from a bill last session that would have required mandatory tracking devices in certain criminals.

"With a tracking device you can see where criminals are, but not what they are doing," said Rep. Steve Hurst.

After the bill failed, Hurst said that he would sponsor this new bill to attain a more strenuous punishment for sexual misconduct. A visit from foster care representatives also affected his decision.

Every year, legislators care for life-like dolls for a week, so they can experience a small part of being a foster parent. After the dolls are returned to the foster care program, legislators are left with a picture of their doll to remind them of the importance of the government's support of foster care.

From this visit, Hurst was also left with a story about a two-year old boy who was sexually assaulted by his stepfather. The child had to have repeated surgeries and treatment to correct the damage.

"How more inhumane can you



be?" said Hurst, referring to the offender.

Hurst did say that some psychologists believe that castration will not stop all occurrences of sex offenses toward small children, but it will deter them.

"Somebody needs to do something to protect them [the children]," Hurst added.

The bill states that castration would take place only when a person is convicted of "certain" sex offenses. Black said that the definition of "certain" would be clarified during committee meetings. Hurst defined "certain" as any sexual offense that is committed towards a minor 12 years of age or younger.

The bill also states that the adult sex offender must also pay

for his own emasculation, occurring during incarceration. The Department of Corrections will determine the facilities and physicians to be used.

Hurst hopes that the bill will be passed so that the effectiveness can be tested. The test would require a sex offender to volunteer for castration in exchange for an early release from prison.

After the Judiciary Committee evaluates the bill, it can be sent back to the floor, amended, sent to a sub-committee or rejected.

In the past, the federal court has struck down similar bills, but Hurst wants to pursue the passage of this bill in Alabama so that it will continue to go before the federal court.

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BCM: Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Alpha Omicron Pi: Good Luck to our intramurals - ya'll are doing a great job. We are excited about our new girls and we hope that everyone has a great week!
Contact: Meredith Harvey at merharvey@aol.com

ISO: International Student Organization (ISO) offers three \$1,000.00 scholarships to international students on the Jacksonville State University campus.
Contact: Zorka Kujovic: internationalstudentorganization@yahoo.com

SGA: The Office of Student Life is looking for energetic and dedicated JSU students to be a part of Leadershape 2006. Applications are available in the Office of Student Life and will be due March 31.
Contact: Emily Williams at 782-5493

Freshman Forum:
We are taking any used cell phones and chargers for our annual Project Valentine which helps organ transplant patients in need. Please bring them to the Office of Student Life by Feb. 27. Thanks!
Contact: Office of Student Life at 782-5491

ECE: The ECE will be offered on Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and Wed., February 22 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Online registration opens Jan. 25 and closes February 15. Workshops will be held Monday, Feb. 13 and Tuesday, Feb. 14.
Contact: Mrs. Sellers at 782-5512

Ayers Lecture: The 2006 Ayers Lecture will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. The featured speaker is Alberto Ibarguen, the former publisher of the Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald. The lecture is open to the public.

Phi Eta Sigma:
Seventy or more \$1,000 awards and thirty-one \$3,000 scholarships are available nationally to members of Phi Eta Sigma for undergraduate study. Five \$5,000 scholarships are available nationally for graduate study. Local deadline is February 21.
Contact: Rhonda Kilgo 782-8247 for applications and questions.

SPJ:
Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 7

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 4:00 in the Chanticleer Office, Self Hall room 180.
 Contact: Angela Reid at 782-8191 or spjatjsu@yahoo.com.

NSSE:
 The National Survey of Student Engagement will soon be available for freshmen and seniors to take the 15 minute survey. Participants will be automatically entered into a drawing for an iPod or a JSU backpack.
 Contact: Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at 782-8144.

Softball Fan Day:
 Feb. 12 from 2-4 p.m. at University Field. Games and prizes may be won by those in attendance.

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CAMPUS CRIME

January 24 -
 Criminal mischief was reported at the Jack Hopper Dining Hall parking lot. The possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana was reported at Sparkman Hall.
January 25 -
 Sherrie Michelle Anderson was arrested for the possession and eradication of marijuana at Salls Hall.
January 26 -
 Quintina Deann Tolbert was arrested for criminal mischief at Sparkman Hall.
January 27 -
 Criminal trespassing was reported at Sparkman Hall.
January 29 -
 A vehicle fire was reported at the Houston Cole Library parking lot.
January 30 -
 Disorderly conduct was reported at Fitzpatrick Hall.
January 31 -
 Criminal mischief was reported at Fitzpatrick Hall.
 The theft of a 24-speed bicycle valued at \$300 was reported at Crowe Hall.

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

Homes:
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She said that some of the professors were forced to almost live out of their cars to keep up with office supplies and paper work.

Dr. Jean Pugliese, the Associate Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, said that things seemed more organized and it was "better that professors did not have to travel and carpool across campus."

"The move has not affected me personally, yet, but I know it's a positive change for the graduates to be able to reach their professors and for Curtiss Hall to be opening back into a dorm," said Allison Inglis, a

Outreach:
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Weekly meetings aren't the only things on the Campus Outreach schedule. Their two other events of the year are the Summer Beach Project and Christmas Conference.

The Summer Beach Project sends college student to Panama City for 10 weeks during the summer. They live in one hotel and work 40 hours a week. They also study the Bible, share their faith, meet in discipleship groups and receive theological teaching.

"It's one of the greatest training opportunities available to college students," said Terrell.

The Christmas Conference includes a five days trip and a speaker. The trip is planned for college students, not a youth group. Terrell describes the conference as "five days for someone to get away and evaluate their relationship with the Lord, then focus on it."

For more information visit www.campusoutreach.org or e-mail sethtterrell@campusoutreach.org.

Girls can contact Traci Mathews at tmathews@campusoutreach.org.

first year graduate student. Though the move caused a little disturbance to their schedules, both the College of Graduate Studies and the Political Science Department are grateful to have their own homes. This was the most important factor, according to Dr. Ralph Veasey of the Political Science Department who commented, "We just needed a place to call home."

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REVIEWS

System of a Down—Hypnotize

By Clifford Webb
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

System of a Down is a band that breaks with all convention.

This group of Armenian Americans, after more than four years, followed up their critically acclaimed album, "Toxicity," with a double album.

Most bands wouldn't have a fan base to release one album after such a long wait, let alone two.

Instead of releasing the album as a whole, it came out in two installments, the first, *Mesmerize*, took you through an epic labyrinth of dark poetry, vicious political honesty, musical satire and more catchy hooks than you could shake a pick at.

The second installment, *Hypnotize*, finishes what *Mesmerize* began, literally. The first song of the first album is an intro to the last song of the latest addition. The two CD cases also fit together to create a double disk.

There are very few bands, throughout history, with such an attention to detail.

Years after the critics told us heavy music could plumb no new depths, SOAD weaves razor-edged time ges and Armenian folk progressions into 80's heavy metal and Flamenco riffs with some of the best vocals in the business.

Serj, the lead singer, serves up more of his Tenor surgical strikes while the

guitarist, Daron, does quite a bit of harmonizing, even taking the lead on occasion.

I need to stop here and say that, perhaps Daron opens his mouth a bit too

Holy Mountains gives us the line, "Someone's blank stare deemed it warfare."

SOAD is timeless and timely at the same time. The title song, *Hypnotize*, sums up SOAD's views in one line, "Why don't you ask the kids at Tianenmen square was fashion the reason why they were there?"

The album contains twelve tracks and a DVD on side B with studio commentary and two music videos.

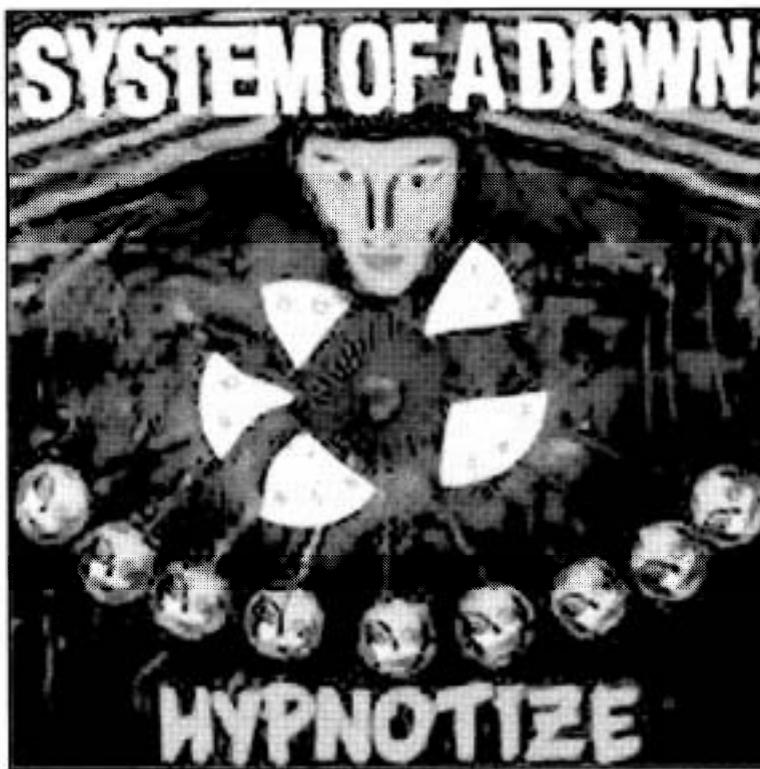
All of the paper in the CD case, including the booklet, are printed on 10 percent tree-free hemp fibers and is 90 percent post-consumer waste.

SOAD's political activism doesn't stop there.

Named "Best Agitators" by Esquire magazine, these guys are working on getting the

U.S. House of Representatives to pass a bill in which America would officially acknowledge that Turkey caused the genocide of 1.5 million Armenians from 1915-1923. This would allow for the perpetrators to be brought to justice.

If you liked *Toxicity*, then *Hypnotize*, will be just as satisfying while exploring new ground musically and lyrically.



much, but this does little to diminish the overall quality of the album.

This band is so versatile and the music so richly layered, that it is appropriate to say, if you don't like a song, wait thirty seconds.

There are many powerful songs on *Hypnotize*.

On *Vicinity of Obscenity*, a strange and catchy song, the harmonies of the chorus sound like a two-throated demon howling from the abyss.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT IS THE BEST PICK-UP LINE YOU'VE EVER HEARD?



Daniel Weeks
Senior

(trihling screw)
"Wanna screw?"
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Michael Williams
Freshman

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Tennessee. 'Cuz you're
the only 10 I see."



Mardracus Russell
Senior

"Why ya'll looking?"



Ted "Jughead" Hunt
Senior

"I saw you staring at me. No, you were watching me like I was a piece of meat. At first, it offended me. I have eyes and a brain, too. But I just blew it off, thinking you just wanted a picture or something. Then you kept looking, so I figured I'd come over here and tell you exactly what's up."



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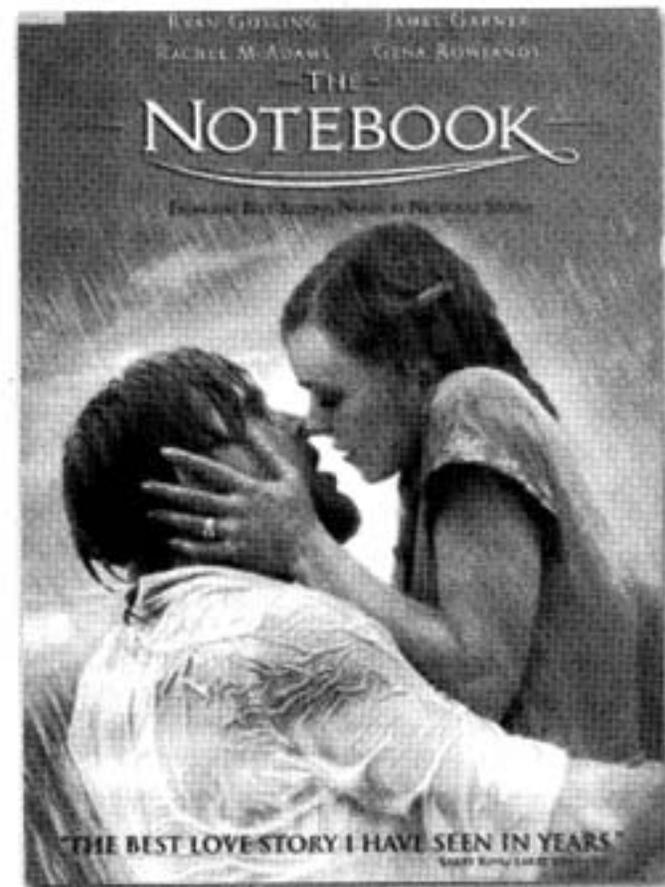
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FEATURES

A Beautiful Country

By **Eddie Burkhalter**
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

It was midnight in Kazakhstan as Farshad Makaripoor sent off the last of 50 e-mail inquires to universities across the United States. He had been in Kazakhstan for a year, teaching economics and management at Kazakh-American University, but things weren't going well for him.

Forty-five minutes later, Jacksonville State University responded and he began the long journey to our campus.

His home lay south, in Iran's capitol city, Tehran. He had grown up there. But he couldn't live there anymore.

Farshad is a writer, a very dangerous occupation in a country where journalists are arrested almost daily. It was his writing that drew the unwanted attention of the Islamic dictatorship in Iran, forcing him to leave the country he loves.

As a child, Farshad read constantly. Fueled by his brothers' gifts of books, his love of literature grew and he began to write his own short stories. At the age of 16, he published his first story in a magazine.

"And it was great!" he said, of seeing his thoughts printed in ink.

In 1994, at the age of 18, he passed the college entrance exam. Not an easy task, considering only approximately 200,000 of the yearly 1.5 million who take the exam score high enough to be accepted.

He worked hard in school, studying insurance management, and in 1998 he received his diploma from Allameh Tabatabaee University.

That same year he entered into the masters program at his university.

During his second semester, on

but for 10, 12, 14 years," he said.

Articles he'd written were causing problems for him, so in 2004 he left for

Kazakhstan, hoping to write without fear of retribution.

He began teaching economics and management at Kazakh-American University, but again, he found himself without a voice. He was told not to write anything against the Iranian government, for fear it would jeopardize relations between the two countries.

To Farshad, being a writer means speaking your mind.

"When you tell a writer he can't write about something, he'll only want to write about it more," he said.

He thinks JSU responded so quickly to his e-mail because midnight in Kazakhstan is noon in Alabama. Maybe it was fate or just a late lunch for the person on the other end of his request. Whatever the reason, he decided to try and get a visa.

He wasn't sure if he'd be allowed into the United States. Being Iranian raises flags in the U.S. since 9/11, and



Left: In July 1999, protesting students clashed violently with Islamic regime forces in the Iranian capitol, Tehran. Courtesy of www.daneshjoo.org

Below: Farshad playing pool with the English Language Institute after coming to Jacksonville State University. Courtesy of Alan Webb/ELI



Language Institute at JSU.

He began studying for his Masters of Public Administration this fall and plans on playing a political role in the future Iran. He suspects the present Iranian government won't last much longer.

He also said his fears about Americans' attitudes towards Iranians were unwarranted. Everyone has been great, and cares more about what he's here to do than where he's

from.

He continues to write, working as a student reporter for the JSU news bureau, and has published an article in the *Anniston Star*.

He talks almost daily to friends in Iran, telling them the truth about Americans.

"Iran is a beautiful country," he said.

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Crawlers

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Monday Feb. 6, 2006

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Elephantmen

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Keating

Wednesday Feb. 8, 2006

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Heavies/ Overhead

Workplay

Thursday Feb. 2, 2006

Brandi Carlisle

During his second semester, on July 9, 1999, students began a demonstration. It would be known as TIR 18th.

For five days they took to the streets to show the world their contempt for the Islamic dictatorship that ruled over them.

"It was great, because for the first time we could openly express our feelings, out in the streets," he said.

"Most typical Middle Easterners...love Americans and all things American, i.e. culture, music, lifestyle, wealth, etc., but disagree with American policy in the area," said Dr. Richard Dobbs, who teaches a class on the history of the modern middle east at JSU.

He added that having both traveled and lived in the Middle East, when meeting an Arab, "one of the first questions I've gotten, even before 9/11, is 'Why do you, meaning Americans, hate us so much?'"

For the students demonstrating in the streets, the joy was short-lived. Police moved in, storming the dormitories at the University of Tehran, beating them, pushing one student off the roof to his death and arresting 10 of the demonstration leaders. Police confiscated film footage of the demonstration and a list was made of the student dissidents.

Farshad's name made the list.

Farshad was forced to leave the masters program and told he couldn't re-enter for 10 years.

"I didn't have anything to do, so I was writing for newspapers and magazines, especially student newspapers," he said.

He remained in Iran for the next five years, writing within the strict context allowed by his government. But it wasn't enough for him. His work became frustrating and unfulfilling.

"If you want to be a successful writer, or artist (in Iran), you must think as the government thinks," Farshad said.

Journalists in Iran were being arrested in increasing numbers.

"Not just for two or three months,

U.S. since 9/11, and his mother worried about what could happen to him here. They had no idea how Americans would treat an Iranian.

"In my country we have just five television stations, and they only show the 20 percent that agree with the Iranian government," he said.

His mother worried that Americans didn't know how Iranians actually felt about the United States. The media tends to portray Iranians as American flag-burning, AK-47 toting, religious fanatics and while there are some, Farshad insists they aren't the majority.

He plans to change that way of thinking.

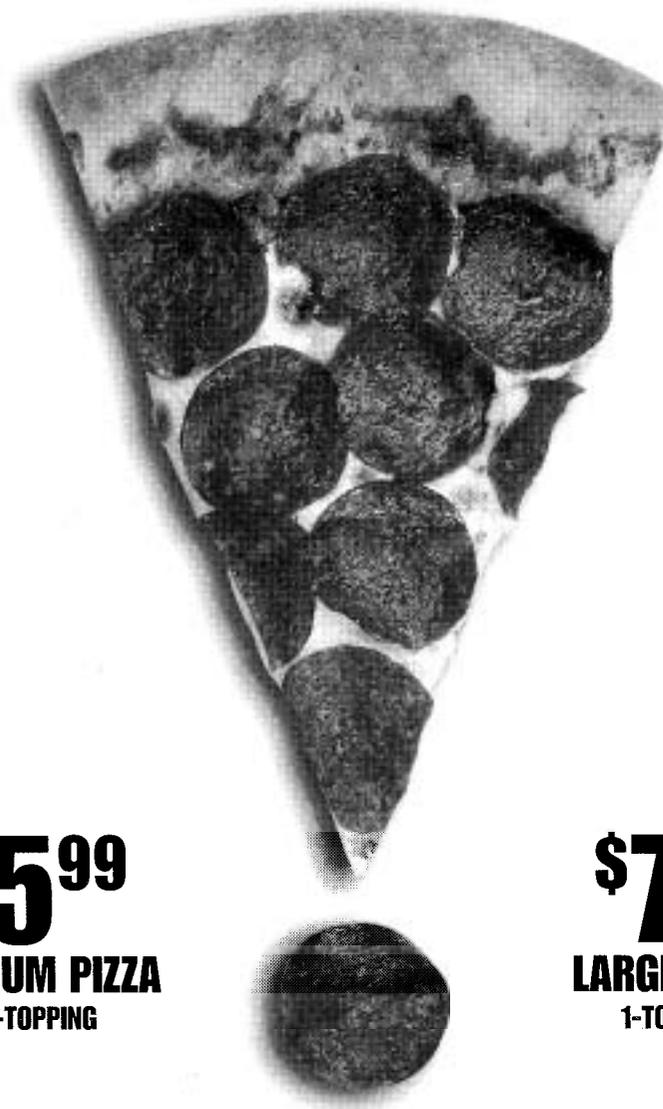
"My first goal is to learn to write about politics in English and tell the world the facts, that 80 percent of Iranians don't like their government, but they can't do anything about it."

Iran is all over the news these days. The threat of future nuclear capabilities is looming in the distance and many worry that a military action may soon be necessary, something that worries Farshad.

"If Iran's government gets nuclear weapons, we will have several more Sept. 11," said Farshad.

Last semester, Farshad finished his studies at the English

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Finding their 'identity'



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Sophomore Courtney Slaughter goes up for two against UT-Martin on Saturday. Slaughter scored 13 points in 24 minutes of play.

Gamecocks have record-setting weekend

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Kendra Wise surpassed

Jones, adding that Watts received third place at the meet because of two unattached runners with faster

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

"A question I asked them was 'What's our identity on offense,'" JSU coach Dave Dagostino said. "They know it. They know it. Transition. We move the ball well. We share the ball. Very good passing, very good shooting. What's our identity on defense? Dead silence."

Jacksonville State's women's basketball team has finally found something they've been looking for all season long.

A defensive identity.

That identity has taken them from the nine game losing streak two weeks ago to winning four of their last five, including a 73-52 victory over Austin Peay on January 26 and a decisive 84-55 win against UT-Martin this past Saturday.

The numbers don't lie. During the recent nine-game losing streak, the Gamecocks gave up an average of 76.4 points a game. In the last five games, four of which were wins, opponents averaged 63.4 points per game.

Austin Peay kept the game close through the first four minutes, but Jacksonville State's defense held the Lady Gobs to only 12 points through the first 13 minutes of play and a dismal 42 percent shooting in the first half.

By halftime, Austin Peay was on the wrong end of an eight-point deficit.

It only got worse from there.

The Lady Gobs trimmed the lead to as little as five, but with under ten minutes left to play and a six-point lead, the Gamecock defense answered the question of their identity.

With a 50-44 lead, JSU went on a 14-0 run, pressuring Austin Peay into turning the

ball over seven times in a five minute span and only allowing eight points during the final 9:49. Austin Peay's Ashley Haynes, the OVC's fifth leading scorer, was held to 10 points.

Offensively, four Gamecocks were in double-digits with freshman Ashley Boykin leading all scorers with 19. Boykin's performance over the weekend earned OVC Freshman of the Week honors.

Courtney Slaughter contributed 16 while seniors Rebecca Haynes and Ann-Marie Healy each had 12.

Tennessee-Martin got an early lead on JSU this past Saturday. It lasted fifteen seconds.

The Gamecocks once again shut down their opponents' leading scorer.

Andreika Jackson, who ranks seventh in the OVC in scoring, was held to one point through the first half of play while JSU built a 42-29 lead.

"It was a very, very clear statement," Dagostino said. "The kids came out with an agenda. I thought the first half was solid. I thought we allowed them to hang around a little bit. We came up empty on a couple of possessions that we normally execute on, but they came out in the second half riled up in the locker room."

Five Gamecocks scored in double digits, led by Haynes with 21 points. Boykin closed out her award-winning weekend with 18.

The Gamecocks (6-13, 4-8 OVC) left no reason to doubt their defense midway through the second half.

With 11:32 to play, the Gamecocks blew the Skyhawks out of the air.

Rebecca Haynes hit a 3-pointer, making the score 64-42 and started an 18-5 run that chewed up almost eight minutes.

'Swinging' into action

By Liz Hendricks
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Gamecock tennis kicks off their home opener tomorrow against the Senators from Auburn-Montgomery. The match gets underway at 1:30 pm on the JSU tennis courts beside Pete Mathews Coliseum.

from Ecuador played in his first conference tournament last year.

"As a freshman I wasn't very sure of how important winning conference was until that moment," says Amores. "After winning it was unbelievable."

"The fact that we lost four players doesn't mean that we have had players. We are all

Now, Dagostino is convinced his team knows who they are on defense.

"Every dribble, pass, shot and cut is gonna be met with resistance from the time they in-bound the basketball to the time they enter the 15-foot area."

Tennessee State felt the wrath of Jacksonville State's new found identity Monday night in Nashville.

The ladies set a school record with 13 blocked shots as JSU annihilated the Tigers 82-47.

Haynes came off the bench to record her third double-double of the season with 23 points and 12 boards while Healy finished with 12 points and seven blocks. That was the third most by a single player in school history.

The Gamecocks will look to continue their impressive defensive stand tonight at Pete Mathews Coliseum against Eastern Illinois. The game starts at 5:00 and can be heard on WLJS, 91.9 FM.

OVC Standings

	OVC	Overall
Tennessee Tech	10-3	14-6
Southeast Missouri	10-3	13-7
Samford	9-4	14-6
Eastern Illinois	8-4	9-11
Austin Peay	6-6	9-10
Murray State	6-6	7-12
Morehead State	5-7	10-9
Eastern Kentucky	5-7	5-14
JSU	5-8	7-13
UT-Martin	4-8	6-13
Tennessee State	0-12	0-19

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Kendra Wise surpassed Jacksonville State's 20 lb. weight throw record of 34 feet, which she set a week earlier, by more than eight feet on Sunday at the Tennessee State Invitational.

Wise's weight throw and her 33'3" shot put were two of the six school records broken by the women during the meet.

The team has broken seven total records this season.

Sophomore Asha Gibson finished the preliminary race with a time of 7.30 seconds, enough to qualify for the final round and beat teammate Andrea Arnaud's record from last year.

"Most had a really good meet. A lot of people stepped up," said Pristina Jones, assistant coach.

The distance medley team of Stephanie Jones, Sarah Caine, Lesley Binning and Latosha Taliaferro nailed their event, finishing 5.7 seconds ahead of their closest competitor, Tennessee State.

"The distance medley ran so good. They all got plaques for winning," said Jones. "It was so funny because they were so excited."

Stephanie Watts earned a third place plaque for her 59.39 finish in the 400-meter dash.

"She got fifth overall," said

two and three times. "She ran a really strong race."

Lesley Binning and Sarah Caine placed second and third respectively in the 3,000 meter run. Binning's 10:33.23 time topped Caine's 10:36.03 school record set last year.

Freshman Nolinda Garner squeaked into the JSU record books, beating Amber Hardy's 2004 record of 8.68 in the 55 meter hurdle by .01 second.

Freshman Ebony Brisky swept past the JSU high jump record with her 5'5" leap, landing her in second place for the event.

This Saturday, the ladies travel to Sewanee, Tenn. for the Tiger Indoor Invite, which Jones says will be a tough meet and one that the team has a chance of winning.

But the girls will be missing their assistant coach.

Pristina Jones will be at her alma mater, North Central College in Naperville, Ill. The university is inducting her into their athletic hall of fame in honor of her collegiate track and field achievements.

"I know my phone's going to be ringing off the hook," she said, explaining that the girls promised to call her after every event.

Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Freshman Scott Robertson from Australia is ready for the season to start.

"I just want to get a few wins under my belt, play some good tennis, and win conference," he says.

Vedran Sirola, Rodney Rapson, Kieran Ricci, and Arturo Nieto led the men's team to victory in the OVC Championship Tennis Match last season.

Sirola, Ricci, and Rapson were named to the All-OVC Team for their accomplishments, leaving young players like Bernardo Bachino and Robertson with big shoes to fill.

"It's going to be a huge loss," says head coach Steve Bailey, "But the young guys are talented."

The men have a difficult schedule at the start of the season, coming up against tough opponents like Auburn-Montgomery, Georgia State, Belmont and Samford. Coach Bailey is confident that the hard schedule will result in end-of-the-season wins.

"Everyone is working really hard," says senior Christian Rybertt. "There's going to be the surprise factor because no one is expecting us to be there [OVC Tournament], but we are going to be there, and they better be careful."

Coach Bailey says the men's team will be viewed as underdogs this season, but that doesn't bother the team one bit. He says it's fun in a way because there is no pressure.

Sophomore Andres Amores

players doesn't mean that we have bad players. We are all willing to work very hard to win. There is a good atmosphere to workout and play tennis. As for the team, I think we are going to win it again."

The lady Gamecocks are also a young team, but held together by experienced players like senior Michelle Dushner from Savannah, Georgia and junior Erin Higgs from Houston, Texas.

"It's going to be tough for the newcomers," says Higgs. "We have a lot of new freshman."

Coach Bailey looks to the experienced players to lead the team. He says the freshmen are talented, they just need experience.

Last year the lady Gamecocks finished sixth out of eleven teams. Coach Bailey expects the lady's to improve their standing this year.

"The girls could be a surprise," he says. "This team's got a chance. They're hard workers. If we grow and the freshmen come around, we could be a very solid team."

After coaching at JSU for 25 years, Bailey says he is a simple coach. He doesn't set unrealistic or unnecessary goals for his team. Winning takes care of itself.

"You're either going to win or you're going to lose," says Bailey. "At the end of the ball game the score tells what's going on."

However, he does have a coaching philosophy which he places on all of his players.

First, they must be in great physical shape. And ladies, if

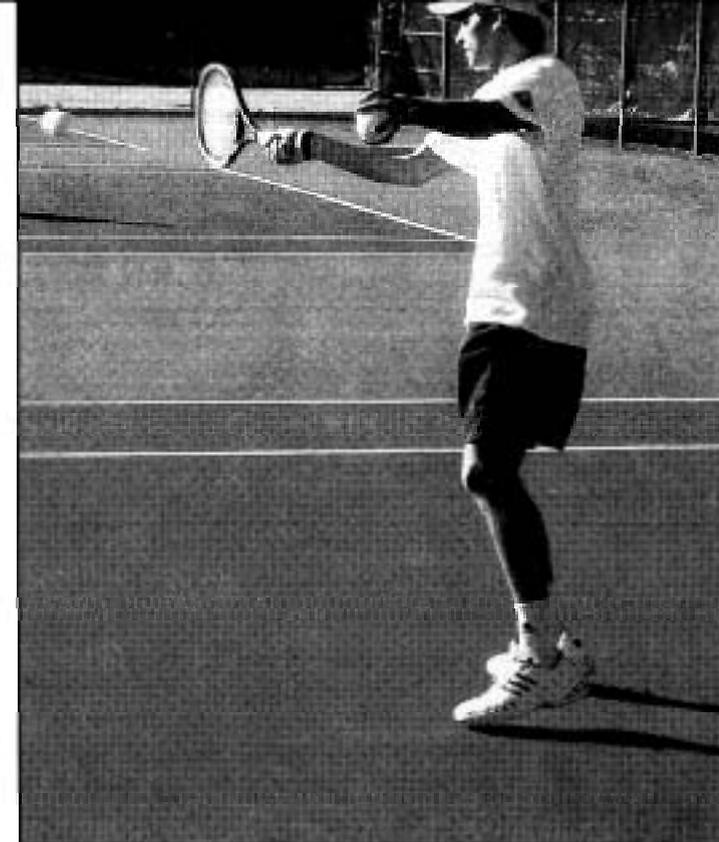


Photo By: Jennifer Bacchus

Senior Christian Rybertt and the rest of JSU's tennis team are anticipating another trip to the OVC Tournament.

you've ever seen the men's tennis team, you'll know that this is true.

On the court, they must be fundamentally sound and have a good team spirit. This includes supporting one another and having a good attitude.

Finally, they must play with class.

"If we do those four things, winning will take care of itself," says Bailey. "If we don't do that,

that's when I get upset."

The Gamecock tennis program not only exudes class and skill on the court, but also in the classroom. Last semester both teams had an average GPA of over 3.0.

"I find that if they're good in the classroom and they're committed to their grades, they'll be committed to the tennis courts," says Bailey. "It's a character thing."

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Letting it 'all hang out'

Free throws help men of JSU close out homestand

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Four games.

That's how many consecutive games JSU's Courtney Bradley has scored 20 points or more.

The junior from Utica, Miss., continued the success he had against Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State with a pair of double-doubles

JSU got 10 rebounds and a career-high 31 points from junior Courtney Bradley as the Gamecocks held off Austin Peay 91-86 on January 26.

Austin Peay found an early way to put JSU in a hole, keep point guard Walker D. Russell off the floor.

While Austin Peay jumped out to an early 13-3 lead, Russell, JSU's leading assist man, sat on the bench after recording his third foul.

Jacksonville State battled back, led by three consecutive buckets by Bradley to tie the game at 17 with just over ten minutes before the half.

From there, the Governors took control.

Austin Peay's Drake Reed's lay-up made it 35-24 with 4:03 left, but JSU would close the half out on a 10-5 run to cut the APSU lead to 39-34 at the break.

"All we were trying to do was stay within ten at the half. I almost put him [Russell] back in," JSU coach Mike LaPlante said. "We got down eleven. I said 'Shoot, I can't go down twenty. We won't come back down twenty.' He gets to the table and we get back-to-back buckets to knock it to seven. I said, 'Anything under ten I can deal with.'"

The Governors came out in the second half and pushed the lead to 53-39 with 15:04 left in the game. LaPlante had no choice but to attack Austin Peay's offense with the press.

"We said, 'We gotta let it all hang out right now. Walk D, if you pick up your fourth foul, you pick it up. We just gotta go after it.'"

The pressure yielded points immediately. With Russell back on the floor, the Gamecocks battled back with an 18-6 run over the next 4:33, capped by a series of three plays that tied the game and gave JSU momentum.

Bradley slapped the ball from Drake Reed's hands and followed it up with a dunk

From there, the lead would change hands 14 times before Russell buried a three with 1:10 left to give the Gamecocks the lead for good.

Spencer was the second highest scorer on the night with 24 points while Russell finished with 17 points despite only playing 25 minutes.

Jacksonville State got another 22 points and 12 rebounds from Bradley against UT-Martin, but it was the Gamecocks' work from the charity stripe that held off the Skyhawks 85-80 last Saturday.

UT-Martin kept JSU close; stopping the Gamecocks from pulling away on a long run, keeping the margin fewer than ten points the entire night.

JSU stretched the lead to as much as eight with 4:49 left in the half, but battled to keep the lead throughout the game.

With a 73-71 lead, UT-Martin began fouling, sending Gamecock after Gamecock to the line.

Russell, the OVC's best free throw shooter, found himself at the free-throw line with 34 seconds left. After sinking six consecutive free throws, Russell iced the game, giving Jacksonville State the win.

JSU's luck would run out Monday night as Tennessee State evened the season series with an 83-80 win over the Gamecocks.

Spencer led four JSU players in double-digits with 15 points, but a poor shooting night from the free throw line eventually killed the guys in red and white.



Photo By: Jennifer Bacchus

Anthony Wilson shoots one of his three 3-point attempts early in the game against UT-Martin.

SPORTS

JSU Rifle drops two straight

By Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The Jacksonville State University rifle team took a devastating blow with two losses this past weekend at the University of Tennessee-Martin Invitational and the 2006 Roger Withrow Invitational at Murray State University, respectively.

JSU took second place at UT-Martin with an aggregate score of 4626 behind Murray State-Gold, which had a score of 4638.

Junior Joseph Hall finished in second place with an air rifle score of 588, just two points shy of first place. He also took fourth place in smallbore with a score of 582.

After one upsetting loss, the Gamecocks packed their bags and traveled to Murray State University to take on more competition.

At Murray State, the Gamecocks tried to fight back and overcome their previous loss. They have only lost one match this season previous to Saturday's loss at UT-Martin.

All of the shooters for the Gamecocks were shooting below their season averages in either one or both events. Jacksonville State's Hall Brothers, James and Joseph, were JSU's leading scorers.

Joseph scored 585 in smallbore and 587 in air rifle while James scored 583 in smallbore and 582 in

air rifle. The brothers shot a total of 2337, over half of the Gamecocks total score. Joseph led the way for the Gamecocks claiming fourth place in smallbore and sixth place in air rifle.

The Gamecocks took fourth at MSU with an aggregate score of 4625 behind first place winner, University of Kentucky-Blue with 4667. This was the Gamecocks second straight loss and only the third this season.

The two matches that JSU competed in were invitationals, which have no bearing on conference or national rankings. They are open matches that are used as recruiting tools for the competing colleges to see high school seniors and to also see how they stand against other competing colleges at that point and time in the season.

The Gamecocks are looking ahead to some of the biggest matches in the season. They will compete in sectionals February 11, in Oxford, Miss. This will determine who from the Gamecock Rifle team will go to the NCAA Nationals in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the Olympic Training Facility.

The Ohio Valley Conference Tournament will be held on February 18 on the campus of UT-Martin. The Gamecocks are obvious favorites to win the conference tournament since finishing third in the nation last season.

OVC Standings

	OVC	Overall
Murray State	11-2	14-5
Samford	10-3	14-6
Tennessee Tech	10-4	15-7
Eastern Kentucky	7-5	10-10
Tennessee State	7-5	8-10
Austin Peay	7-6	12-10
JSU	7-6	9-10
UT-Martin	5-9	8-12
Eastern Illinois	4-9	5-14
Southeast Missouri	3-11	6-14

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to cut the lead to 4. Bradley finished the game with 31 points and 10 rebounds.

Russell and B.J. Spencer combined for back-to-back threes. Spencer tied the game at 59 with ten minutes to play.

Jacksonville State will be in action again tonight when it takes on Eastern Illinois at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Game time is at 7:30 and the game can be heard on WLJS, 91.9 FM.

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VERSACE

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

There are several reasons for the success the JSU men's basketball team has had of late.

One of them is the impressive streak Courtney Bradley has been on.

In the last four games, the 6'5" junior from Utica, Miss., is averaging 25.25 points per game. In that stretch, the Gamecocks are 3-1 and are climbing the ladder in the OVC standings.

After Saturday's win over UT-Martin, *The Chanticleer* got the chance to go one-on-one with Courtney Bradley and learned that one of the newest additions to the team is just living out a dream.

CS: Why did you decide to come to JSU after junior college?

Bradley: You want to know the truth?

CS: Yeah.

Bradley: Well, I had a couple schools that I was visiting that were holding scholarships for everybody. My intention was to go to Tennessee-Chattanooga, but once I was getting ready to go on a visit, they called me and said they were holding a scholarship for someone else and I'd have to walk on. Southeast Louisiana told me the same thing, so instead of going through a **hassle**, I fig-

ured Jacksonville State was the place. I just think everything happened for a reason.

CS: What's in your CD player?

Bradley: The Canton Spirituals.

CS: I never would have guessed that.

Bradley: I really don't listen to rap before a game. I feel like if I listen to something slow, it really mellows me out. It'll make you focus on what you're doing instead of just playing.

CS: What's your favorite quote?

Bradley: Impossible is nothing.

CS: What's your favorite movie?

Bradley: Joy Unlimited. That's everything. It gets me in that frame of mind, that dominate mind.

CS: What are you afraid of?

Bradley: Failing.

CS: Anything else besides that?

Bradley: God.

CS: What did you want to be when you were a kid?

Bradley: I always wanted to



Bradley

play in the NBA.

CS: What's your favorite sport, besides basketball?

Bradley: Baseball.

CS: Who's your team?

Bradley: Ken Griffey, Jr. got traded to the Cincinnati Reds. I like Ken Griffey, Jr.

CS: That's like me. I follow Curt Schilling wherever he goes.

CS: What's your most embarrassing moment on the court?

Bradley: I got dunked on in JUCO.

CS: How bad?

Bradley: He back cut me. I thought I had the lob. They threw the lob low, he just like, took it out of my hands and dunked on me. That was embarrassing.

CS: What's your most memorable moment?

Bradley: Scoring 43 points.

CS: Finish this sentence. If I wasn't playing basketball, I'd...

Bradley: I'd probably be at the crib.

CS: What's your favorite aspect of the game of basketball?

Bradley: Scoring.

CS: What's the best class you've had at JSU?

Bradley: Criminology.

CS: What's your weakness on the court?

Bradley: To me, it's lack of size. I don't play defense for forty minutes. I feel like if I was taller and a little bit more efficient on the defensive end, I'd be a whole lot better.

CS: When you're not on the court and you're not studying, what do you like to do?

Bradley: Sleep.

Courtney Bradley and the rest of JSU basketball will look to continue their winning ways tonight in the friendly atmosphere of Pete Mathews Coliseum against Eastern Illinois at 7:30.

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