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SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY / PART 2 OF 3

Officials oppose bringing more guns to JSU

By Zach Childree
Campus News Editor

After the shootings at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois, campus security has risen to the forefront for Jacksonville State University and campuses nationwide.

One Alabama state senator proposed his way to cut down on school shooting — allowing more students to carry guns on campus.

Alabama Senator Hank Erwin, a Republican from Montevallo, introduced a bill in the legislature that would allow certified students and ROTC members to carry firearms on campus.

But the president of JSU, Dr. William Meehan, thinks such a bill would make the job of protecting the campus even harder.

"I think that increasing guns on campus is a bad idea," Meehan said.

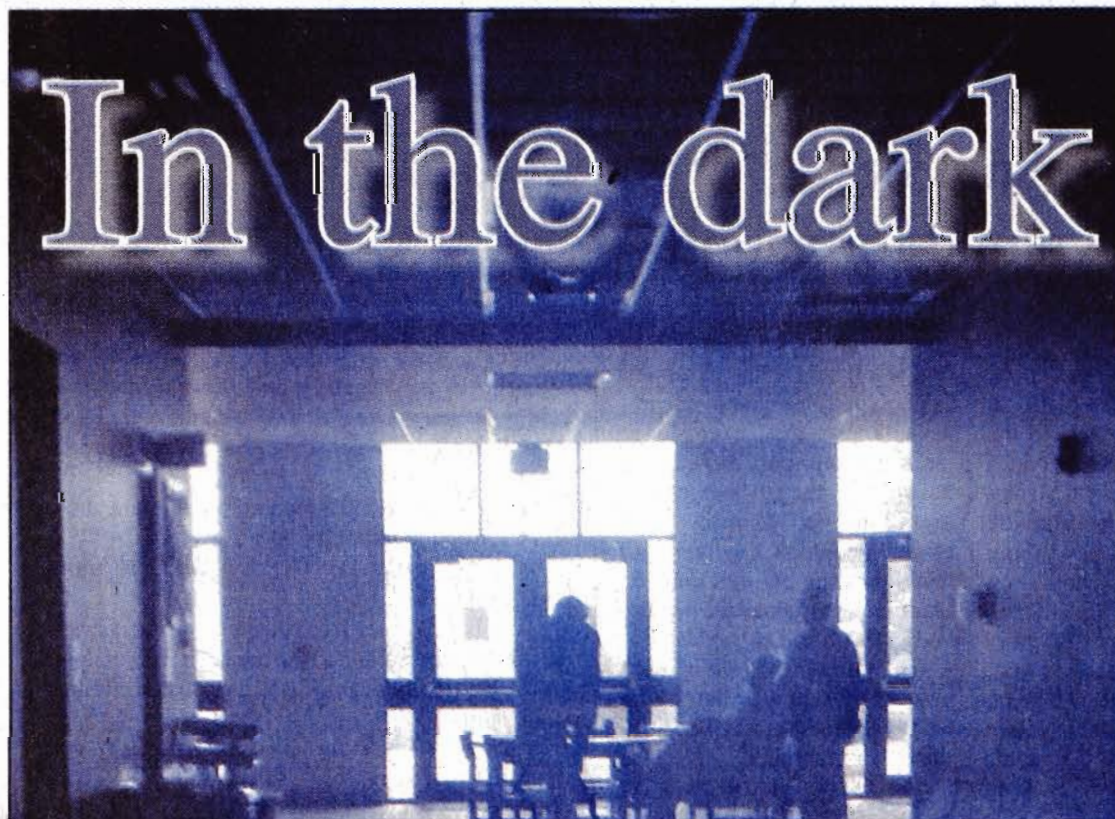
Meehan said if a shooting were to happen, it would be difficult for the police to identify who the actual shooter was if several students had guns.

University Police Chief and Director of Public Safety Shawn Giddy said while he is glad the issue is being addressed, more guns on campus isn't the right way to go.

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An explosion and fire over the weekend caused its share of problems, but miscommunications left students and faculty ...

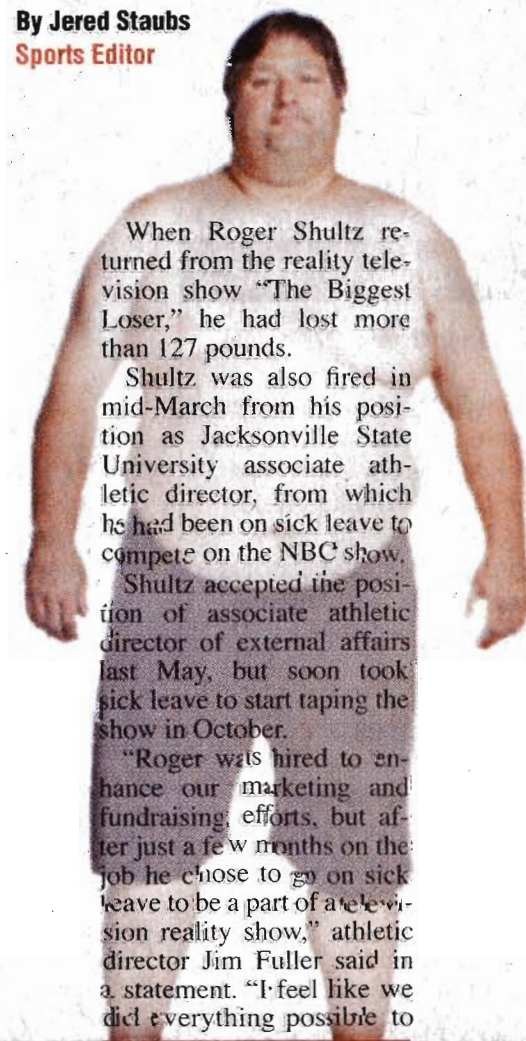
In the dark



Weighty consequences

Associate Athletic Director Shultz loses pounds, job

By Jered Staubs
Sports Editor



When Roger Shultz returned from the reality television show "The Biggest Loser," he had lost more than 127 pounds.

Shultz was also fired in mid-March from his position as Jacksonville State University associate athletic director, from which he had been on sick leave to compete on the NBC show.

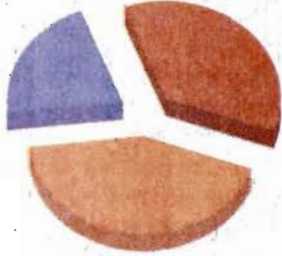
Shultz accepted the position of associate athletic director of external affairs last May, but soon took sick leave to start taping the show in October.

"Roger was hired to enhance our marketing and fundraising efforts, but after just a few months on the job he chose to go on sick leave to be a part of a television reality show," athletic director Jim Fuller said in a statement. "I feel like we did everything possible to

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QUESTION of the WEEK

Do you consider JSU to be a safe campus?



Mostly 42%
Yes 36%
No 22%



"It's not any more dangerous than other public places."

-Anthony Mitchell
Grad Student

Next week's question:

Which of the following safety measures would you be most likely to employ?

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Biology professors Drs. Mark Meade and Jim Rayburn sit in the first floor lobby of Martin Hall shortly after 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning awaiting further information about a power outage that plunged the building into darkness over the weekend. Photo by Bethany Harbison / *The Chanticleer*

By Brandon Hollingsworth
Senior Emergency Correspondent

An explosion and subsequent electrical fire at Martin Hall last weekend quashed classes on Monday and led to a drastic reshuffling for the remainder of the week.

Physical and Earth Sciences interim department head Dr. Ted Klimasewski was sitting in his office at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday morning when he heard something he shouldn't have.

"I heard three explosions, and it did kind of scare me quite a bit," he said.

The sounds Klimasewski heard some 30 feet below his office were those of an electrical system exploding. The explosion started minor fires just

outside the greenhouse in back of Martin Hall and cut power to most of the east side of campus.
Cancelled, or not?

Early on Monday morning, signs were posted on doors leading into Martin, informing students classes were cancelled for the day. Calls to the president's office from WLJS to confirm the information led to some confusion.

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic Affairs, placed a call to campus radio station WLJS at approximately 8:40 a.m., denying classes were cancelled and advising students to contact professors for more information.

Back at Martin Hall, however, students were

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Shultz before losing 127 pounds on "The Biggest Loser." Photo courtesy of nbc.com

Vagina Monologues pushes limits, opens minds

By Julie Skinner
Senior Writer

"I can go around talking about my penis all day long, but you can't talk about your vagina? Why? You know, there's no point," Clay Smith said. "C'mon, we're in the 21st century."

Smith, director of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*, presented by Jacksonville State University's WISE (Women's Issue, Support and Empowerment) and Alpha Psi Omega, was pleased with the turnout of JSU's first hosting of *The Vagina Monologues* at the Higher Education Consortium at Fort McClellan.

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They have a dream

First all-black cast takes stage in *Other People's Dreams*

By Zach Childree
Campus News Editor

Jacksonville State University made a little bit of history on March 28, 2008, with the opening of *Other People's Dreams* — the show was the first all-black cast in JSU history.

The cast agreed that, while they were glad JSU had finally produced a play with an all-black cast, it should have happened before now. Cast member Shai Bailey said that perhaps people were afraid of what an all black cast might bring to the university.

"Are they afraid that there will be more of

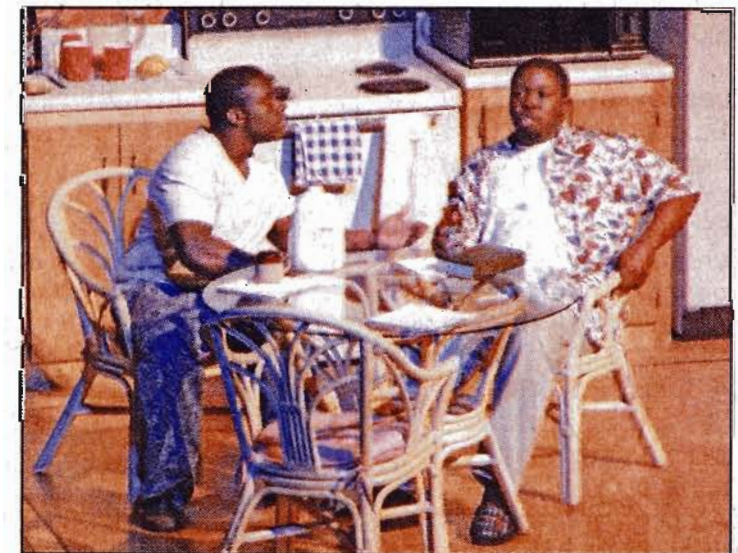
these?" said Bailey. "So many times people are afraid of what is different. Well, whether or not they are ready, it's coming."

Omar Brock agreed. "We pray that this is a step forward," he said.

The show, directed by JSU acting instructor Susan McCain, dealt with few racial issues, and the universal issues of the family were more prevalent.

"I think more family issues need to be dealt with," Robert Copeland, who played the father, said.

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Desmond Winn (Jeffrey) and Robert Copeland (Martin) discuss hopes and dreams. Photo by Jan Rhodes / Drama Department

Announcements

- Phi Mu Alpha is holding a community yard sale on April 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the PMA house at 708 West Francis St in Jacksonville.
- The March of Dimes will hold its annual March for Babies on Saturday, April 19 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Oxford Civic Center Lake and Park. For more information, go to the group's web site at marchforbabies.org.
- The Gamecock Recreation Connexion Job Fair will be held April 9 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the front lawn of the Theron Montgomery Building.

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Campus Crime

Thursday, March 27

Russell Scott McDonald was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on Miss Annie Drive in Jacksonville.

Clifford Cleveland McDonald was arrested for violation of the open container ordinance.

Friday, March 28

Nicholas Blaine Waites was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on Hwy. 21 South in Jacksonville.

Student Shalon Montgomery reported theft of property in front of Daugette Hall. Stolen

Swing, batter, batter



Wesley Foundation's Jay Robinson throws a pitch to a Kappa Alpha member during an intramural softball game on Monday, March 31. Teams played on the intramural field adjacent to the track. Photo by Kenny Boulahanis

Eat to live Moore explains new Food Pyramid formation

By Ryan Rupprecht
Staff Reporter

In support of National Nutrition Month, the Counseling & Career Services and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Jacksonville sponsored "Healthy You: A Nutrition Workshop" on Thursday, March 25, in the Theron Montgomery Building.

Guest speaker Tiffany Moore, an agent for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in Anniston, addressed students and faculty about making healthy life choices.

Another new addition is the person walking up a set of steps on the left side of the pyramid.

Though it has always been known that exercise is an important part of staying healthy, the integration, according to Moore, helps remind people that activity and healthy eating choices must be combined to maintain a healthy body.

A major point Moore stressed to those present was that "being healthier does not necessarily mean being thinner."

She explained the negative effects of a society rich in

Greeks don togas, drop pennies, display talents

By Katie Freeman
Staff Reporter

Last week, all of the Greek organizations on campus came together to celebrate Greek Week.

"Greek Week is just a time for all of our councils to get together and do activities and celebrate being Greek," said Marshonntri Reid, who helped in organizing the events for the week.

Activities included a toga mixer, a talent show and a barbeque, among others.

Yet participants say Greek Week was more than just fun and games.

"All of our money from the penny drop, as well as the money collected at the toga mixer, will go to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Jacksonville," Reid said.

A lot of work went into Greek Week, but, overall, participating students said they considered the week a success.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

• Jacksonville State University is encouraging students to participate in a nationwide survey about the current state of academic integrity in America. The survey is available online until April 13. For more information, visit the MyJSU Web site.

• Jacksonville State University assistant communications professor Jerry Chandler appeared on the March 29 episode of *Weekend Edition* on National Public Radio. Chandler discussed the Open Skies Initiative which changes the way airlines handle trans-Atlantic flights. The program is available for streaming online at www.npr.org.

• April 7 - 10 is Jacksonville State University's annual Communication Week, sponsored by the department of communication. The week begins Monday April 7 with Print Journalism Day featuring Ben Cunningham, Metro Editor of the *Anniston Star* and former Editor of *The Chanticleer*. Tuesday focuses on public relations with Tim Garner of JSU. Wednesday is Broadcast Day with Lantz Croft of WBRC Channel 6. Thursday will conclude the week with the Communication Award Luncheon, which is set to feature keynote speaker and JSU alum Jeh Jeh Pruitt of Fox 6. The luncheon will be held on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library, and tickets cost \$8.50 for students.

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Monday, March 31

Student Dion Barron reported a theft of property in front of Daugette Hall. Items stolen include a wallet, a Visa debit card and \$135 in cash.

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, April 3

- Holocaust Remembrance, Stone Center Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- "Code Blue" Cancer Awareness, 2nd floor lobby TMB 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

- Kids' Carnival, TMB Lawn, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 7

- SGA End of the Year Awards Banquet, Gamecock Center 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8

- Student Activities Council Meeting, TMB Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- Professional Speaker's Bureau presents Special Agent Craig Bates, Brewer Hall Room 141, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday April 9

- 3rd Semi-Annual JSU Rocks on the Runway, Leone Cole Auditorium 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
- Symbolism in Chinese Art, 1103B Cole Library, 2:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, in the Theron Montgomery Building.

Guest speaker Tiffany Moore, an agent for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in Anniston, addressed students and faculty about making healthy life choices.

Moore graduated from JSU in 2002 and has since focused on counseling teens about the importance of eating right and exercising.

Moore began her presentation with an introduction to the new Food Pyramid.

The new model represents food groups in a new fashion — as opposed to the former hierarchy Moore called misleading.

The new layout helps people recognize that all food groups are equally important, while still illustrating that some food groups should be used more sparingly.

continued to maintain a healthy body.

A major point Moore stressed to those present was that "being healthier does not necessarily mean being thinner."

She explained the negative effects of a society rich in cheap high calorie foods and at the same time obsessed with appearance can have on adults and adolescents.

Moore reminded the group that children are more at risk than adults.

"A child affected by an eating disorder can potentially do more damage to their body than an adult because they have not yet fully developed," Moore said.

She said in addition to anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, a new health risk associated with compulsive exercising called anorexia athletica is also an issue.

"All of our money from the penny drop, as well as the money collected at the toga mixer, will go to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Jacksonville," Reid said.

A lot of work went into Greek Week, but, overall, participating students said they considered the week a success.

"I like to see the organizations come together because each one does a lot of great things," said Reid.

"I like to see when they get together and use all of that creativity to create a great masterpiece."

The talent show was very impressive, and it was shown in front of a standing-room-only audience.

"Each year our talent show is a good event because everyone has different ideas, and to see them all put together is great, but also to see their competitive side as well," Reid said.

Jonathan Gasbarro, a member of Delta Kai, served as the deejay for the toga mixer.

"It's great with all of the Greek systems coming together and competing and having a good time," Gasbarro said.

"It's good getting to know one another. It's a really good experience."

and JSU alum Jeh Jeh Pruitt of Fox 6. The luncheon will be held on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library, and tickets cost \$8.50 for students.

- From wire, staff reports

SENATE MINUTES

Rundown of the Monday, March, 31 SGA meeting:

Monday's meeting was the last senate meeting for the old senate and the officers were very emotional, as they made their final reports to the Senate.

- Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

- Passed Student Bill 112, which says every organization involved in the organizational council must have a representative at at least eight of the ten meetings a year. It included exceptions for excused absences and a provision for organizations whose size prohibits them from having a representative at the required meetings.

- Student Bill 113, which states that any organization that receives allocations from the Organizational Council must remain active in the OC in order to receive allocations the following year.

There will be no senate meeting on April 7 and the new senators will take their place on April 14.

This also marked David Jennings' last meeting as SGA President. Jennifer Nix will take over on April 14 with the new senators.

OC, BCM join to dish out barbecue

By Shalon Montgomery
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, March 27, the Organization Council and Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) served 116 pounds of meat under the pavilion behind the Alumni House.

The Back to School Barbecue and School Supply Drive's purpose was to raise school supplies for the youth of Calhoun County.

"At one meeting everyone just spit out a bunch of ideas, and by the end of the meeting we came up with a barbecue to raise school supplies," 2007-2008 SGA President David Jennings said.

"We experiment with the time of our events," David Jennings said. "We figured we would give JSU students and faculty a chance to get off work or get out of class so they can attend the barbecue."

The OC served free barbecue sandwiches, chips and soda at the event, which was provided by the BCM.

Men from the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville volunteered to cook the meat, and those in attendance seemed pleased.

"The barbecue was really good, but I wish they had some desserts," freshman Jeffrey Lewis said.

Thursday's barbeque marked the last big event of the 2007-2008 school year for the Organizational Council.

Most students said they came for the free food, but others said they came to show their support.

"I came out for the food," Freshman Forum member Kayla Finley said. "But my main reason for coming was to support the OC because they always support things that we do."

Tyrone Smiley, the newly elected 2008-2009 vice president of student senate, said he hopes the Back to School Barbecue and School Supply Drive is followed by similar events next year.

"We need more events like this so JSU can have a friendlier community," Smiley said.



Newly re-elected SGA Vice President of Organizational Affairs Destini Mayberry loads a student's sandwich with steaming barbecue. Mayberry, along with other members of the SGA and BCM, spent the afternoon of Thursday, March 27, serving up barbecue sandwiches, chips and drinks to students. The event's organizers intended to raise school supplies as well as serve food, but few were collected. Photo by Kenny Boulahanis

Outage: Martin Hall power may return today

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turned away at the doors, with professors navigating pitch-black hallways by flashlight.

Only President Meehan and Vice President Turner had the authority to cancel classes, Turner said.

Dr. Klimasewski was quick to point out there was no fundamental disconnect between the administration in Bibb Graves and the faculty in Martin Hall. Time was of the essence, according to Klimasewski — which may account for the discrepancies.

"We had to make a quick decision based on safety," he said. "We have handicapped kids, and we have students who would be walking in a dark hallway. So the decision had to be made."

However, Klimasewski said the university's response was good, from quick action on the part of maintenance teams to other departments that offered Physical and Earth Sciences (PES) faculty and students available classrooms.

"It is an emergency," JSU President Bill Meehan said. "We had to make the best accommodations."

Making the best of it

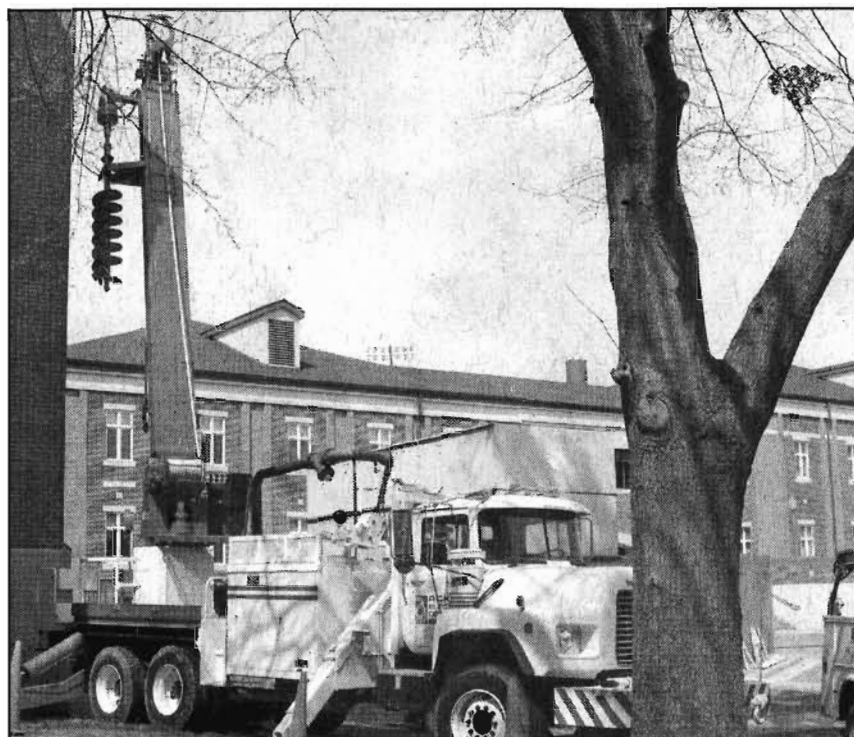
Dr. Klimasewski led the Physical and Earth Sciences faculty in an emergency meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday afternoon. The session was held in a corridor linking Martin to the McGee Science Center, in what ordinarily serves as a student breakroom.

A makeshift schedule compiled by Dr. Turner, College of Arts and Sciences dean James Wade and department secretary Tracy Casey and was distributed. The chart showed where and when classes would be meeting for the duration of the power outage. Most class meetings were moved to lecture rooms in nearby buildings. Those included Brewer Hall, Wallace Hall, Houston Cole Library and the Merrill Building.

Some faculty members present at the emergency session expressed their concern that adequate teaching materials and tools would not be available in the temporary classroom spaces. Dr. Klimasewski assured them the department would try to provide appropriate equipment.

By Tuesday morning, PES faculty and staff set up a temporary headquarters from which Klimasewski and Casey could coordinate with their colleagues in executing the makeshift class schedules.

Reaction from the host departments



A crane begins the process of removing parts of a damaged electrical system on Monday at 1:40 p.m. Photo by Zach Childree / The Chanticleer

has been positive.

"We are delighted to welcome our colleagues and students from other colleges to our building. We will facilitate their temporary relocation in any way possible," said Dr. Sarah Latham, dean of the Colleges of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Along with the logistical issues of the outage came communications problems as well. When power to Martin was knocked out, telephone servers housed there also went down. Five buildings, including Houston Cole Library and Rowe Hall, lost telephone service as a result.

JSU maintenance personnel brought in special power cables for the servers around 9:15 a.m. Monday morning, and service was restored by 9:30 a.m., according to library secretary Lynn Varcak.

Anatomy of an explosion

It was a relatively quiet Saturday morning. The day dawned gloomy, and rain was expected as the day wore on. At Martin Hall, students were readying for a plant sale scheduled for that afternoon, and Dr. Klimasewski was in his second-floor office.

Then, shortly before 11:30 a.m., the steady rain that had been falling for hours found a chink in the electrical system's armor.

"From what I understand, water seeped in [to the system]," biology

professor Dr. Frank Romano said. The water leak then led to an electrical short that triggered the explosions and fire.

The ensuing power outage threw parts of the east side of campus into the dark, including Houston Cole Library, McGee Science Center and the president's home. WLJS was also silenced for about three hours, according to station manager Mike Stedham.

Martin Hall was isolated from the power grid, allowing power to the other buildings to be restored by mid-afternoon. The damage at Martin, however, proved impossible to repair quickly. Parts for the decades-old system must be placed on special order, Romano said, meaning power may not be restored until today.

If it is not, the temporary schedules will be extended into next week. On Monday afternoon, a crane was already in place, helping move larger sections of the damaged electrical system. Workers with both the JSU physical plant and a private contractor made inspections and assessed the damage close-up.

President Meehan, along with Clint Carlson and Dr. Turner, visited the site on Monday and spoke with the contractors. Meehan is optimistic the problems will be rectified soon.

"We hope to be back to normal on Monday, if not before," he said.

Caring for kids

30 from JSU help out at local day care

By Adam Alexander
Staff Reporter

Jacksonville Day Care Center's location, situated about a mile behind the Jacksonville Housing Authority, is remote. But despite being tucked away out of sight, about 30 children and 12 infants attend Jacksonville Day Care.

On Friday, United Way sent 300 volunteers to the day care throughout the day. The current director of the Jacksonville Day Care Center, Susan Backus, said United Way has been a major reason for the school's survival.

The day care has been functioning since the 1960s, starting out as an all-black school. But after the success of Brown v. Board of Education, it became an integrated middle school.

The school was closed for two years and then reopened in 1970 as a non-profit daycare. And ever since, the building has functioned as a day care.

The day care has been struggling financially, but with the help of the United Way organizing events like the JSU Day of Caring, held on Friday, March 28, the situation, according to Backus, is gradually improving.

The funds for the Jacksonville Day Care Center come from United Way, the parents of the children who attend and state reimbursement. Even so, volunteer work is warmly accepted, as the facility still has a long way to go.

"Everyone has to pull together because it's a team effort," Backus said. She spoke of the community's involvement, which includes a foundation grant from Alabama Power. The local Hardee's also chipped in, giving the day care a discount and tax break on lunch for the children.

Backus said students from JSU are frequent among the volunteers sent by United Way. There were 30 volunteers from JSU on Friday.

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Guns: Giddy says even gun certification not enough

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"I think everyone is thankful that (the state legislature) is thinking about the safety of the students," Giddy said. "These incidents are so tragic that everybody wants to do all they can."

Giddy said while he does not support bans on guns that take people's rights away, having more guns on our campus would not be the way to go.

But for now, the concerns of Giddy and Meehan can be set aside-- because on March 26, 2008, the Senate Education Committee rejected Erwin's proposed bill.

Giddy said even if the bill passed, allowing "certified" students to carry guns, certification doesn't necessarily mean that the student would know when to use the gun.

"Police officers go for 12 weeks of training," Giddy said.

The JSU Code of Conduct bans projectile weapons from being carried on campus, and Dr. Meehan said he worries that guns might exacerbate emotional situations.

"College is already a very emotional place," Meehan said.

In the event of a complaint of violence, Giddy explained it is usually a domestic dispute gone bad.

There is, according to Giddy, a procedure in place for the threat of a student shooting, but that ultimately the responsibility lies on the citizenry to report possible threats.

"If you hear someone issue a threat, you should report it to your professor or the University Police Department, and be able to identify the person who issued the threat."

Giddy said if a threat is confirmed, the student's records are pulled by the UPD to see if there is a history of violence by the student. An emergency meeting is called, and Counseling and Student Services is also called to the meeting to see if the student has or needs any psychological evaluation.

If the student remains a threat, there are several courses of action the school can take from suspension to expulsion from the university.

Giddy said students shouldn't feel unsafe on campus.

"We really don't have a lot of violence on campus," Giddy said. "Our major concern is theft more than physical violence."

Monologues: JSU performances 2 of 8,000 nationwide

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"I was pleased with the performance, I was pleased with the audience response, I was pleased with everything," Smith said. "This is all for good causes so the more people we get to come down, the better."

Profits from the tickets, which sold for ten dollars apiece, went to the Gulf Coast area women's crisis centers, to aid in establishing the WISE Legacy Scholarship and to the Daybreak Crisis Center, the area rape crisis center that covers seven counties.

In the almost packed auditorium, a film played on a projector before the monologues began.

The usual chit-chat, shifting in seats and walking around before a play begins was absent.

This was different.

Much of the audience members were glued to the film, which showed women from across the world talking about their own personal struggles with rape, abuse, molestation and mutilation. The film also showed clips of past performances of *The Vagina Monologues*.

The Vagina Monologues is a play written by Eve Ensler, based on 200 interviews with women aged 6 to 72, all different ethnicities, social classes and sexualities about their personal stories and struggles.

Many of the stories are hysterical -- but others are heartbreaking.

There were no costume changes, backdrops, music or dancing.

The performing women simply sat in chairs facing the stage dressed in black

with red accents, holding black binders with the letter "V" stuck to the front in pink or red. The raw and emotionally charged monologues consisted of one woman or two standing up and acting out a true story from the monologues collected by Ensler.

Two of JSU's own professors were in the play, Dr. Tina Deshotels of the sociology department and Dr. Jenny Savage of the social work department. Deshotels performed in two monologues entitled "My Vagina Was My Village," and "I Was There In The Room." Dr. Jenny Savage performed in "The Flood."

"I was really honored that I was able to tell these women's stories. All of their stories are so moving," Deshotels said. "I was nervous, but the stories speak for themselves."

The cast's nerves stemmed from speaking about being raped, shaving pubic hair and having sexual relations with the same sex for the first time. They also performed orgasm sounds and roused laughter with the different "types" of orgasm sounds.

Trace Fleming-Smith, who both performed in and produced *The Vagina Monologues*, is also the Prevention Educator and fundraising coordinator at Daybreak Crisis Recovery Center. She founded WISE and graduated from JSU in 2005, majoring in social work.

"The show is controversial, and we have had some negative responses, but we're more concerned with violence against women than we are about someone being negative," Fleming-Smith said. "We're

hoping that people will be more appalled by the sexual assault against women than a few uncomfortable words. It's time to get past that comfort zone."

Every two and a half minutes, Fleming-Smith explained, someone is sexually assaulted in the United States.

That's 578 people every day.

"We have, across the United States, one in six women who are going to see sexual assault sometime in their lifetime," Fleming-Smith said.

Daybreak received a funding cut recently and in response, Fleming-Smith said, "I think we have terrible economic times, and I also think that rape crisis is something that a lot of people think we can put on the back burner, but we can't put it on the back burner."

Due to the support, encouragement and responsiveness toward *The Vagina Monologues*, they have added a show that will be performed on Friday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m.

The Vagina Monologues have already been performed 8,000 times this year in communities and at college campuses. Other Alabama campuses include University of Alabama, Gadsden State and the University of Montevallo, among others.

"The word 'vagina' is basically a profane word in our society," Smith said. "It's not something that people talk about. And we don't talk about the abuse, we don't talk about domestic violence and we don't (talk about) sexual assault. If we don't talk about it, it's never going to stop."

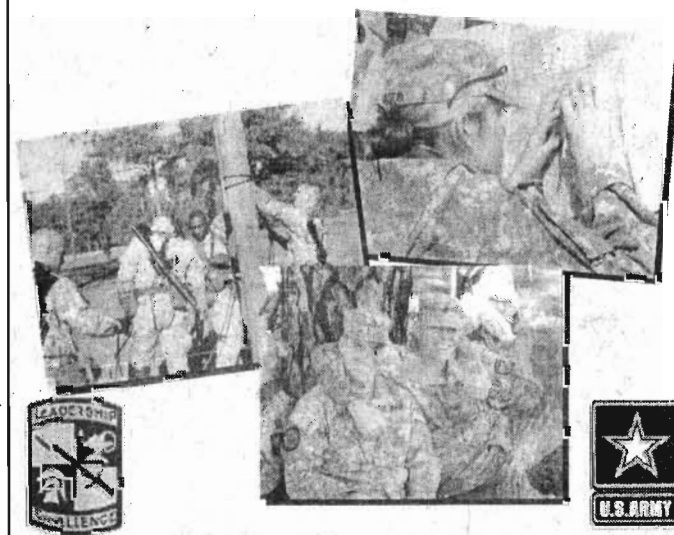
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OUR VOICE

Student voice should be heard, heeded by representatives

It is a subject that has sparked a community-wide conversation — a vehement conversation that has taken its form on newspaper pages, in classrooms and online.

But it is also a subject onto which we, as the voice of *The Chanticleer*, have yet to interject our opinion. Our reporters and editors have crafted articles dissecting the subject, examining it from — we believe — every angle. And those same articles have garnered one inflammatory comment after another on our Web site.

Today, we end our silence.

Today, we speak our minds on the proposed \$36 million dollar stadium expansion.

The reason we dare delve into this subject today is simple — we feel and fear that the voice of the student body is being ignored.

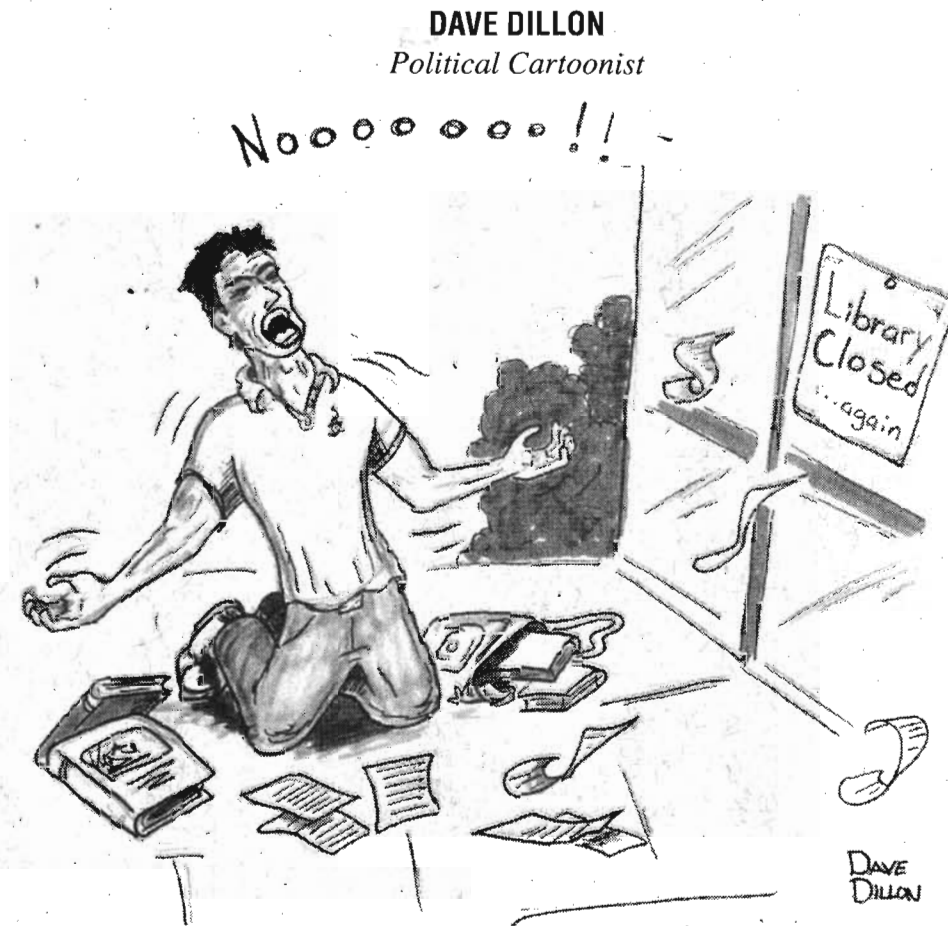
At the debate between potential SGA officers held earlier this semester, both SGA presidential candidates Jennifer Nix and Moody Duff, III were questioned, by our own Brandon Hollingsworth, about their positions on the stadium expansion. Both responded, resoundingly, in support for the project.

As we all know, Nix won the presidency and will succeed David Jennings. That's old news.

But what is decidedly not old news is the concern that now, with an SGA president who supports what has been, among students, a very unpopular idea, the opinions of the students may be ignored. We do not claim to know if that is happening or will happen — for that is not our place or our aim. And we believe that any resolutions from the SGA brought before the Board of Trustees are likely to have little effect on the final decision — but that issue is also not the one we are broaching today.

We simply hope the newly elected SGA administration of Jacksonville State University will continue, as it reads in the fourth bullet of the SGA's Declaration of Purpose and as, we believe, this year's administration has done — “to fulfill, to the best of (their) ability, the wants and needs of the entire student body.”

If that means supporting the construction and expenditure of a \$36 million dollar football stadium to replace one that has, in the



Counseling offers outlet, no shame

I visited a friend this weekend. Our meeting took place in the most serene, floral and creepy place I know.

The cemetery.

My friend was an amazing guy. Always making people around him laugh and always goofing off. He was admired by so many and was the life of the party everywhere he went. He was a person you could always turn to for help and never be denied.

And then he died.

So quick, so fast — like snapping your fingers or blinking. In an instant, the lives of his family and friends were changed forever. The pain trickled down, hurting everyone who ever knew him, and those who wished they could have known him better — like me. It hurt like lemon juice in a fresh cut. The shock was breathtaking, like falling off of the monkey bars as a kid and landing on your back.

Except it lasted much longer than that.

When people heard of the loss, they called to see how things were and if there was anything they could do. We all brought food to his family's house, like we Southerners tend to do.

And then came the next question — something every human being thinks about, but many don't want to ask right away.

“What happened?”



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reply.

Three months later, the words still don't seem fathomable, and this is just my struggle. I can't even begin to imagine the pain his family and closer friends endure.

Starting this semester was difficult. I couldn't stop thinking about

his death, and I had strained relationships with a few of the people close to me, such as my boyfriend.

Everything became jumbled and confusing, and though I was doing well in my classes, I felt as though things were piling on top of me — higher and higher. I needed something or someone to help me feel like myself again, yet I felt too independent and prideful to be counseled.

I was wrong. We all have things bothering us, whether we choose to accept it or not.

It took me by surprise how embarrassed I was to admit that I was seeing a counselor on campus to help me deal with my grief.

It took me weeks to even tell my best friend, to whom I tell everything,

students, and you can find them through JSU's Web site.

Right away the counselors make you feel better with their compassion and open ears. Though I still cry at any John Mayer song I hear because it reminds me of him, I've grown to accept his death and move past it.

Counseling taught me a valuable lesson in how to not shy away from help, we all need it in some way. There are things in life that the human mind and body are not meant to endure. The sudden loss of a loved one is one of them. There should never be a negative connotation associated with counseling, but often there is. Often, people are too embarrassed to seek help for fear of what others will say if they find out — like I was.

Other times, people who are deeply troubled but do not seek counseling, can have a tragic ending, like my friend.

As I sat by my friend's grave, right before the sun went down, listening to the trees as they swayed back and forth, I didn't feel the need to question why he did it, but how he was doing now. If you've never talked to a grave, you're lucky. I hope you never have to.

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If that means supporting the construction and expenditure of a \$36 million dollar football stadium to replace one that has, in the past, been filled with little more than empty seats, then so be it.

But if that student body's "wants and needs" happen to include pumping more money into more instructors, security cameras or parking spots, then it is our sincere hope that neither the administration of the SGA — nor that of JSU — will turn a deaf ear.

If it becomes apparent that student voices are being ignored, we fear that this university, which we love, will find the cost of this new stadium and housing unit to mount even higher than the reported \$36 million dollar price tag.

For qualities such as student loyalty and trust cannot be bought.

BRIEF THOUGHT

Martin Hall outage revealed strong leadership, decisions

The fire and power failure at Martin Hall this week underscored a very important point: emergency planning is not a vice. While the exact scenario — a water-triggered electrical fire — is unlikely to be repeated, the idea that classes may have to be shifted or that a building may be too dangerous to enter is not all that farfetched.

It took cool heads, cooperation and many, many Excel spreadsheets to figure out where and when classes would meet until the problems at Martin could be resolved. As early as Monday morning, plans were already in the works to carry on with classes in other buildings.

The leadership demonstrated by Dr. Ted Klimasewski, Dr. Frank Romano, Tracy Casey and their colleagues in the Physical and Earth Sciences Department, coupled with the cooperation of fellow department heads, deans, vice presidents and President Meehan himself, prevented an already bad situation from becoming much worse.

The university would do very well to use the Martin Hall emergency as a lesson in effective leadership and decision-making in the wake of a sudden disaster. Doing so in this case saved time and maintained continuity of class meetings. In the future, under more dire conditions, it could save lives.

called to see how things were and if there was anything they could do. We all brought food to his family's house, like we Southerners tend to do.

And then came the next question — something every human being thinks about, but many don't want to ask right away.

"What happened?"

Before I told them what happened, I hesitated. It was hard to form the words in my mouth, and even in death I wanted to protect his image. I looked up to him.

"He committed suicide," was my

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If there were ever two things that college students should never shy away from, they are talking about suicide and being aware of counseling services.

JSU offers free counseling services to

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The negative connotation associated with counseling should be blurred — and erased altogether.

It's not something to be embarrassed about.

Where, how to begin conversation on race?

By Adam Geller
AP National Writer

So, we're going to get honest about race this time? Let's get started then.

If only it were that simple.

We've had time to digest Sen. Barack Obama's call for a new, and more frank, examination of the "complexities of race in this country that we've never really worked our way through." Plenty of people, including some from opposite sides of the ideological fence, heard something in that speech that spoke to their hearts.

But a period of reflection makes clear that, when the power of rhetoric fades, we're conflicted not just about race, but even how to talk about it.

Candor can help, some say; others worry fresh honesty will inflame old tensions. And who is qualified to join in this conversation? It depends whom you ask. Is this only a black-white thing, or is that too limited? Can different generations, with different experiences, hear each other on this issue?

To some it sounds like a conversation — or an argument — they've been having or hearing all their lives, and one that started long before.

We live by a Constitution that began, "We the People," but declared black

slaves worth only three-fifths as much as whites. From the Lincoln-Douglas faceoffs of 1858, which focused largely on what to do about slavery, to the most recent debate over renewing the Voting Rights Act, the rift over race and what to do about it has defined us.

Jay Love, a state legislator in Alabama, opposed a resolution last year apologizing for slavery because he disagreed with "apologizing for something that I didn't have a part of." Love is white and from Montgomery, a civil rights battleground. Growing up, race and its connection to political power were always part of the conversation, he says.

But unlike his parents, raised in a segregated world, Love says by the time he reached school, the student body was nearly evenly split between whites and blacks. His generation and the one that has followed are dealing with each other across race every day, and to begin a new round of highly charged debate about the past will not help move those relationships forward, he says.

"I think that we've discussed it too much, to tell you the truth," says Love, now running for Congress. "If we have this conversation, what gets accomplished? That's what I want to know. To what end?"

Time, though, has shown it's not easy to begin that conversation.

Hours after Obama spoke, a white man and a black man sat across from each other, trying to pick through the minefield of prejudices in a search for common ground — and a few laughs.

"OK, car stereos," said the white guy, comedian Jon Stewart. "A lot of times when you guys are driving down the street, it's really loud. And we hate that."

The black guy, comedian Larry Wilmore, turned to the anger he feels when distrustful storekeepers watch him like a suspect. He'd worked too hard to be treated this way.

"We've all had to work, Larry!" a mock-indignant Stewart replied. "My family came to this country with nothing. They worked in factories. They worked as taxi drivers."

"Oh, you mean when your ancestors chose to come here!" Wilmore retorted.

The audience emitted a giant "Ohhhhhhhhh," and, for one pregnant moment, turned quiet.

"You know," Stewart offered, as if the thought just occurred to him, "maybe it's hard to see the world from a different experience from your own."

It made for a decent punchline. But it worked as comedy because it turned on a bit of truth: Trying to have a conversation about race can be downright painful.

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Sports

Case wins 200th

Gamecock offense breaks out of "so-called slump"



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It's all ball bearings nowadays

It seems like there's always a grammatical error in this column, so let's go ahead and get that out of the weigh.

Anyway, here's a list of the eight worst rules in sports, a subject to which I've devoted entirely too much thought.

Honorable mention: being disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard on the PGA Tour, no 10 seconds in women's basketball, technical fouls count as personal fouls in college basketball, the designated hitter, MLB's All-Star game determining home field.

8. One-and-one free throws

The NBA absolutely has this right. Free throws should come in twos and occasionally threes, but not ones. The one-and-one is advantageous to the team committing the infraction far too often.

Especially with the realization that many college players are quite poor from the line, any foul shooting should be two shots. There's just something intrinsically wrong with rewarding the fouling team. It's that simple.

7. Four-on-four overtime in the NHL

As you'll see again in No. 2, doing things differently in overtime really irks me. You play the game one way for 60 minutes and then can't continue that for five more minutes?

By Jered Staubs
Sports Editor

The JSU baseball team found its stroke offensively in time to earn coach Jim Case his 200th win at the school.

Despite having reasons to doubt themselves after being shut out and managing only four hits Wednesday against Alabama's Miers Quigley, the Gamecocks finally showed signs of the offense many were expecting from the team.

Every starter recorded a hit as the Gamecocks beat Austin Peay 19-8 in the first game of a doubleheader last Sunday.

The Gamecocks (11-15, 4-2 OVC) had come up with 16 hits in a 7-6 extra inning win the day before, and Case said he had seen this offensive outburst as a possibility.

"We've been showing signs of coming out of a so-called slump," Case said. "We thought we were fixing to break out, and we saw that a little bit this weekend."

In the 19-8 win, JSU scored all its runs between the third and sixth innings, including a season-high 10 runs — eight of which came with two outs — in the sixth inning.

Clay Whittemore, who got the inning started with a one-out walk and later hit a 3-run homer in the inning, said that the team fed off each other in that inning and throughout the Gamecocks' offensive resurgence.

"We've told ourselves a lot that hitting is contagious, and that's what happened," Whittemore said. "When the guy in front of you hits the ball hard, you feel like you can too."

The hits kept coming, as JSU finished the game with 18, along with six walks and four hit by pitches. Five Gamecocks are now hitting .300 or better for the season.

Whittemore led the team with four RBI in the game, while Todd Cunningham, Steven Leach and Daniel Adamson drove in three apiece. Kyle McCreary added his first career four-hit game.

Austin Peay rained on JSU's parade

Ryne Harper. Harper allowed only an unearned run in the Governors' 4-1 win.

Still, Gamecock players felt honored to be a part of Case's 200th win.

"That was a real big deal," Whittemore said. "Coach Case isn't the kind of guy to bring a lot of attention to himself, but it meant a lot to us to get it for him. It was special for us, especially the seniors, to help him reach that milestone."

Typically, Case directed attention to the team's performance, saying simply that "it's being here long enough to do that."

"I think we've built the program pretty well," Case said. "We've been fairly consistent, especially the last four or five years."

Case has compiled a career record (including his record as an assistant) of 797-594, with the first 597 wins coming while at Louisiana Tech, Mississippi State and UAB.

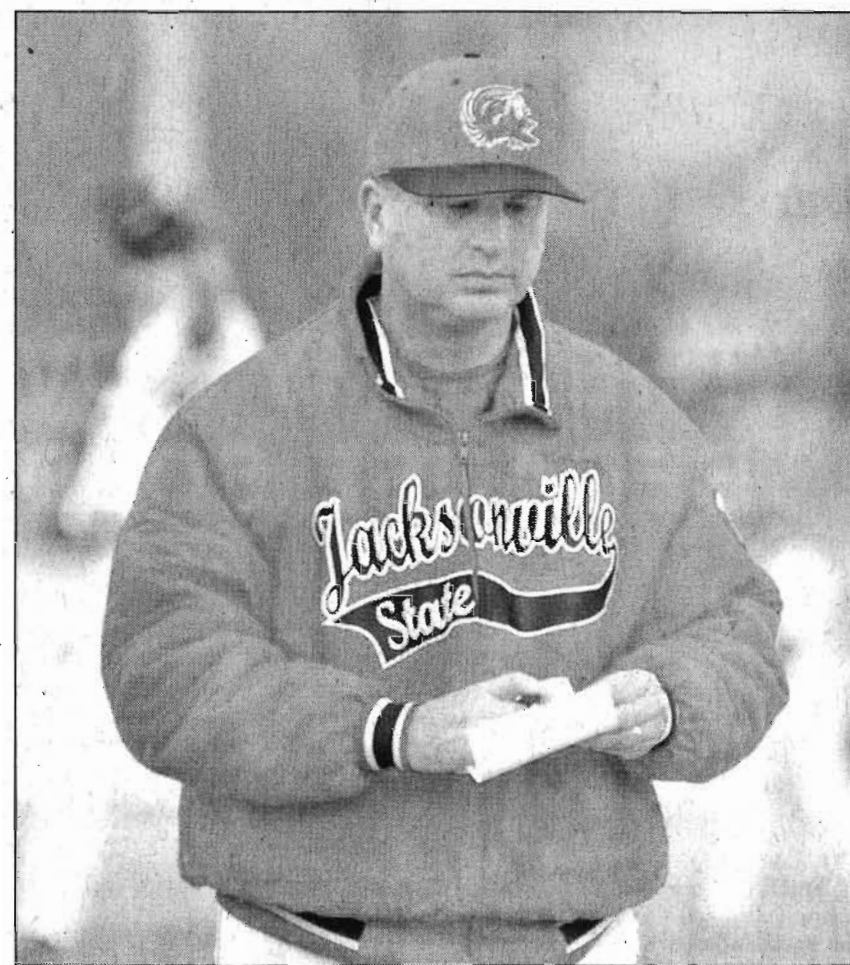
His current team is now fully immersed in its OVC schedule with nine of the next ten games against conference opponents. Case feels the team is starting to come together in several aspects.

"It's not just about the offensive performance," Case said. "The last four games we only made two errors. One was on a pickoff play, and the other one was on Daniel Adamson strictly because of a wet field. Our defense has been showing improvement, and we need to keep doing that."

Case complimented his young players who have capitalized on their playing time this season, in particular Todd Cunningham. The freshman left fielder from Jacksonville High School is hitting .321 and leads the team in walks by a wide margin.

"Todd Cunningham has really stood out," Case said. "We moved him into the leadoff position, and he gave us six hits in three games and he also threw out a guy trying to score."

Ben Tootle (4-2) and Alex Jones (4-1) picked up the wins for the Gamecocks in the series and have established themselves as anchors of the pitching staff, though others must



Jim Case walks away from the mound after making a pitching change earlier this year. File photo from James Harkins / JSUFan.com

JIM CASE'S JSU HIGHLIGHTS

- 2005 Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year
- More OVC wins than any other team since JSU joined the conference in 2004
- Four straight appearances in the OVC championship game
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leading team. It's that simple.

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I was actually a huge NHL fan before the 2004 lockout, and I still follow the sport to a lesser extent, but this is just one of many irksome rules changes that — while intended to appeal to the masses — have taken the appeal out of the game for me.

6. Sudden death in the NFL

Of the bad rules listed here, I think this one, along with possibly #4, has the greatest possibility to be changed.

The fans continue to accept this system, and I just don't get it. Insert your own luck reference here, but to continue to depend on a coin toss is just wrong. The NFL is by far the most popular and profitable league in the USA, but it can't get this fixed.

There are alternatives. The college OT has been pretty successful and is much more fair. The NFL could do something similar, though maybe from further back than the 25-yard line. I'd say the opponent's 40 or midfield.

I'm also not exactly clear on why games that end tied don't simply go into the standings as ties. I guess it's just not in our culture, but I've always thought that was the simplest and — considering 60 minutes should mean more than five — fairest solution.

5. A ball off the rafters is an automatic double in intramural whiffball.

Just kidding, Gilbert.

5. Metal bats in college baseball

It's mainly a preparation thing. College basketball players don't play on an 8-foot goal. College soccer players don't take penalties from 10 feet. College tennis players don't get to hit the ball inside the doubles' lines. But for some reason college baseball players get to use metal bats.

Maybe it's the all-too-often 12-10 games that lead me to feel this way, but I don't see any reason college baseball players shouldn't use the same equipment MLB players

use. And that's not by pitched. Five Gamecocks are now hitting .300 or better for the season.

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Chicks dig the long ball

Softball smashes 13 home runs in last four games

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State softball team has been on fire as of late, rattling off eight wins in a row.

The Gamecocks (20-8, 9-1 OVC) latest victims included Samford and a very competitive Tennessee State squad.

JSU started the week with a doubleheader sweep over the Bulldogs last Wednesday, outscoring Samford 21-1 in the two-game series.

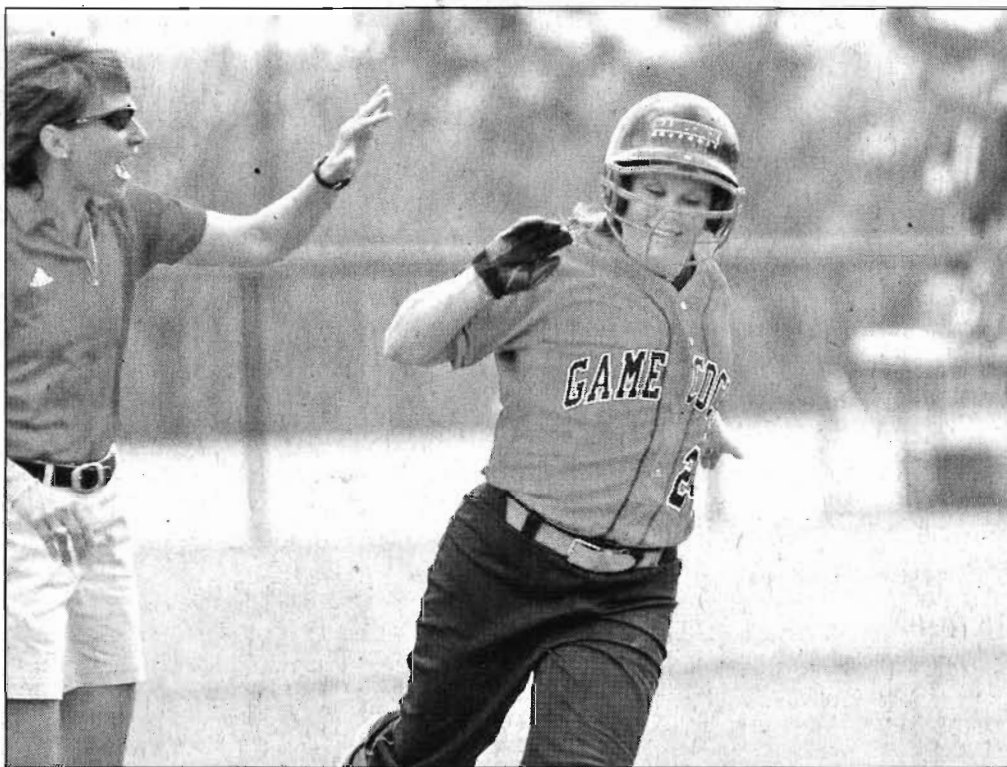
"The Samford series kind of got our week off to a good start. That was a fun series," JSU coach Jana McGinnis said. "Our bats really came alive. The girls really stepped up and hit the ball."

In the first game of the doubleheader, all nine Gamecock batters recorded a hit, forcing the Bulldogs to use all three of their pitchers. Junior Kayla Collins led the team with three hits in JSU's 9-0 win.

"Our hitting is what stood out in the Samford game. In the very first game, we went through all three of their pitchers, so that kind of put their backs against the wall for the second game," McGinnis said.

The second game of the doubleheader was highlighted by a ten-run third inning and a remarkable performance by sophomore Chrissy O'Neal.

O'Neal hit two home runs during the nightcap, both coming in the same inning. She started the inning with a two-run homer and finished it with a grand slam. O'Neal is



Sophomore Nikki Prier high-fives coach Jana McGinnis as she rounds third base after hitting one of her three home runs Saturday. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com

the only player in JSU history to hit two home runs in one inning.

"I was proud of our offense. Chrissy O'Neal had a really good game," McGinnis said.

Tennessee State traveled to Jacksonville to take on the Gamecocks over the weekend fresh off a series sweep over defending OVC champs Tennessee Tech. However, JSU sent the Tigers home with a bad taste in their mouths after a three-game series sweep.

"Tennessee State was coming in here with a lot of confidence," she said. "They had just swept Tennessee Tech in a doubleheader for the first time in school history."

The Tigers sent their number one starter, Amanda Vought, to the mound for the first game of the series. But the Gamecocks picked up where they left off against Samford, tagging Vought for six earned runs in four innings pitched.

"They threw their number-one pitcher at us the first game, and she leads the conference in strikeouts," McGinnis said. "We knocked her out very early. We jumped on her early and scored several runs. We pretty much dominated that game."

The second game of Saturday's doubleheader was much closer than the first.

The Tigers held the lead 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth until sophomore Nikki Prier blasted a two-run homer to give JSU a 3-2 victory.

Prier hit two home runs in the first game of the series, giving her three for the day. She went 4-for-6 with three home runs and six RBI in Saturday's games alone.

"Nikki Prier, she really stood out on Saturday," McGinnis said. "One of her home runs helped us win that second game."

After only mustering three runs in the nightcap of the doubleheader, the Gamecock offense came back to life Sunday afternoon.

JSU scored five runs in the first inning and cruised to a 14-1 victory.

The Gamecocks have been on a power surge of late, blasting 13 home runs in their last four games.

"What is unique about this team is that you look at their sizes and you don't think they would be strong, but our girls are strong," McGinnis said. "Any player in our lineup can hit the home run, and I think it goes back to our strength and conditioning coaches."

"From the first few weeks of practice, I told them that we were going to be a different style team than what everybody expects. Everybody always expects us to be the power-hitting team. That is kind of our reputation," McGinnis added. "I told them that we're going to be the consistent base-hitting team for average and doubles, so I kind of think they took that on as a challenge."

The Gamecocks are currently in first place in the OVC and are set to take on second place Eastern Kentucky this weekend.

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- Coach Jana McGinnis

GAMECOCK BRIEFS

• Jacksonville State senior **Julian Colmenares** was named the Ohio Valley Conference Golfer of the Week for his performance in the Carter Plantation Intercollegiate last week. Colmenares, a native of Bacaramanga, Columbia, led the Gamecocks to a fourth-place finish overall. He shot five-over par to finish fifth individually.

• Jacksonville State sophomore **Kandis Thomas** finished first in section five of the 200-yard dash during day three at the Alabama Relays. Thomas, a native of Hoover, Ala., ran the event in a time of 26.60. She also finished seventh in section four of the 100-meter dash.

• Jacksonville State senior **Megan Ziarek** finished second in section three of the 1500-meter run. Ziarek, a native of Muskego, Wis., finished the event in a time of 4:57.77.

• Jacksonville State freshman **Alina Bocicor** finished fourth in the heptathlon. Bocicor finished sixth in the 800-meter run, fifth in the javelin throw and ninth in the long jump competition to bring home fourth place overall.

• Jacksonville State's middle-distance runners, **Sarah Caine**, **Latosha Taliaferro** and **Veronica Citireag** also turned in strong performances in the 800-meter run. Caine's time of 2:20.59 was the best time of the day for the Gamecocks, as she finished in fourth.

The Doctor is in

Dowling earns OVC Pitcher of the Week

By **Jared Gravette**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State softball team entered the 2008 season hurting from the pitching circle, but Melissa "Doc" Dowling has cured the Gamecocks worries and fears.

The junior from Bradenton, Fla., has been dominant since taking over for an injured Karla Pittman as JSU's number-one starter.

"I think we all decided and knew that we needed to step up in order for this program to be successful," Dowling said when asked about Pittman's injury. Karla did a great job last year, and it's unfortunate what happened to her knee."

During the Gamecocks current eight-game win streak, Dowling has won six games from the circle to improve her overall record to 14-5.

Over that span, she has pitched 27 1/3 innings, allowing only two earned runs. Dowling won all three games of the weekend series with Tennessee State to earn OVC Pitcher of the Week honors, but individual accolades are the last thing on her mind.

"I've been doing my job in the circle, but so has Ashley (Eliasson)," Dowling said. "Everyone has been working hard. It's not just me. Like I said, I've been hitting my corners, been working hard, but like I said it's a total team effort."

"Getting Pitcher of the Week is a great honor, but that's not going to win us a championship. That was our team goal from day one; to win a conference championship, host it here, make it to the Regionals and then our team goal for this year was to make

it to Super Regionals. That's really all I'm focused on."

In the final game of her sophomore season for the Gamecocks, Dowling surrendered three home runs to Tennessee Tech, including a walk-off shot that ended JSU's season.

Coming into this year, she was intent on getting better, and it has already begun to pay big dividends.

"After giving up four hits in a conference championship game with three of them being home runs, I sat down with coach (Mark) Wisener, went home and focused on getting faster as far as speed and velocity go.

"It was devastating to see what happened last year, especially being on the mound and giving up the home run," Dowling added.

Dowling set a goal in the offseason to raise her velocity to 68 miles per hour. During her sophomore season, her fastball registered around 63 MPH, but Dowling now regularly throws 67 or 68 MPH.

"When we got back on campus during the fall, all we did was continue to get faster. He (Wisener) said, 'look, I know you can reach 68.' That was our goal from day one, and as soon as I got back in January I had hit 68," Dowling said.

According to JSU head coach Jana McGinnis, the biggest difference between the Dowling of this season and the Dowling of yesteryear is her ability to grow into a more confident pitcher in the circle.

"She keeps growing," McGinnis said. "She has made tremendous strides from last year to this year. She's not the same player that she was when we finished at the conference tournament last year in May, and I think that's all Doc."

Shultz: trying to win \$250,000 on show

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allow this to happen for him, but there came a time and point that we need to move forward in our marketing and fundraising area."

Fuller said that the fundraising and marketing position must be filled quickly because it is a critical area for any athletic program.

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proposed move to the highest level of NCAA athletics, including the Football Bowl Subdivision in football.

Shultz played football at the University of Alabama, where he was a center in the 1990s. Former teammate Trent Patterson was his partner on the show before being eliminated.

On Shultz's biography page on nbc.com, he expresses two goals - to match his twin brother's weight of 198 pounds and to be able to take his wife dancing. When he started on the show, Shultz weighed 363 pounds, but he has dropped to under 240 pounds, and he continues to

Enterprise, Ala.

"The Biggest Loser" airs Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. CDT, and the winner receives \$250,000. The season finale is scheduled to be aired live on April 15.

Shultz told *The Birmingham News* that he will continue to co-host the radio show "In the Trenches" during football season and would like to explore the possibility of opening a gym with Patterson.

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strong performances in the 800-meter run. Caine's time of 2:20.59 was the best time of the day for the Gamecocks, as she finished in fourth.

• In the day's field events, **Ebony Brisky** and **Takisha Parham** both finished fifth in their respective flights in the long jump competition. Brisky jumped 18-01.75, while Parham jumped 18-00.50.

• The **Jacksonville State women's tennis team** earned a 6-0 victory over Tennessee Tech on Saturday. **Viviane Marani**, **Martina Dessbessell**, **Julianna Renesto** and **Eloah Lopes** all won their singles matches in straight sets. **Kimberly Ferris** and **Kristen Fuller** won their respective matches in three sets. The doubles point was rained out.

• The **Jacksonville State men's tennis team** lost to Tennessee Tech 5-1. Like the women's competition, the doubles point was rained out. **Steffen Solomon** was the only Gamecock to win his match.

• Both the **men's and women's tennis teams** swept Tennessee State on Friday. The Gamecocks won all 12 singles matches in straight sets.

• The **National Fastpitch Coaches Association**, in conjunction with mathematician **Warren Nolan**, has the **Jacksonville State softball team** ranked 46th out of 283 Division I teams in it's first RPI poll. The Gamecocks were the top team in the OVC, ahead of Morehead State (79th) and Eastern Kentucky (103rd).

— From staff reports

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Staubs: Commissioner of all sports

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use. It seems there would be a safety issue there as well.

4. The 35-second shot clock in men's college basketball.

Without sounding too chauvinistic, men are better than women at basketball. They can run better, shoot better, pass better ... it's just obvious. JSU's men's basketball team was one of the worst in the country this year, and it would still be a healthy favorite against any women's team.

So, why in the world is the men's shot clock longer than the women's 30-second clock? And — speaking of preparing for the next level — does it really need to be 11 seconds longer than it is in the NBA?

3. The ability to advance the ball with a timeout in the NBA.

I can't even describe why this annoys me, but it's just a horrible rule. The finest basketball players in the world play in the NBA, yet they don't have to execute full-court plays in the final minute like high school and college players.

When you make a shot with a second left, it should take a miracle to beat you. Some of the greatest moments in college basketball history came on long inbound plays, but in the NBA, because of this bad rule, these "moments" are tarnished.

2. The "international" extra innings rule in college softball.

You have to watch this in person to appreciate the remarkable stupidity of the rule. Really, it was the rule that sparked this whole column. It's the definition of mind-boggling.

What basically happens is that when a softball game goes to extra innings, a runner starts the inning at second base. Why, you ask? I have no clue. Obviously whoever came up with the rule doesn't actually watch the games.

The reason given for the rule is that it speeds up the game. Well, that's a good reason in theory. Except for the fact that it actually slows down the game.

You see, here's what happens. The first batter of the inning almost invariably bunts the designated runner to third base. Now, the next batter needs to simply get the runner in from third, which is even easier than it sounds. Normally it's on some kind of sacrifice, which means there is a run in with two outs and nobody on base.

The other team does the same thing, and a 4-4 game turns into a 5-5 game. Repeat and it's 6-6. Yawn.

1. The away goals rule in soccer

You see this a lot in soccer ties that have two legs, most notably in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup. Both teams play a home match, and somehow UEFA and other governing bodies have come to the conclusion that losing 2-3 is better than losing 0-1.

So, if Team A wins 1-0 at home and Team B wins 3-2 at home, Team A advances despite the aggregate score being 3-3. This makes sense ... how?

Look, extra time and/or penalties aren't a perfect solution, but that is certainly more exciting and fulfilling than going to this inane tiebreaker. At least one team ends up putting the ball in the net more times than the other.

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Music Corner

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

Counting Crows

Saturday Nights and Sunday Mornings

Counting Crows' new album, *Saturday Nights and Sunday Mornings*, is their best album since their debut — August and Everything After. It consists of two distinct halves, produced by two different producers. *Saturday Nights* is gritty and rocking. *Sunday Mornings* is reflective and acoustic.

Saturday Nights

"Los Angeles" is infectious — very bluesy and catchy.

The chorus is driving and incredibly moving. Adam Duritz, the lead singer, has a voice that is undeniable, full of emotion and feeling. The next song, "Sundays," is grooving. If you don't bob your head or tap your foot, you don't have a soul. Both of these have a very classic Counting Crows flavor as well.

"1492" and "Cowboys" are definitely the hardest rockers in *Saturday Nights* — and the only two clunkers.

Sunday Mornings

These songs are a complete departure from anything the band has done. Stand up bass, banjo and harmonica, combined with sparse arrangements, give the songs a very eclectic folk feeling.

"Washington Square" is the first song in this section. The bass, banjo, piano and harmonica are woven into a jazz-tinted folk fabric. The band has created this incredibly unique new sound without losing their identity.

"When I Dream of Michelangelo" relies heavily on the banjo and piano, an interesting combination that works perfectly. The song is profound. The intro in "Come Around" is reminiscent of Rod Stewart's "Maggie," but that's where the similarity ends. The lyrics are witty and weave ingeniously into a worthy narrative.

Saturday Nights and Sunday Mornings is a great album. Its two definitive halves are combined in a way that makes each a vital part of the artistic whole. Not many bands that have been around this long and created this much material can reinvent themselves so successfully.

— Jacob Probus

ALSO IN ROTATION

Air Traffic

Fractured Life

Air Traffic, a band from the UK, is a talented group of guys. This band has done well across the country, and now it is time to embrace them

Going green

By Julie Skinner
Senior Writer

Some are skeptical that its existence is any more real than the Loch Ness monster or Bigfoot. To some environmentalists, it might seem as important as the issue of Social Security is to politicians. Still others are just confused as to what it means for the future or how they might help prevent it.

Global warming, a topic being discussed around the world, has come up in arms — and others not sure what to think.

Most college students aren't able to afford a brand-new, solar-powered car, and so many think there's nothing they can do to help with the growing issue.

There are, however, cost-effective alternatives for the earth-friendly college student ready to take a stand against global warming and also a great deal of

information for the skeptics who are unsure if they believe what they hear.

College students like Matt Tyson, 19, are leery of information regarding global warming.

"I don't trust the media whatsoever," Tyson said. "Sometimes I feel like it's only scare tactics they're using."

Dr. Jonathan Herbert, an associate professor of geography at JSU, has no doubt that global warming is indeed a crisis.

"I usually get asked by students if global warming is even real," Herbert said. "And I answer that yes, it is absolutely real. Scientists stopped questioning that ten years ago."

According to Herbert, the earth

has increased its average temperature by 1.5

- 2 degrees in the

past 100 years due to hu-

man activity or greenhouse gases, which come from driving cars, industries and other forms of pollution.

A quarter of all greenhouse gases come from the United States.

For college students who want to help curb the United States' contribution, there are many ways to minimize pollution.

Walking to class, recycling, voting for an environmentally aware president and supporting local farmers are just some of the options, according to Herbert.

To get really earthy, Glyde.com features a hypoallergenic condom that's made of biodegradable synthetic resin, and Treehugger.com sells organic tampons and sanitary pads for women that are marketed

for being earth-healthy as well as better for a woman's body.

While these tips may not be the answer to putting a stop to global warming, they are good for the environment as a whole.

Products labeled with the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star are products that are energy efficient.

According to EnergyStar.com, in 2006, Americans saved enough energy to avoid greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 25 million cars with the help of Energy Star appliances.

Global warming may or may not be recognized as an epidemic to everyone, but either way, Herbert said the atmosphere's wellness rests in the hands of young America.

"You have to find a solution that's practical," Herbert said. "Something workable."

Dreams: Cast intends to inspire hope

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Desmond Winn, who played Jeffery, said the play has a wider appeal than just black audiences.

"This can relate to any family," Winn said. "It doesn't matter if you're black or white."

Omar Brock, who played Robbie, said the story unearths some deep secrets of a family.

"This show exposes what families try to hide from each other," Brock said. "It shows what they look like when they aren't out in public."

Robert said she went through a similar situation with her own mother when she revealed her desire to major in drama.

"It hit really close to home for me," she said. "My mom is coming around to understand now, and she sees why I am a drama major."

Winn said he hopes the play inspires people to follow their own dreams.

"People should go after their dreams no matter what they are confronted with," Winn said.

Ashley Brewington, who portrayed Janeen in the show, hopes *Other People's Dreams* will encourage other

production has helped them grow as individuals.

"I really learned how to come together with the other actors," Brewington said.

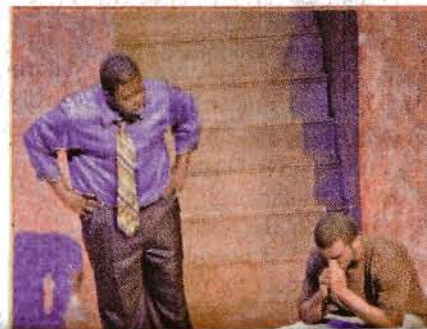
Roberts said this production taught her to be a better actor — but most of all, it taught her patience.

It is her hope the all-black cast of *Other People's Dreams* will help people overcome their biases.

"Change is going to happen," Roberts said. "Just go with it."

Winn said people are already asking him about future all-black casts, and he hopes the department can deliver.

"I really hope there will be more of them."



Music for a song

*Industry alters marketing tactics
to appeal to the listening,
buying styles of today's youth*

By Shalon Montgomery
Staff Reporter

When Bob Dylan sang that the times were a-changin', he probably didn't realize that those changes would soon threaten his very livelihood: the music industry.

The past decade has brought new worries to music marketers and makers. Record executives have seen a drop in their bottom line, thanks to illegal downloads, peer-to-peer file sharing and the prevalence of buying individual songs online, as opposed to full albums.

The advent of the Internet contributed greatly to that decline, helping bootleggers and average listeners get

