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Jurassic-sized exhibit at Anniston museum

A T. Rex Named Sue

September 22, 2007 – January 6, 2008
Anniston Museum of Natural History

Monday – Thursday: 9am-5pm
Friday, Saturday: 9am-8pm
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Adults \$8.00
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By Chris Pittman
Web Editor

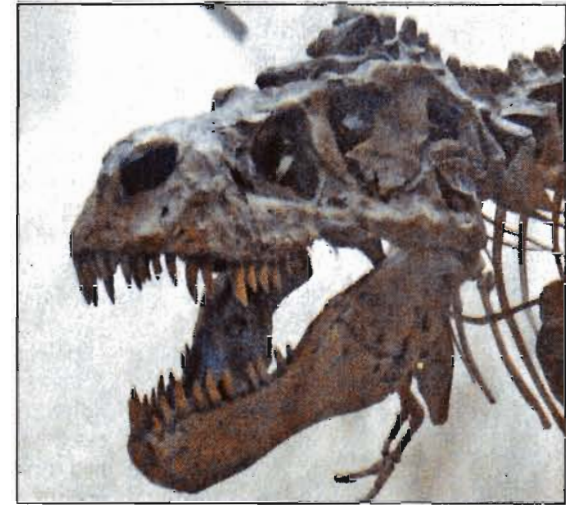
"A T. Rex Named Sue" is newest exhibit at the Anniston Museum of Natural History, which will open to the public on Sept. 22 and will last until Jan. 6th, 2008.

The Sue model at the Anniston Museum is a full-sized cast model of the original, which can be found at the Field Museum in Chicago. Standing at 13 feet high and 42 feet in length, the dinosaur has an age

estimated between 65.5 and 67 million years old.

The original Sue was found near Faith, South Dakota, in August of 1990 by paleontologist Sue Hendrickson. The dinosaur model is the largest, most complete and best preserved T. rex ever found, according to the Field Museum's Web site.

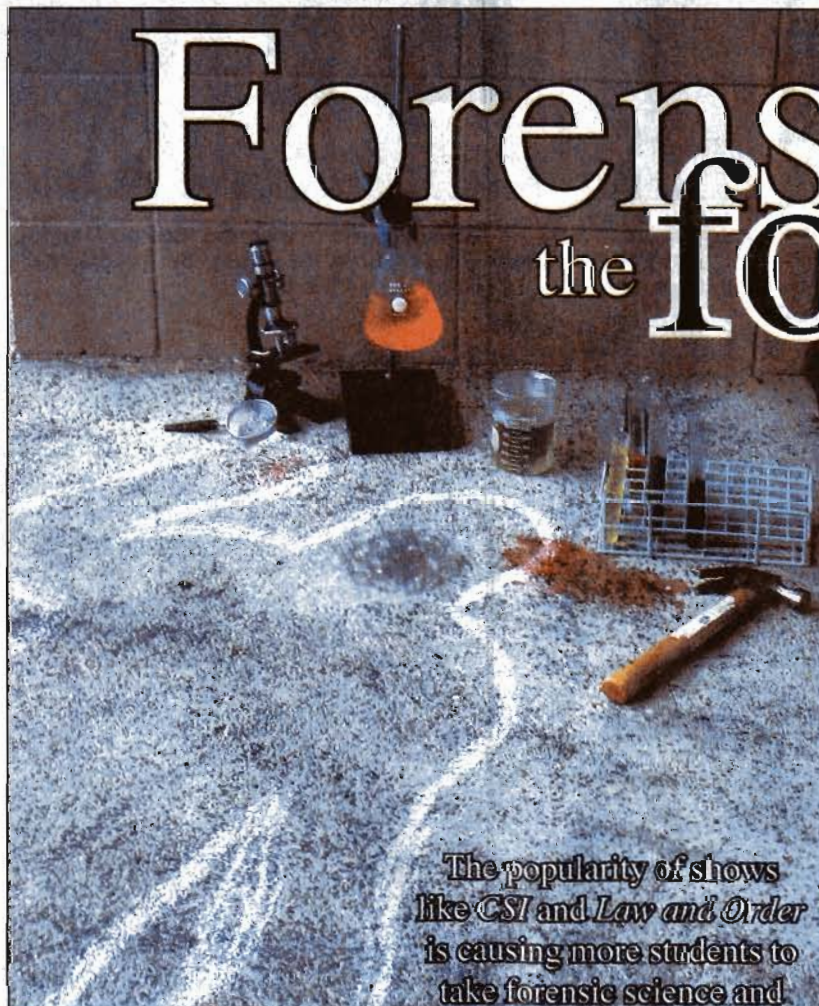
"This is a chance of a lifetime for people to see an exhibit of this magnitude," Executive Di-



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Sue opens to the public on Sat., Sept. 22. Photo by Brandon Hollingsworth / *The Chanticleer*

Forensics to the fore



The popularity of shows like *CSI* and *Law and Order* is causing more students to take forensic science and

By Brandon Hollingsworth
News Editor

For 22-year-old Stacy Johnson, it began with mystery novels and *Murder, She Wrote*. While most kids her age read Beverly Cleary, she read Agatha Christie. When most kids would camp out in front of the TV for Nickelodeon, she would watch *Law and Order*.

"When I found out that there was a career that was specifically dealing with that kind of information, that's what I decided I wanted to do," Stacy says.

The career she's talking about is forensics, the practice of applying investigative and scientific principles to crime solving.

It's a field that's been around in some way or form for the greater part of the past century, but has enjoyed a massive boost in popularity in the last decade due in large part to the success of television shows such as *CSI*, *NCIS* and *Bones*.

Today, Stacy is a graduate student working

Football, plagiarism hot topics at meeting

Faculty questions move up in football divisions at Senate meeting

By Brandon Hollingsworth
News Editor

JSU's Faculty Senate is considering two resolutions opposing a move to NCAA's Football Bowl Subdivision and stating an official position on plagiarism.

In a sometimes-contentious meeting at the Houston Cole Library on Monday afternoon, members of the body argued strongly for and

WEEK

What are you spending most of your financial aid money on?



- School 35%
- Bills 29%
- Other less savory expenditures 16%
- Video games 13%
- Rent 6%



"I'm spending most of my money on rent. That's basically all I have to spend it on."

- Katrina Poole
Freshman

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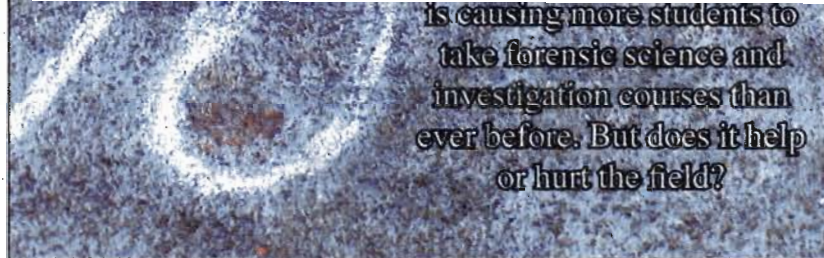
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is causing more students to take forensic science and investigation courses than ever before. But does it help or hurt the field?

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UAB's Dr. Jason Linville gives Brandon Hollingsworth a tour of a working forensics laboratory.
Podcast online now @ thechanticleeronline.com

Dorms crack down on number of appliances

By Haley Gregg
Staff Reporter

Dormitory living on the JSU campus has its rewards, provided all the rules are followed.

Enforcement of rules relating to refrigerators and microwaves is causing heated discussions among the residents in both Logan and Patterson Hall.

In their annual meetings on Sept. 5 and 6, the dorm residents were told that if they had more than one of each of these appliances in their room, it had to be removed.

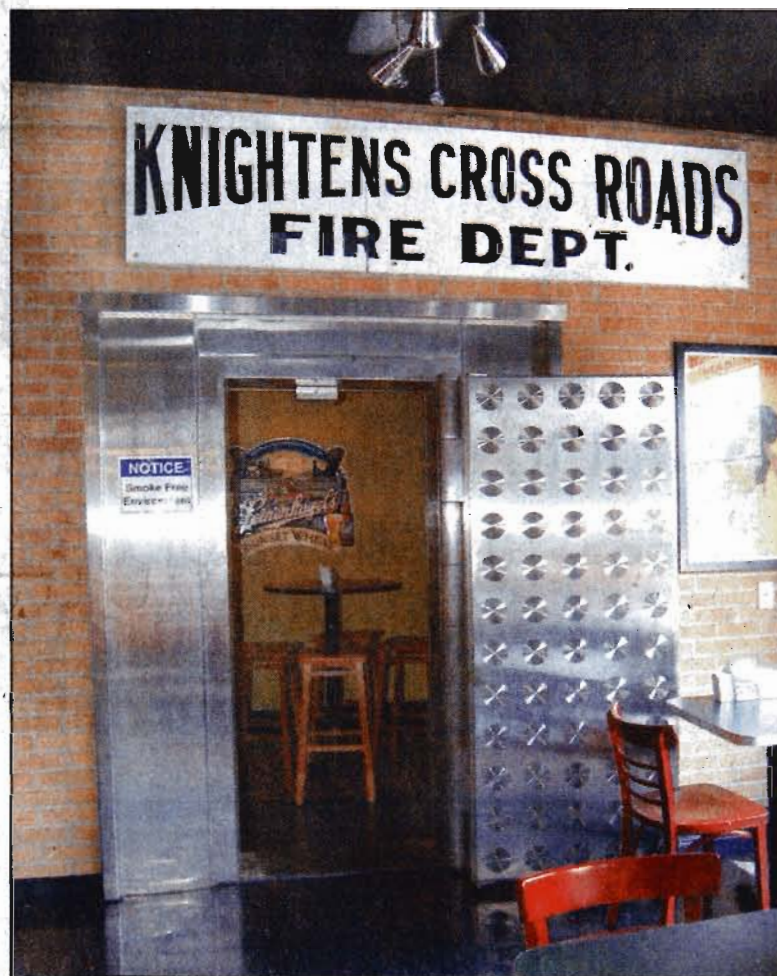
The policy was created to discourage electrical

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Tim Nichols is forced to pack up his daughter's extra fridge to take home. Photo by Alison Nichols

Secret's out



The Vault is the Jacksonville Square's newest restaurant. Pictured is the restaurant's unique table, located inside an old bank vault. See a review on www.thechanticleeronline.com. Photo by Katie Burkhalter

Bones.

Today, Stacy is a graduate student working on her Master's in the science of criminal justice, and if current figures are any indication, she's far from alone.

On the rise

About 80 percent of Jacksonville State University's criminal justice students have a concentration in forensic investigation, according to Dr. Dean Buttram, who teaches the forensics classes in JSU's Criminal Justice department.

"And we have four concentrations," Buttram says. "So we've got *one* [concentration] pulling at least 80 percent of the weight."

Dr. Jason Linville heads up the Master's Degree in Forensic Science program at UAB. He began his work in the field in 1998, before forensics' popularity took off. He and others

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meeting at the Houston Cole Library on Monday afternoon, members of the body argued strongly for and against the two resolutions before ultimately agreeing to table both until reconvening in October.

The university's possible switch to the Football Bowl Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-A, has been under discussion since at least July, when the Board of Trustees formed a committee to look into the feasibility of the jump.

A copy of the Senate's draft resolution obtained by *The Chanticleer* cited tuition, underfunding of university programs and understaffing as reasons against the move.

"The JSU Faculty strongly oppose[s] any move up in NCAA Division standing at this time," the draft said. It also called for "careful, third party estimates as to the amount of student tuition required for this change."

Senate President Dr. Jim Rayburn quickly pointed out that the ultimate decision on whether to move to another football division lies with the Board of Trustees, but urged the faculty to speak with a unified voice in the matter.

"Comments have been made by individuals here [at JSU] that nobody has voiced opposition to this move," Rayburn said. "And everyone in the faculty I talk to voices opposition to it, so if the Faculty Senate feels strongly that this should be opposed, we should oppose it."

Rayburn also outlined two possible stumbling blocks to the NCAA move. First, JSU would have to give its current home, the Ohio Valley Conference, two years' notice of any possible move; and second, that the university would have to gain admittance to another bowl conference, and right now no bowl conference is seeking new members.

Despite the faculty's objections, JSU remains committed to a "fast track" to the subdivision, according to a report in the Aug. 19 edition of *The Anniston Star*.

On another front, the issue of plagiarism at JSU resurfaced, this time in the form of a proposed resolution establishing a formal position on the practice.

One point of contention hinged on

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Announcements

• During fall semester 2007, the English Competency Exam will be given on Tuesday, Oct. 16 and Wednesday, Oct. 17. Registration is now open, and will close on October 10. Register online through MyJSU.

• JSU Dining Services will offer a "Stirrup the Excitement in Texas" promotion from 5 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26. For more, contact Kelly at 782-5555.

• Zeta would like to congratulate all of their beautiful new members. The Blue Mafia's picks this week: JP, JK, DK, MK, HB, PB, KM, AC, ST, EC.

The Chanticleer Announcements Policy:

Any JSU student organization or University office may submit items for the Announcements column. Submissions must be typed and limited to 50 words. Submissions must also include contact information. This information does not count toward the 50-word total. Submissions must arrive at the Chanticleer office in Room 180, Self Hall, or e-mailed to chantyeditor@gmail.com, by noon on the Tuesday prior to the desired publication date.

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

Campus Crime

Wednesday, September 12

• Student Jessie Newman reported theft of property at Ayers Hall. The crime occurred between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The stolen item was a jump drive valued at \$25.00.

Friday, September 14

• Anthony M. Parker was arrested and charged with one count of Driving Under the Influence and one count of an open container in a vehicle. Arrest occurred at the Grub Mart on Hwy. 21 at 2:15 a.m.

Monday, September 17

• Student Latoya D. Springs

Congressman Rogers speaks at TMB

By Anna Keefe
Staff Reporter

Congressman Mike Rogers spoke on Monday, Sept. 17, in the TMB food court about his education at JSU and career development to students.

This event, which was sponsored by Career Placement Services, is part of a series called Speakers' Bureau: My Career, My Success, My JSU.

Director Janet White said that the goal of this series is to bring students in contact with successful alumni. These alumni will "give students a vision that they can accomplish what they want," White said.

Expectations for the event varied among students.

One student, Bridget Rudolph, said that she was interested in hearing what Rogers had to say about improving financial aid.

JSU Ambassador Megan Forsyth said that she was mainly looking forward to simply having the opportunity to meet the congressman.

"I'm really excited about it. I'm excited about meeting his wife. She was an Alpha Xi Delta here at JSU, so I'm pumped about that," Forsyth said.

President Meehan introduced Congressman Mike Rogers.

"In a time when we see arrogance from many representatives and many elected officials in Washington, D.C., it is very refreshing to see Mike Rogers who is up in Washington representing our values," said Meehan. "Rogers is the hardest working representative for us that I have ever seen."

In his speech, Rogers told of his struggles as a college student in the 70s. He said that he grew up poor and had little opportunity for advancement.

However, Rogers explained that he worked to support himself through college because he did not qualify for financial aid. He also credits his family for their help.

"I was very blessed to have the chance to be able to go here

and to have parents who supported me," said Rogers.

Rogers finished here at JSU with a double major in political science and psychology.

"Political science because I knew I wanted a career in politics, and psychology just because it interested me," explained Rogers.

He then went on to graduate school, earning a Master's of Public Administration from JSU. He said that attending graduate school with his wife made things a lot easier for them both.

Rogers said that he and his wife went on to attend Birmingham School of Law for four years while working full time.

According to Rogers, it is much easier now than it was then for a student to make his way through college.

"If your goal is to finish, you can find a way to do it. One of the neat things about this country now is [that] we do have a lot of financial aid out there available, primarily at the federal level, that makes it possible," Rogers said.

Rogers also pointed out that you have to start somewhere, and it does not necessarily need to be in your chosen field. He got his start working in a juvenile detention center using his psychology education. Rogers then went on to work the third shift in a psych unit for four years.

The congressman then

worked for a law firm for 12 years, started his own law firm, worked for United Way and the county commission before making it to his current position.

Rogers stressed the importance of finding a good mentor. While taking classes here, Rogers became friends with his teacher Glen Browder, with whom he remains close to this day. Rogers has worked on Browder's state legislative campaign. Browder also hired Rogers to work part-time for a political consulting business.

Mike Rogers ended his talk with general life advice for stu-

dents. "Set your goals high, whether academically or professionally. Think around the curve and try to anticipate what you are going to find."

After the speech, Meehan presented Rogers with a paver, which was engraved with the congressman's name and his degrees, that will be placed in the alumni house.

Attendees were treated to coffee, orange juice and pastries. The next speech in the Speakers' Bureau series will be on Oct. 24, according to Meehan. That talk will be delivered by FOX 6 sports reporter and JSU alum Jeh Jeh Pruitt.



Congressman Mike Rogers speaks to this young man on Monday, Sept. 17, in the TMB. Rogers spoke about his education at JSU and career development. Photo by Hannah Rea / The Mimosa

CAMPUS BRIEFS

• **Sodexo**, which oversees JSU's campus dining service, has a new website. Information about menus, catering and meal plans will be posted on the new site. It is accessible through <http://dining.jsu.edu>.

• A new art exhibition opens in Hammond Hall next month. "**Alabama Inspirational**" will showcase the works of art department faculty members. The show will run in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Tourism and Travel's "Year of Alabama Art" effort.

• Due to a staff meeting, **JSU's Student Affairs departments** will open at 9:10 a.m. on Sept. 24th. Affected departments include Admissions, Financial Aid, Career Placement Services, Housing, Associate Vice President's Office, Disability Support Services, Health Center, Student Life, Recreational Sports and Counseling and Career Services.

• **Mary MacArgel** has been named Employee of the Month for September.

- From wire service

SENATE MINUTES

Rundown of the Monday, Sept. 17, SGA meeting:

• Approved minutes from previous meeting.

Students get free health

Refrigerators:

• Student Latoya D. Spriggs was arrested on a larceny charge at Ayers Hall. Arrest occurred at 9:29 a.m.

• Marcus E. Fields was arrested on a public intoxication charge at Leone Cole Auditorium. Arrest occurred at 8:20 p.m.

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 782-4704, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050

The Week in Events

Thursday, September 20

• Interfraternity Council Meeting, 320 TMB, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Friday, September 21

• NPHC General Council Meeting, 220 Stephenson Hall, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
• Sakura-Union Interest Meeting & General Meeting, 219/220 Salls Hall, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 22

• Family Day/Preview Day, Stephenson Hall, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, September 24

• Student Senate Meeting, TMB Auditorium, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
• Panhellenic Council Meeting, Curtiss Hall, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
• Freshman Forum Meeting, TMB Auditorium, 7:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25

• Miss JSU Interest Meeting, TMB Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26

• Flea Market on the Quad, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Students get free health screenings at Health Fair

By Kanani Miller
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, JSU Peer Educators, JSU Housing and Counseling & Career Services sponsored the fifth annual "Bring a Friend to the Health Fair" in the TMB Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event was an opportunity for students to come out and be screened for a variety of common health problems. There were many booths offering free health tests such as cholesterol, vision, blood pressure and diabetes screening.

Some students took advantage of this opportunity to become more aware of their health.

"Peer Educators came to my class and informed all of us about the Health Fair and it seemed like a good idea to come out and get tested," said Debra Matich, a student who attended the health fair.

Among the many testing booths were a few booths set up for different types of cancer

awareness. Matt Shultz managed the prostate cancer awareness booth.

"I wanted to let men and women, who care about the men in their lives, know about the importance of annual prostate exams," Shultz said.

At the breast cancer awareness booth, Cindy Tubbs explained her reasons for working the health fair.

"I wanted more women and men to be aware of breast cancer and to stress how important it is to do monthly self-exams," Tubbs said. "Also, I have been testing people's blood pressure and letting them know if they are within a healthy range."

According to Todd Prater, Peer Educator Advisor, its purpose was "to address the need for students to become more aware of their health and of the many diseases and conditions that affect everyone."



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Refrigerators: Only one allowed

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overloads and power outages in JSU Housing facilities. Many students claimed to have no knowledge of this rule and are very aggravated.

"The most frustrating thing to me is that they wait until we have already moved in and classes have started to tell us that they are going to enforce this rule," said junior Alison Nichols, who has lived in campus housing for three years.

"My biggest issue is that my roommate and I cannot fit all of our food in one small fridge," sophomore Brittany Gumbs said. "There is just not enough room."

The policy regarding permissible dormitory items is available on JSU's Web site. Additionally, each resident was given an information computer-diskette Guide to Residence Living, upon arrival. The diskette states that only one refrigerator and one microwave per room on page 48.

"I think that if it's such a big deal, then they should supply us with a refrigerator," said junior Daniel Diales, a resident of Patterson Hall.

According to Rochelle Smith of University Housing, they always have trouble getting students to read the guide and handbook.

To deal with the current situation, University Housing is offering students an opportunity to store their duplicate appliances in the basement of Patterson Hall until Christmas. Resident life staff will complete health and safety checks this month to notify students of the available storage.

If illegal appliances are found during the health and safety checks later this month, students will receive a notice stating that they have 72 hours to remove their refrigerator or microwave. At the end of this grace period, students who have still failed to comply will be subject to further punishment.

• Approved minutes from previous meeting.

• Accepted appointments for committee heads Kaycie Phillips, Whitney Clifton, Ashley Canham and Jamil Ghazal.

• Passed a resolution asking the Marching Southerners to play "Party Like a Rock Star" at Homecoming festivities. The song keeps in line with the theme of "Party Like a Gamecock."

• Passed a modified version of a resolution urging the administration to install security cameras in parking lots, at building entrances and in other public areas.

• Held off on bills appointing senators Brett Socha, Brittany Greene and Jonathan Talley for the 2007-2008 term.

• Tabled another three bills making minor changes to the SGA's rules and procedures.

OOPS LOL... Mistakes from last week's issue:

• In Kevin Jeffers' article "The Ghostwriter," the caption for the picture on page 3 incorrectly stated that Al Harris owned the train car in his backyard. Harris actually rents the property.
• On page 2, the photo caption under the picture of the Marching Ballerinas incorrectly identified Olivia Crow as Olivia Anne.

The Chanticleer regrets the mistakes and apologizes to anyone who was affected.

Faculty senate: Resolution on plagiarism to come later

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whether to include specific mentions of plagiarism committed by former JSU News Bureau director Al Harris over the summer. In three "Town and Gown" columns written for the *Jacksonville News*, Harris copied material verbatim from several Web sites.

Some at the meeting argued that mentioning Harris and JSU President Bill Meehan, under whose names the columns appeared, would miss the larger point of plagiarism in general and the trickier issue of ghostwriting.

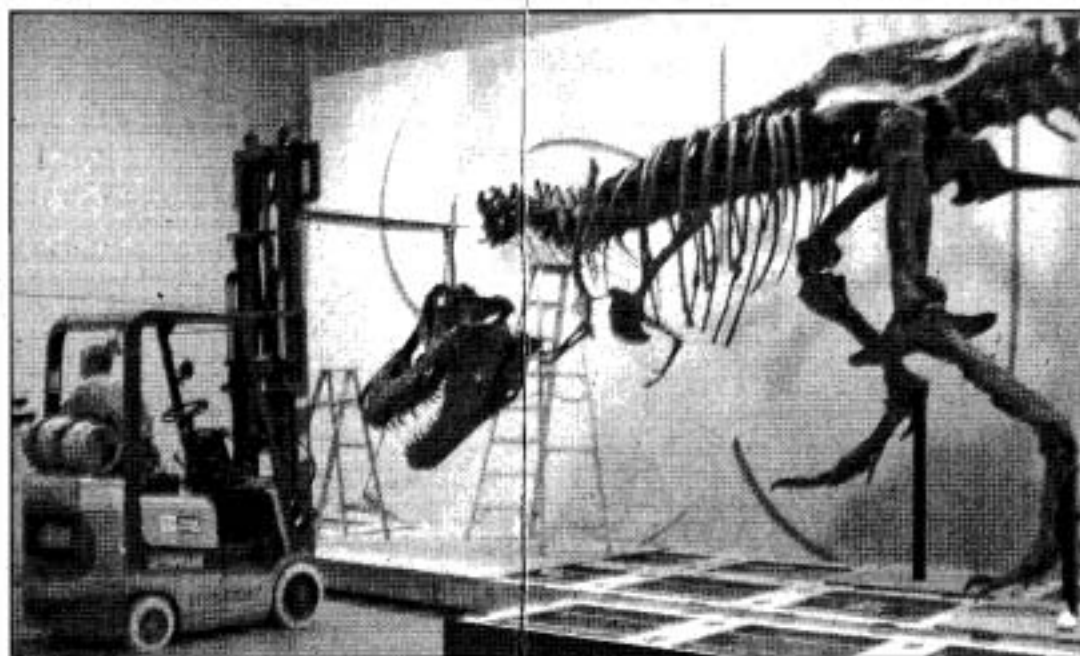
Rayburn suggested holding off drafting a resolution until he gets a chance to talk to Meehan, a proposal that was approved.

Psychology professor Dr. Heidi Eyre pressed for a delineation between plagiarism and ghostwriting.

"What happens when our students turn in a paper and say, 'My roommate ghostwrote it?'" Eyre said. "Are we calling that plagiarism? And if they say, 'But the president of the university did it,' we need a clarification about where the boundary is."

Her query prompted a fresh round of debate about whether ghostwriting would be included in the formal statement.

The meeting adjourned after the resolution was tabled until the next Faculty Senate meeting, slated for Oct. 8.



Museum workers attempt to screw on Sue's head. Photo by Brandon Hollingsworth/ *The Chanticleer*

Sue: T-Rex exhibit "chance of a lifetime"

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rector Cheryl Bragg said.

The museum has added enhanced exhibits to compliment Sue, including several that feature the fossils of other types of dinosaurs. Interactive videos and touchable replicas will be made available to visitors.

The museum hopes that the exhibit will attract local schools.

"We have already booked 10,000 students for the exhibit," Marketing Manager Margie Conner said. "That is usually the total for an entire year."

Several events will occur Saturday to coincide with the grand opening. WVOK K-98 will be on hand with a live mid-day radio remote. Refreshments will be served, and kids will receive freebies.

Special programs and events have been set up in celebration

of the dinosaur.

"Paleo Hunt!" will take place each Sunday during Sue's stay. This scavenger hunt allows kids to become a junior paleontologist, searching the museum for hidden clues and secrets.

Several lectures will be given during the course of Sue's stay in Anniston, including one from JSU professor Dr. Roger Sauterer on Sept. 27 titled *The Life, Adaptations and Relatives of the Tyrannosaurus Rex*.

There are only two cast replicas of the dinosaur in existence, according to the Field Museum. Both models were created by the museum with funding provided by the McDonald's Corporation. McDonald's is also the sponsor for the traveling Sue exhibit.

"McDonald's has been a very generous sponsor," Conner said.

Local restaurants in the chain

will be filled with many types of Sue-related items. Cups, junior boards and even t-shirts have been created for these stores, according to Conner.

JSU students will get a discount when they go see the Cretaceous creature.

"JSU students with a valid student-ID will be able to enter the exhibit at half price," Conner said.

The Anniston Museum of Natural History is the first place in the state to host Sue, according to the Field Museum. It is also the only place that has had Sue in the southeast portion of the United States, with the exception of Atlanta Children's Museum in Georgia about five years ago.

Before Anniston, Sue was in Spokane, Washington. After its stop in Anniston Sue will take a break from touring.

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COVER STORY: Study of forensic science on rise in college

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say that the depiction of forensic science and investigations on television is often times misleading.

"[TV programs] take something that doesn't work 100 percent of the time and trans-

The reality

Most students who enter criminal justice or forensics programs must choose one of two paths: become a scientist or become a police officer. Those candidates have to go through police academies or spend long hours in laboratories — not exactly the

Here are some of the more unusual applications of forensic techniques to crime-solving:

Computer forensics: Investigates electronic devices for documents, files and other evidence tied to a crime.

Forensic entomology: Computer entomology that

thing that doesn't work 100 percent of the time and transform to working 100 percent of the time," Linville says. "All of their tiny leads turn out to work perfectly for them. Stuff like that is a little irritating."

Unfortunately, that depiction shapes real public opinion about the nature of criminal activity, court cases and the abilities of forensic scientists to solve a crime.

"I think it's kind of silly to base what you wanna do with your life on a TV show," Johnson says.

Yet, that is what the general public and college students have been doing for most of the last decade.

The perception

The impressions formed by watching *CSI* stick with people and color the way they view investigations, and it irks forensics practitioners.

"A lot of juries now expect, at a crime scene, to find every element that you need to charge the crime," Johnson says.

"But in actuality, half the crimes don't even come with any blood or semen or any other DNA evidence that these shows have really pushed on the public."

Often victims and juries become frustrated with the pace and limitations of forensic research, believing that what is achieved on television in an hour should be replicated in real life, according to Johnson. Not surprisingly, observers call it the "CSI Effect."

Concurrent with the swell of popularity for forensics is a rise in the number of students taking forensics courses. But is that phenomenon producing quality scientists and investigators? Are students who see crime scene investigations on TV getting into it for the right reasons?

"Yeah," Linville says. "And those who aren't in it for the right reasons, they learn very quickly it's not what they expect. It's very difficult for a lot of the [incoming] students to understand what forensic science is."

But even for those who think they have a handle on what it takes to be in forensics, there can still be surprises.

dates have to go through police academies or spend long hours in laboratories - not exactly the stuff of myth and legend.

"There are certain physical criteria you have to meet," Buttram says. "A lot of students come in not knowing that they have to go through any physical activity, and you do."

Buttram estimates that over 90 percent of people on a typical crime scene are law enforcement officers, meaning they spent time working in probationary positions before getting the chance to investigate in the field. He says that it's rare, except in urban areas, for police departments to hire civilians to work in forensic investigations without proper police training.

Linville says those factors disillusion many prospective students, an assessment with which both Johnson and Buttram agree.

Still, the interest has made a noticeable impact on the teaching of forensics.

Because so many students are now pursuing forensics at both undergraduate and graduate levels, more and more forensic science programs, certifications and specializations are popping

Computer forensics: Investigates electronic devices for documents, files and other evidence tied to a crime.

Forensic animation: Computer animation that reconstructs the sequence of events or conditions present in a crime scene.

Forensic anthropology: The application of physical anthropology, usually for the recovery and identification of skeletonized human remains.

Forensic archaeology: The application of a combination of archaeological techniques to a forensic investigation.

Forensic entomology: The examination of insects in, on and around human remains to assist in determination of time or location of death. It is also possible to determine if the body was moved after death.

Forensic geology: Deals with trace evidence in the form of soils, minerals and petroleum at or near a crime scene.

Forensic meteorology: Used primarily in insurance investigations. Utilizes weather records to verify conditions at the time of a crime.

-source: Wikipedia

up at colleges and universities across the nation.

So many, in fact, that earlier this decade the American Academy of Forensic Sciences intervened to ensure quality classes were being offered.

"[AAFS] decided to step in and start accrediting forensic science programs," Linville says. "Because all programs should be where you're training forensic scientists to go into a laboratory conduct the analysis and testify in court about it."

Since then, AAFS has maintained standards that hold forensic science programs to certain accountability and academic criteria that fulfill laboratory requirements and training.

Of the 130 forensics programs offered at American colleges and universities, only 16 programs enjoy full AAFS accreditation.

JSU is accredited to provide a Bachelor's of Science degree in Forensic Investigation. UAB's Master's of Science degree in Forensic Science program is also accredited. Outside of an accredited program, it can be difficult to verify the standards by which curricula are drafted and classes are taught.

Present and future

There are no gleaming, ex-

pensive labs bursting with plasma monitors and electron microscopes. There's no moment of glory where the entire case becomes crystal clear. The answers are hard to come by, and no mystery is solved in an hour.

Win, lose or draw, forensics is a vital part of crime solving in the 21st century. Even after *CSI* and its descendants are long gone from the airwaves, the need will still exist for talented, bright men and women to help unlock the mysteries present in criminal evidence.

The accused need defenders and the victims need advocates. Others will join people like Stacy Johnson, Jason Linville and Dean Buttram as the demand for investigators and scientists grows.

A decade ago, a criminal justice major with a forensic investigation concentration would have faced limited job choices.

"Odds of them becoming a forensic scientist: slim to none," Buttram says. "Nowadays, there are a lot more jobs out there. In the last fifteen years, forensic science has gone further than it has in history. No doubt about it."

And that's not something you can learn from television.

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OUR VOICE

FCS, FBS...

it's all BS

The issue has been up for debate for some time now on whether or not the JSU football team should move up in NCAA standing from its current place in the Football Championship Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-AA, to the Football Bowl Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-A.

Since the faculty has finally voiced their opposition to the move, *The Chanticleer* would like to applaud them for their decision.

Moving up to FBS would in all likelihood mean students would have to pay more tuition to fund a team that, over the past two years, has barely been a winning one (6-5 two years in a row, no playoffs).

Our suggestions: first start winning consistently in the current division (i.e. National Championships), sell out Paul Snow Stadium without the help of a female kicker to do so, then students maybe, and it's still a big *maybe*, will feel somewhat justified in paying the extra tuition needed.

Seriously, who wants to pay more to have our asses kicked? Not us.

YOUR VOICE

No special treatment for Meehan

I like President Meehan, and I truly doubt JSU could find a better president to replace him, but he should not get special treatment.

Rufus Kinney's article, "The double standard of Meehan's snafu," touched on issues that should not be ignored. JSU's integrity will be compromised if it does not enforce its policies consistently. Absolving Meehan of responsibility because he was using a ghostwriter is like acquitting someone on the basis that they were drunk while committing the crime.

By hiring a ghostwriter, Meehan voluntarily placed himself at

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Grad students need love too

For many people, returning to school for a graduate degree is an important decision and one that causes many questions to arise. *Will I be able to handle the workload? Will my job interfere with class time? When are classes even offered?*

Recently, it seems that the most problems involve the last question - when the classes are actually offered. For most degrees, such as business, education or English, graduate classes are only offered at night, the two most common being 6:15-9:15 or 4:30-7:30, to make it more convenient for those returning.

But in truth, it makes it harder on the students returning for education classes when, if they are already teachers, they do not leave their jobs until around 4 p.m. and have to be in class ready to learn by 4:30. And what if these students are part of the major-



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but to find a daytime job and forgo whatever night job they already have due to their new obligations. Let's be honest, good-paying day jobs that will work around your schedule are few and far between, especially in a college town like Jacksonville.

who return full time to pursue a degree and do not have a daytime job? Almost no consideration is given to these students when making up the schedules of when classes are to be held.

When classes meet only at night, it gives the full-time students no option

and a night class that only meets on Thursday.

I mean, is it that hard to add a graduate section to 400 level classes? There are some that already have this feature, but why can't it be more widespread? I realize that this would mean a little bit more work for teachers, but I bet when they were pursuing their graduate degrees they would have liked to have options instead of having to take a class at a certain time because it was only offered at that time. Plus, that would broaden the spectrum of what classes were offered each semester. Sure, at least half of graduate hours have to be at the 500 level, but when only one or two 400G level classes are offered a semester, it makes it kind of hard to balance it out.

Come on, people. Yes, the majority of

ghostwriter is like acquitting someone on the basis that they were drunk while committing the crime.

By hiring a ghostwriter, Meehan voluntarily placed himself at risk. The ghostwriter may deserve most of the blame for being the one who actually committed the crime, but Meehan deserves his share, as well. Personally, I do not think that it is appropriate for President Meehan to use a ghostwriter. Using a ghostwriter sends the message that you are too lazy to write your own material.

Justifying ghostwriters by comparing the president of a university to CEOs and politicians is setting absurdly low standards for an academic environment.

- James M. Jensen II

Souvenir Cups

I would like to express my displeasure with the lack of souvenir cups at the recent JSU home football game.

While I do not mind the drink prices - God knows they're cheaper than a pro sports event - I do take issue with the fact that not having these cups is wrong on a couple of levels.

For instance, I take great pride in JSU and representing them however I can, including at work. So when I pour up my ice cold Diet Coke in my JSU cup at work and somebody throws down their Alabama cup and then somebody throws down their Auburn cup, I throw down my souvenir JSU cup and I'm all like, "How'd'ya like my 'Cock?!"

I'm proud of my university, what can I say? And you can keep these cups for years, I mean YEARS. I didn't even have to buy dishes when I moved to Atlanta. Which leads me to the next point: Styrofoam instead. Are you kidding me?

I saw not one recycling receptacle for Styrofoam cups, which are imminently un-reuseable. That is simply environmentally irresponsible. Somewhere out there a fish is trying to digest the good time we had at the first home football game.

The only reasoning I can come up for this decision not to use souvenir cups this year is twofold: we have some people who obviously did not tune in and watch Live Earth, or we were afraid the wording for the cups was cribbed from somewhere else too.

To whoever made this decision, I can't see the reasoning. Yes it keeps the drink cold longer, but it was 100 degrees and we were outside - it's already melted when you get to your seat anyway. New scoreboard on the field house, new Jumbotron and Styrofoam cups (still no Mike Parris on the radio, but that'll have to wait for another vicious diatribe). Please bring back my plastic cups. Save the fish, and help me to support JSU at work.

- Clay Sparks

leave their jobs until around 4 p.m. and have to be in class ready to learn by 4:30. And what if these students are part of the majority and do not get off work until 5 p.m. each day? Are they supposed to repeatedly leave work early if their class is only offered at 4:30? I personally know a few students who are thinking seriously about leaving JSU to attend schools that are more accommodat- ing to their graduate students.

My question: What about the students

day jobs that will work around your sched- ule are few and far between, especially in a college town like Jacksonville.

There are a few programs, like political science or history, that do offer a mixture of day and night class times, but there are not nearly enough. Most of these classes are only offered at one time slot, so it makes it impossible to have some sort of a normal schedule. You could have a day class that meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

es are offered a semester, it makes it kind of hard to balance it out.

Come on, people. Yes, the majority of students here are undergrads, but let's try to remember the other part of the population. We pay tuition too.

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The Juice is loose again - thank God

Last week in my Media Ethics class - a course I apparently need badly according to one of my lesser-informed Communications professors (coughDoctorHedrickcough) - I was asked to submit a topic for an upcoming research paper.

Premise: the paper needs to be about an issue or event, preferably high profile, in which the media used questionable means in their handling.

I chose the 1994-95 O.J. Simpson murder case. In my infallible 23-year old opinion, that was the event in which society started to turn into the celebrity-driven, scandal-hungry culture that it is today.

Real, important news has become less important than what Paris Hilton wore (or didn't wear) today to a lot of consumers and viewers. Seriously, you can't turn on CNN or FropOublicansX without your daily dose of Lindsay Lohan.

Back to O.J., though. He's back in the news. Simpson was arrested and charged with ten count 'em ten charges for kidnapping and attempting to steal some memorabilia that he claims somebody stole from him (brilliant, I know). One of the charges could carry up to a life sentence.

For a guy who was found innocent of a mur-



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der that most people agree he committed (I offer no such opinion), his undoing may be for getting pay- back on a guy who took a signed bobble head from him or something.

That's a little funny, right?

Which is kind of my point on celeb- rity-starved consum- erism.

If this were your neighbor Lloyd Normal who kidnapped someone for stealing his lawnmower, we wouldn't be discussing the case on three different cable news networks at the same time.

We care because we recognize Simpson's name.

Is this hypocritical of the media?

Probably.

Should it stop?

Hell no. Bring it on. I love this stuff. I love hearing what my favorite and least favor- ite stars are up to. Almost as much as I love vaguely obscure Nickelodeon references from

my childhood (*Dina from Salute Your Shorts was so hot*).

I love sleaze magazines (*I am Artie! The strongest man in the world!*). I love red carpet wrapups (*R-E-C-Y-C-L-E Recycle!*). I even love watching Britney Spears' gallivanting cellulite on live television (*C-O-N-S-E-R-V-E Conserve! Seriously, when is Rocko's Modern Life coming out on DVD?*).

And I'm not alone.

It is a populist's media in America. Sad? Sure. Is it going to change anytime soon be- cause it's probably unethical? Nope (*I need more allowance Yo-do-lay-HEE-HOO!*).

As far as The Juice goes, here's hoping that he squeezes his way out of this situation like he couldn't squeeze into that leather glove.

We need his smug smirk. We need his books of hypothetical confessions. We need to know how his golf handicap is going.

We need another scandal from him in a few years.

And Doug could have totally done better than Patti Mayonnaise.

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Music Corner

WLJS Top Ten Records of the Week

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8. Pinback - *Autumn of the Seraphs*
9. Figurines - *When the Deer Wore Blue*
10. Matt Pond PA - *Sunlight EP*

ALSO IN ROTATION

Akron/Family
Love is Simple



Love is Simple, Akron/Family's latest on Michael Gira's label Young God Records, finds the band exploring diverse musical terrains and solving the riddle of human woe. It's quite simple—evidently, all everyone needs to do is love. Forgive this reviewer, but this kind of sentiment makes for 55 minutes of alternating between wincing and sneering. "Don't be afraid it's only love / love is simple," from "Don't Be Afraid, You're Already Dead" sums up the album thematically. Is love really as simple as the lyrics on this album? According to Akron/Family, yes.

Thankfully, Akron/Family is a band that has the musical chops to overcome unexceptional lyrics. For *Love is Simple*, the group strove to recreate an atmosphere akin to their live show, a feat that is often attempted and miserably executed. Here, the band does more or less successfully achieve this feeling of, as they call it, the "field holler of friendship and brotherhood."

After opening with the Lennon-esque "Love Love Love (Everyone)," the band crunches out a mix of Crazy Horse rock with the awareness of The Grateful Dead by letting songs breathe. "Ed is a Portal," "Lake Song / New Ceremonial Music for Moms," and "There's So Many Colors" all stretch close to the eight minute mark and feature complex percussion-based jamming and improvisational guitar noodling. The vocals are chant based and are sung by all members, which lends to their group/love aesthetic. After three creaky back-porch snorers, the group returns with the skewed Irish jig "Of All the Things." Another eight minuter, "Of All the Things," is the best representation of Akron/Family live. The song opens with a playful bounce of instrumentation, followed by the group chanting like merry-makers around a feast-table. Then for two more minutes, the group drones on about the "context of space" and like-minded subjects before exploding into a chaotic freak-out (the freak-outs on this album being where the group shines brightest).

The album closes with a reprise of the intro song "Love Love Love." In this version, the tape sounds as if it is disintegrating, simply washing away on a maudlin wave. The cry of dolphins is heard as the album ends. Dolphins, for Christ's sake. Love is simple...

- Matthew L. Reese

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ALBUM OF THE WEEK

Can't find a Vedder man: *Into the Wild* soundtrack

By Kevin Jeffers
Managing Editor



Eddie Vedder / Media file photo

Christopher McCandless was the kind of kid who would never have wanted a movie or a book written about him. Writer John Krakauer did the latter about him anyway (posthumously), with 1996's *Into the Wild*.

This year, Sean Penn is telling McCandless' tale through film.

The true story of a guy who gave up his material life to drive to Alaska in his van and live off of and in the wilderness (only to have his life ended by his own naive inhibitions) moved millions of readers.

McCandless' reckless abandonment from society struck a nerve, especially for those who have ever felt detached from everyday life's absurdities. Such people can tend to identify with the poignant music of Pearl Jam, as well, which is why frontman Eddie Vedder was a perfect choice to score his

good friend Penn's film.

Vedder does a brilliant job of keeping the soundtrack consistently personal with the tone of the book (and presumably the film, which is to be released on Sept. 21). Only

one track, the single "Hard Sun," could feasibly stand alone. But having a soundtrack full of pop songs would fly in the face of McCandless the man, which is something the excellent book was careful not to do. The album comes in at a Weezerish 33 minutes, largely due to the amount of instrumental bumper tracks. But the brevity does not detract from the importance.

It's apparent Vedder is attempting to move into the realm of other world-conscious artists like his idols and comrades Bruce Springsteen and Neil Young. Even sans the dueling and incendiary guitar wailings of fellow Pearl Jam members Mike McCready and Stone Gossard, Vedder is able to carry an arena's worth of emotion with only his gravelly baritone and strummy guitars.

Such simplicity would have maybe even made McCandless proud.

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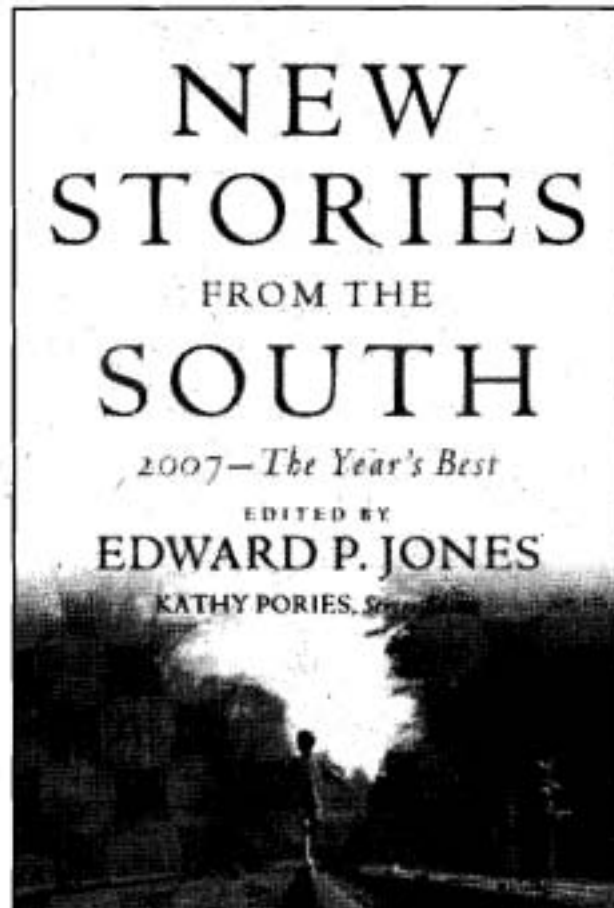
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- Matthew L. Reese

Kanye West
Graduation

People criticize Kanye West for saving his good beats and using them on his albums. Ladies and gentlemen, I'm here to tell you this works.

Tracks like "Champion" and "Stronger" show you why he remains consistent and why people want to work with him.

Another strong track is "Flashing Lights," which features the talented voice of Dwele, who I would call today's Donnie Hathaway. Other strong tracks include "Can't Tell Me Nothin'" and "Barry Bonds," which features rapper Lil' Wayne. Oh yea, Kanye can rap, too. Lyrically, Kanye got stronger, no pun intended. His first two albums were lyrically impressive, but the third time around was a charm. His lyrics over "Flashing Lights" are an interesting play on the clichéd love song, but stand out so that a picture is painted in the mind of the listener. The big finish, "Homecoming" and "Big Brother," shows Kanye's loyalty to his birthplace of Chicago and to Def Jam President Jay-Z, who stated that "Big Brother" was his second favorite Kanye song behind "Jesus Walks."

The only disappointing standout is there are only thirteen tracks. With Kanye's talent and the amount of time he spends making songs, it wouldn't have hurt to have three extra songs to play. Purchasing the album over iTunes gets you a bonus track, but with Kanye's musical genius, the bonus track is irrelevant.

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- Chris Lundy

Rogue Wave
Asleep at Heaven's Gate

Though the title suggests pleasant dreams, it is hard to sleep through this album.

This indie rock quartet headed by Zach Rogue (whose real name is Zach Schwartz) is back with *Asleep At Heaven's Gate*. The album dropped on Sept. 18, 2007.

Though it is only their third full-length album, the band already has two members, both bassists, who have been replaced since the band's conception.

They have appeared on several movie soundtracks, including *Spider-Man 3* and *Napoleon Dynamite*. Also, they have been featured on *Music from Heroes* and *Music from the O.C.: Mix 5*. They also toured with Feist during September.

The album is good, but nothing amazing. The lyrics are amazing and possibly the best part of the album. You can't help but fade off with it. It starts off very promising, but suffers to keep the interest of the listener as time marches on to the beat of the snare. Furthermore, all the songs begin to sound as though they are differentiating less and less from one another and more like you are playing a matching game of what song sounds most like another.

The highlights include "Harmonium," "Christians in Black," "Cheaper than Therapy" and "Lake Michigan," the first single.

The rest of the album is okay, but nothing worth writing home about. I won't say to stay away from any of the other songs, but only because the lyrics are superb.

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- Matt McRae



Southern anthology surprises and satisfies

By Jessica Summe
Contributing Writer

Anthologies are tricky. It's not one writer with one plot that you either like or dislike. Instead, it's several different authors with varying voices, characters and writing styles. Most anthologies end up somewhat like a bowl of popcorn – while the bulk of it may be satisfying, there are always those kernels that are too greasy, too salty or burnt.

A great anthology is like a stained glass window – several different and separate elements blending together to form a harmonious whole. Edward P. Jones achieves this effect with *New Stories from the South: 2007 – The Year's Best*, the 22nd volume in the series.

Jones assembles an eclectic collection of writers for this year's anthology. The authors include experienced storytellers like Rick Bass, James Lee Burke and George Singleton, but there are also several newcomers to the field: Joshua Ferris, Holly Goddard Jones, Angela Threatt. That's only six out of the eighteen, but every single writer brings something special, something all their own, to the collection.

While you could methodically work through the book and give a thumbs-up or thumbs-down on each of the 18 stories in this collection, it would ruin the effect. This book isn't like most anthologies, where one or two stories stand out from the rest. It also doesn't matter if you take the stories one at a time or gobble it down in large chunks – this book is good. Even the introduction is an enjoyable read. The stories are meaty and filling, literary without being boring.

And not a single one has that feeling of incompleteness, the "I'm just a short story" whisper underneath the words. All the stories give a tiny, but complete, glimpse-into that complicated, confusing and wonderful world that is the South.

All the elements of the South are here: the various accents, Southern gentility, Southern mentality, Southern hospitality; floods, fires, family, motorcycle gangs; old money, new money, no money; tractors, trailers, music, mansions, alcohol; cows, calves, guns, dogs and deer.

Among these everyday, common things are a few standout details that stick in the mind long after you've finished reading – a gem-encrusted 19th century exhibition sewing machine, polka-dot boxers, an avocado face mask on a man being rescued from a flood and a marijuana-eating former police dog.

While there are many humorous bits, don't think this is a book of fairy tales, either. Some of these stories are sad, even disturbing, but they reflect life, and that's what the whole point of this collection is – to show life in the South, the good, the bad, the mediocre and, above all, the true.

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Sports

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Gamecocks suffer from long bomb blues in Memphis

Four long touchdown passes give JSU second loss of season



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Cheaters never win, or do they?

Are professional sports even worth watching anymore?

Some would argue yes.

Others would say no, but the real question is how do you know whether the games you love aren't chock full of juiced-up players, crooked referees and sign-stealing coaches?

After all, everybody is looking for an edge in professional athletics these days.

Let's start with Major League Baseball. I know that there was no rule making HGH (Human Growth Hormones) and other steroid-related products illegal before 2005, but come on. It's still cheating, right?

Since Barry Bonds hit 73 home runs in 2003, the highest total has been 58. Nobody has even hit 60.

Then there is Rick Ankiel. You know the guy who couldn't find the strike zone if his life depended on it a couple of years ago?

He is now tangled up in a steroids controversy having allegedly purchased 12-months worth of HGH in 2004.

So much for his miraculous return to the majors: One week everybody is praising him, and the next he is labeled as a cheater.

The summer of '98, when Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa battled for the single-season home run record, was supposed to bring baseball back, but instead it may have ruined



Jacksonville State running back Daniel Jackson gets pulled down by his facemask in the Gamecocks' 35-14 loss to Memphis Saturday night. Photo courtesy of Bill Wilson/The Anniston Star

By Patrick Swafford
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State's running game finally did its job in the red zone, but four big scoring plays by Memphis put an end to the Gamecocks' chances as the Tigers rolled to a 35-14 win Saturday night in Memphis at the Liberty Bowl.

The Gamecocks (1-2) were nearly crippled by big plays.

Memphis took advantage of a few key mismatches between the receivers and secondary and exploited them to the tune of four touchdown bombs by quarterback Martin Hankins.

Hankins completed 16-of-22 passes for 289 yards, including touchdown passes of 48, 58, 20 and 38 yards.

"On the defensive side of the ball, we gave up 484 yards," JSU head coach Jack Crowe said. "The issue is the ball going over the red zone instead of through the red zone. Some of that is match-ups and some of that we're going to have to

deal with."

Cedric Johnson got his first start in a JSU uniform and performed well, hitting on 23-of-39 passes for 214 yards. Johnson's ability to avoid pressure kept JSU's offense on the field and dominated the time of possession by over 13 minutes.

However, Johnson also led the Gamecocks in rushing with 71 yards, which marks the fourth consecutive game that JSU has gone without a 100-yard rusher, dating back to the Eastern Illinois game on Nov. 18 of last year.

The Gamecocks have also been out-rushed in all four of those games.

Through the opening stages of this season, JSU has found difficulty running for a significant gain and, through the first two games, failed to punch the ball into the end zone from inside the 20, something that Crowe's offense is generally

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Soccer loses third straight

By Jered Staubs
Staff Sports Writer

JSU's soccer team suffered another disappointing weekend as it fell to Kennesaw State and South Alabama.

The Gamecocks (1-5-0) seemed to be outmanned in Friday's home game against Kennesaw, who Coach Julie Davis said was the best regular season opponent her team has

The team performed better in the Sunday fixture at South Alabama.

While the Jaguars were victorious by a 1-0 final, Davis felt there were positive signs aplenty, particularly in the second half.

Though a defensive breakdown led to an early goal from the nation's highest scoring offense, JSU was able to

"We looked better in the second half than we probably have all year," Davis said.

The Gamecocks will look to expand on that performance as they play two more games this weekend.

Troy comes to town for a 3 p.m. kickoff Friday.

Sunday, the Gamecocks will travel to Fayetteville to play Arkansas.

Volleyball opens OVC play with wins over Martin and Murray State

By Jared Gravette
Staff Sports Writer

osa battled for the single-season home run record, was supposed to bring baseball back, but instead it may have ruined the credibility of Major League Baseball forever.

The referee scandal in the NBA didn't help the reputation of professional basketball, either. Tim Donaghy bet on games that he officiated.

You know there had to be some bogus calls made to ensure that the team his money was on won.

Is this just an isolated incident, or are there more refs out there trying to put a little extra money in their pockets?

There is no way to tell, but the next time your team loses a big game, maybe it'll be OK to blame it on the referees.

Then there is everyone's favorite sport, football.

Up until two years ago, the NFL appeared to be flawless. You can't say that anymore. After all, half the league has gotten arrested for something or another over the past two years.

What about Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman?

He has quickly become one of the NFL's most dominant players. He didn't need any help, right? Wrong!

Last season, Merriman was suspended four games for steroid use in the same year that he almost won NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

The New England Patriots, one of the NFL's most respected teams, got caught videotaping the New York Jets signals last week.

It's got to be a lot easier to stop a team when you know exactly what they are running.

The Patriots and Bill Belichick were hit with a heavy fine, but they still got a 'W' in the win column. In my opinion, they should have to forfeit the game.

As long as cheating is involved in professional sports, why is there any reason to watch these clowns?

Measures have been taken to stop this type of activity, but many fans are already fed up with it.

College athletics is where it's at. The fire and passion for the game is still there, and cheating isn't accepted.

Friday's home game against Kennesaw, who Coach Julie Davis said was the best regular season opponent her team has faced to date.

"We respected them a lot, probably too much," Davis said. "They were impressive, but when you give a team like that too much time and space, they're going to punish you."

Despite outshooting JSU 37-6, it took the Owls 50 minutes to finally score.

Davis actually praised the defense and Kate Kelly's goalkeeping despite the 3-0 loss.

"It's hard to blame (them)," she said. "Kennesaw's speed really wore us down, but I'm proud of them for hanging on so long."

Davis said her team failed to control possession in midfield and the attacking area.

"Whenever we would get the ball in a good position, we would give it back too quickly. Those turnovers led to a lot of their chances."

breakdown led to an early goal from the nation's highest scoring offense, JSU was able to regroup and had more chances than USA throughout the final 45 minutes.

The Gamecocks outshot the Jaguars 13-3 in the second half, but the USA defense and keeper Kelsie Langford held firm.

"Our midfield, especially in the second half, took them out of their offense and created more chances," Davis remarked.

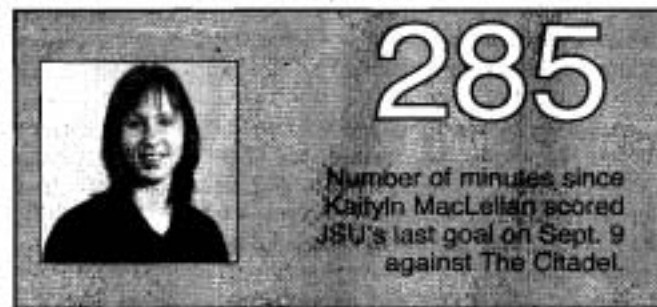
The second half performance was somewhat surprising, considering how sluggish the team appeared on one day's rest only a week before.

Sunday, the Gamecocks will travel to Fayetteville to play Arkansas.

That trip is the first part of an agreement that will eventually lead to the Razorbacks making a return trip to JSU for next year's Gamecock Soccer Classic.

But that's all down the road. The matter at hand is scoring goals and getting results, neither of which JSU has been doing recently.

"Right now, while we obviously want to win, I'm more concerned with playing well. I'm just waiting for that lightbulb to come on."



Cross country's McKay and Binning place in top ten at Crimson Classic

By Will Payne
Staff Sports Writer

The JSU men's and women's cross country teams were both well represented with strong performances from runners Ryan McKay and Lesley Binning in Tuscaloosa during last Friday's Crimson Classic.



Lesley Binning finished in eighth place on Friday. Photo courtesy of James Harkins/JSUFan.com

McKay had his third top ten finish of the season by placing eighth individually in the 8k course with a time of 25:11.81.

Overall, the men placed fourth with 107 points, finishing behind teams Alabama, Mississippi State and LSU while managing to finish 22 points ahead of rival Samford.

"Ryan has been intentionally holding back during our first two meets as there was no real urgency for him to charge to the front," JSU coach Steve Ray said. "To finish in the top fifteen award places in this field is a huge accomplishment."

The women's team finished sixth overall with a total of 173 points. UAB placed first with 33 points, followed by Alabama, LSU, Mississippi State and Samford.

Lesley Binning finished the 5k course in eighth place in 18:31.33 for JSU.

"Lesley probably turned in her best cross country performance ever at JSU," Ray said.

"I thought she ran a very smart race, and as a result, she beat some pretty good runners."

The men's and women's cross country teams have the next two weeks off before heading off to Auburn to compete in the Auburn Invitational on Sept. 29.

By Jared Gravette
Staff Sports Writer

The Jacksonville State volleyball team continued their dominance in conference play over the weekend as they defeated UT Martin 3-0 on Friday night and Murray State 3-2 on Saturday, extending their winning streak in Ohio Valley Conference play to 29 matches.

The Gamecocks (5-4, 2-0) came out Friday night against Tennessee-Martin looking like the same team that absolutely destroyed everyone in their path last season on the way to the OVC title. They made quick work of the Skyhawks, defeating them 30-18, 30-25 and 30-21.

Seniors Abbey Breit and Rebekah Nichols controlled JSU's offensive attack, knocking down 14 and 12 kills respectively. Breit also added 12 digs on her way to recording another double-double.

"It was probably one of our more consistent games," JSU head coach Rick Nold said. "UT Martin is a very good team. They have got a lot of experience, and I was expecting a tough match. I thought we did a really good job of coming out and being ready to play, and we were able to get the win."

Saturday's game was not quite as easy for the Gamecocks as they barely escaped the campus of Murray State with their OVC winning streak intact.

The game was a defensive battle throughout as the Racers held the Gamecocks to a .183 attack percentage.

The match went back and forth and was eventually settled in the fifth and final game.

JSU came out firing in the fifth game, winning the first four points, but the Racers

came roaring back and eventually took the lead 12-11.

The game would go back and forth from that point on. Up 15-14, Murray State actually had a chance to put the Gamecocks away but couldn't capitalize. JSU would win the next three points on their way to a 17-15 game five victory.

"They just have a different style of play than we do. A lot of times you get into a match, and it's a battle of whose style is going to win," Nold said. "You see that in a lot of sports: It could be basketball. Who is going to be a fast-break team, and who is not? For us, we were just in and out. Sometimes we were trying to play their game instead of ours," Nold said.

The Gamecock attack was led once again by Breit and Nichols. Breit knocked down 18 kills to go along with 20 digs, but it was Nichols that came up huge on the offensive side of the court with a career-high 24 kills.

"We rely a lot, if you look at our offense, on her (Nichols) and Abbey (Breit) as kind of a focal point," Nold said. "Rebekah, actually through the whole weekend, came out with great timing and confidence. She kept the pressure on Murray and offensively was probably our best option."

The defense of the Gamecocks also played a pivotal role in the victory.

Abbey Vierling accounted for a career-high 32 digs as the senior class stepped up big on both sides of the court.

The Gamecocks took on in-state rival Samford last night in OVC play. For more information, check out our Web exclusive at <http://www.thechancelloronline.com>.

"[Rebekah] kept the pressure on Murray."

- Rick Nold

FOOTBALL

Football: Hosts ECU this Saturday

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built upon.

While the running game failed to put up yardage, they did manage success inside the red zone for the first time this season when Anthony Jones charged through Memphis' defensive front from 2 yards out just before halftime.

Fullback Alphonso Freeney gave the Gamecocks their final score of the night just before the end of the game on a 1-yard run.

Despite the absence of Taurean Rhetta, Johnson had success moving the ball through the air, completing five passes to Josh Moten and James Wilkerson for a combined 144 yards.

Johnson's performance against the Tigers earned him the start this week.

JSU may also see the return

of Taurean Rhetta to the lineup this weekend. Rhetta missed last week due to injury.

Preview

Last season, the Gamecocks crushed Eastern Kentucky 28-0 with the greatest defensive performance in JSU's Division I history.

For years, ECU has been known as one of the best passing teams, but running backs Mark Dunn and Bobby Washington are among the best in the OVC.

While JSU has struggled in the running game this season, there's a possibility that sophomore Shawn Green could have his redshirt removed for this weekend.

Green was very productive in late game duties last year as a true freshman and may be the shot of adrenaline the stagnant running game needs.



JSU quarterback Cedric Johnson completed 23-of-39 passes for 214 yards in the Gamecocks 35-14 loss to Memphis Saturday night. Johnson also led the team in rushing in his first start in a JSU jersey. Photo courtesy of Bill Wilson/ The Anniston Star

Report Card

Offense: B-

JSU got two red zone rushing scores and Cedric Johnson got the ball moving a lot better than we've seen all season.

Defense: C

Memphis torched JSU's defense on deep passes four times, and no individual player scored a touchdown for the first time all season.

Special Teams: D-

Gavin Hallford missed both field goal attempts and Zach Walden had a punt blocked. It's rare to see JSU's special teams have this bad of a game.

A Glance ahead

After three weeks, we finally enter the most important part of the schedule - conference play.

The Gamecocks' offense improved quite a bit last week in Memphis, but the lack of a running game still hurt them.

Look for some improvement in the backfield if Shawn Green makes his season debut.

Eastern Kentucky is loaded at the running back position with Dunn and Washington, and having a quarterback with Holland's speed essentially gives you

AROUND THE OVC

• Besides the JSU/EKU game at 2 p.m. on Saturday, the OVC features three more in-conference games this weekend, starting tonight when Murray State plays at Tennessee Tech. On Saturday, Southeast Missouri travels to Birmingham to take on Samford, and UT-Martin goes on the road to play in-state rival Austin Peay.

• Tennessee Tech RB Derek White was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week. Austin Peay LB Daniel Becker and Tennessee State DE Shaun Richardson were named Co-Defensive Player of the Week and Tennessee State K Eric Benson earned Special Teams Player of the Week honors for the second straight week.

• Jacksonville State was involved in a small piece of NCAA history during its game at Memphis on Sept. 15. During the game Sarah Thomas served as one of the officials, marking the first time a woman had been an official in a Division I football game. JSU has been involved in other firsts for women at the Division I level, such as when Ashley Martin became the first female to score in a Division I football game in 2001 when she kicked three, extra points in the team's 72-10 win over Cumberland.

• In volleyball, Austin Peay OH Dodi Szymska was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week while Eastern Kentucky LIB Brittany Nobile earned Defensive Player of the Week honors.

• UT-Martin MF/F Katie Behrens and Samford

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• UT-Martin MF/F **Katie Behrens** and Samford F **Lauren Cook** were named OVC Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors while Austin Peay D **Tyler Adair** picked up Defensive Player honors.

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GAMECOCK BRIEFS

• **Kristen Fuller** won the consolation draw of the Silver Draw on Sunday at the **Ole Miss Fall Tennis Classic** last Saturday. Fuller defeated **Amanda Taillefer** of Southern Illinois, 7-5, 7-5, to salvage the week-end after dropping her first match, 6-3, 6-1, to **Menna Kamal** of Arkansas State on Friday.

• JSU mens basketball will open the 2007-08 schedule on **Nov. 9** at **Georgia**. The schedule also features 15 games at **Pete Mathews Coliseum** and a home-and-home series against **Central Arkansas Nov. 24** and **Dec. 1** and a home game in this year's **ESPN Bracketbuster**. The Gamecocks' opponent is still to be determined.

• JSU womens basketball will open the 2007-08 season **Nov. 9** at **Pete Mathews Coliseum** against **Alabama State**. The Gamecocks will play 13 home games, including clashes with **Furman** on **Nov. 17** and **Troy** on **Nov. 28**. JSU's non-conference road schedule is highlighted with games at **Alabama** on **Dec. 22** and at **Colorado** on **Dec. 30**.

- From staff reports

position with Dunn and Washington, and having a quarterback with Holland's speed essentially gives you a third running back.

Neither team's quarterback has put up outstanding numbers through the air, but on the ground is a different story.

Defensively, this is going to be a great match up. JSU's defense is nasty. EKU's is pretty good in its own right, but it cannot win them games.

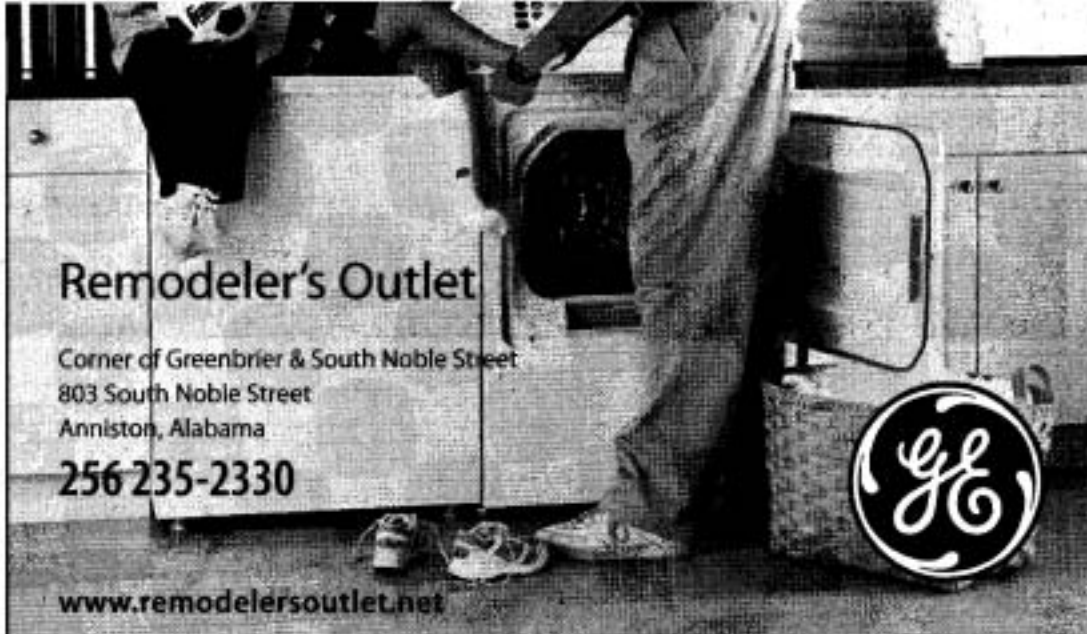
The key match-up is EKU's running game versus JSU's defense.

If JSU can shut down their run, the Gamecocks will cruise to a big win. If not, then this will be a war from beginning to end.

I think EKU strikes first, but when it's all said and done, their running game will run into some problems.

Either way, it's going to be close.

Patrick's prediction: Jacksonville State 24, EKU 17



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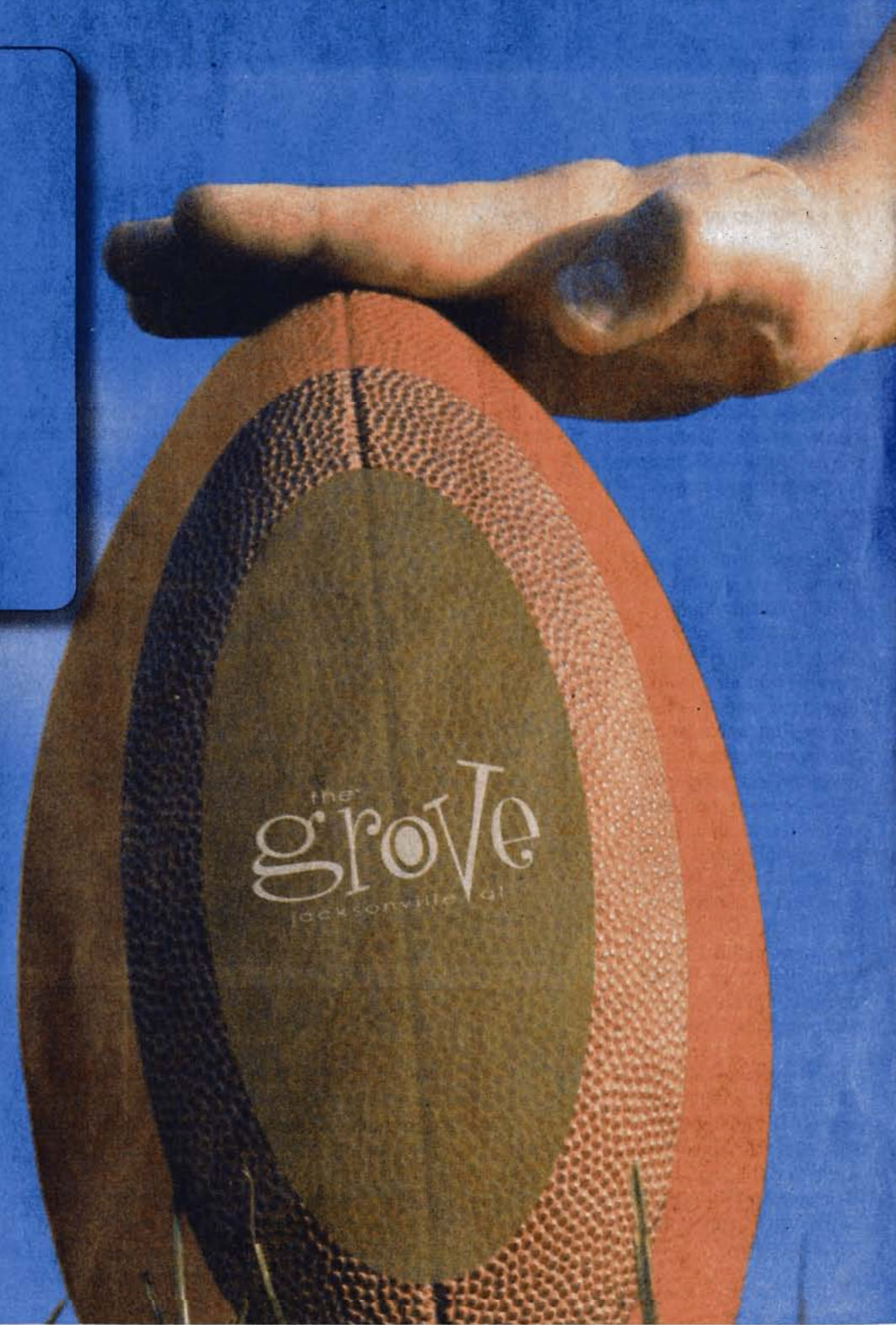
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