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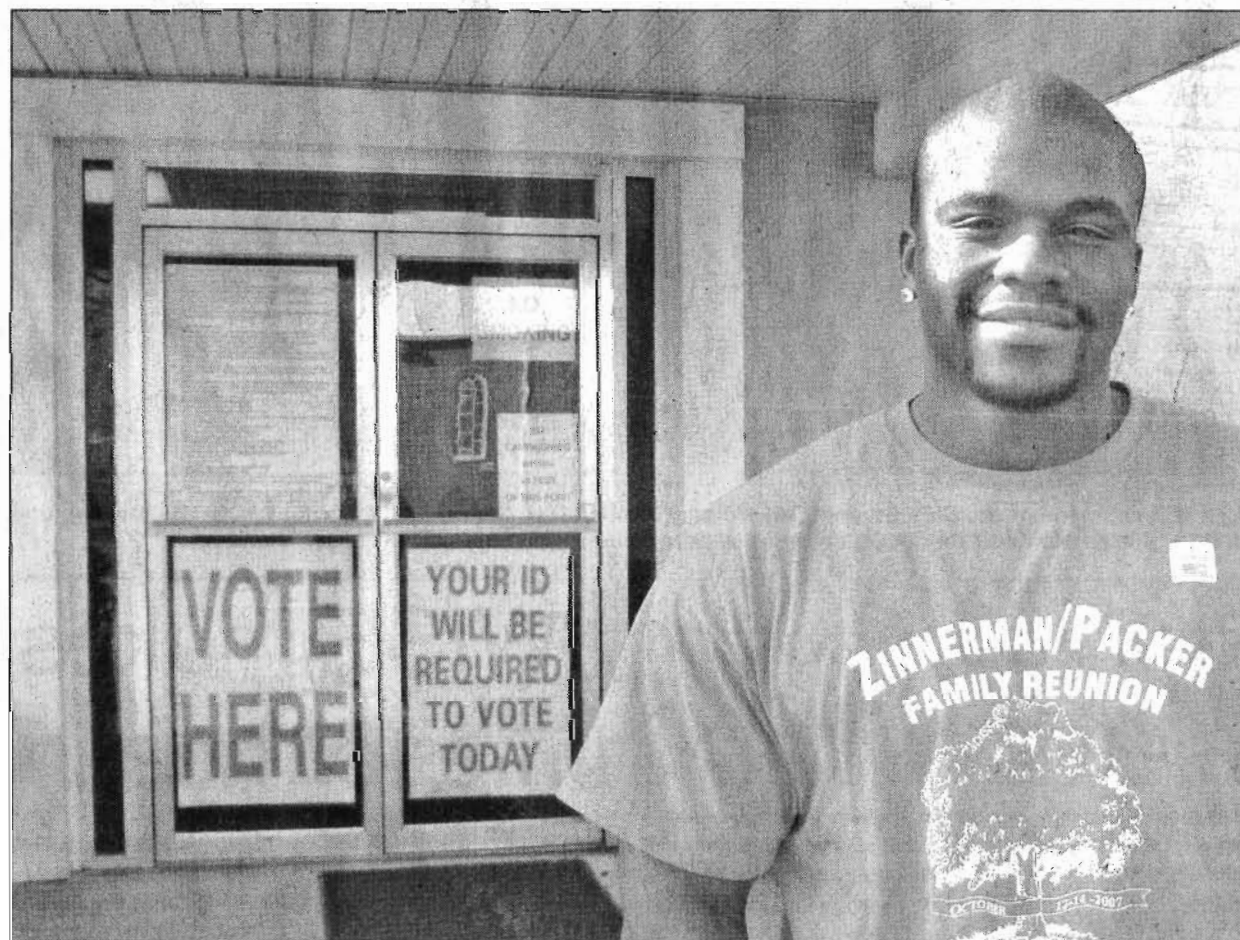
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JSU student Desmond Winn stands in front of West Side Baptist Church, fresh after casting his vote in Tuesday's Alabama Presidential Primary. Photo by Kevin Jeffers / The Chanticleer

J'ville votes with millions of others in presidential primaries

By Kevin Jeffers
Editor in Chief

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Meehan, Rayburn against the idea

By Bethany Harbison
News Editor

Lab fees, athletic fees, student recreation fees, building usage fees, music fees, student activity fees ... at colleges and universities across the nation, the list drones on and on.

But that hasn't been the case at Jacksonville State University — at least not yet.

At the Jan. 28 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Johnny Williams of Creative Marketing Management presented a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) feasibility study. The study recommended the creation of a five-year plan to help JSU become a top-tier Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) program and also enhance its position so that when the NCAA lifts the moratorium, JSU would be ready advance to the FBS.

In the eyes of Williams, who, at press time was unavailable for comment, JSU has two main areas in need of work — the school's marketing strategy and

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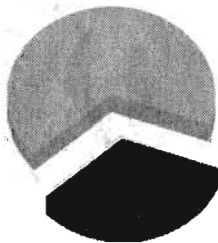
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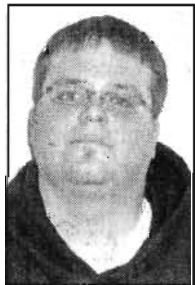
QUESTION of the WEEK

Is \$36 million too much to spend on stadium and housing upgrades?



■ Yes
67%

■ No
33%



"Yes. JSU will never be a big-time football market, and they can't fill the seats they already have."

— *Corey Akers*
Junior

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What's the best part about Valentine's Day?

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J VIIIE VOTES WITH MILLIONS OF others in presidential primaries

By **Kevin Jeffers**
Editor in Chief

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008 — a date that will be remembered as the closest the country has ever come to a national presidential primary — JSU freshman Brian Smith walked into a voting booth for the first time.

"I wanted to make a difference," he stated simply, an "I Voted" sticker newly pressed onto his shirt.

After Smith left, in walked another JSU student to Jacksonville's West Side Baptist Church, one of eight polling locations in Jacksonville on Tuesday.

Then another student walked in. Then another. Geraldine Player, who served as polling inspector at Jacksonville First Baptist Church, said she noticed a huge upswing in young voters this year.

"There's been a lot of publicity with the race this year," Player said. "I think that has helped the young turnout."

Player also said that she noticed the voter turnout was up among all ages, not just among young voters, saying that the diversity among this year's candidates has sparked new-

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Calhoun County

Dems: Clinton 51%, Obama 47%
GOP: Huckabee 46%, McCain 36%, Romney 15%

— *From staff reports*

teen found at Grove

By **Bethany Harbison**
News Editor

On Saturday, Feb. 2, Jacksonville police discovered missing teenager Shanise Phillips of Fort Campbell, Ky., in Room 216 of The Grove apartments in Jacksonville.

According to Corporal Bill Deleon of the Jacksonville Police Department, Phillips was having an argument with an individual he identified as 18-year-old Valerie Mack. Deleon described Phillips as visibly upset and said she also had abrasions on her foot, the result of being dragged across a concrete slab, and a bite mark on her lip.

Deleon explained that in past months, JPD had received numerous calls regarding Room 216.

At the time of JPD's response, Phillips' mother was already on her way to pick up Shanise from Kentucky. Deleon said Phillips had already contacted her mother, informing her that she wanted to come home.

Though no warrants have been issued in the case, Deleon said Phillips' mother intends to return to Alabama in the coming weeks to "swear out a warrant for Mack."

Deleon said the warrant will likely focus on three counts; domestic violence, promoting prostitution and unlawful imprisonment.

Jacksonville investigator Phil Clark is staying in contact with Phillips' mother, and the department expects her to return soon.

The 16-year old Phillips was reported missing from her Kentucky hometown on Dec. 19.

Spirit holds three-day rehearsal

By **Shalon Montgomery**
Staff Reporter

This past weekend, Feb. 1 through Feb. 3, served as the first three days of rehearsal for the 2008 Spirit of Jacksonville State University.

Spirit will hold one three-day rehearsal at JSU every month until May. This first rehearsal consisted of 130 musicians from all across the country, with the ages of the musicians ranging from 15 to 22 years of age.

"I have been practicing for the Spirit program for a year now," Vince Osam, a senior at Fred J. Page High School in Franklin, Tennessee, said. "I wanted to join Spirit because of my passion for

drum corps."

The staff for the Spirit program consists of two main directors and multiple musical assistants. The management director is Joel Vincent, and Randy Nelson is the design director. There are a number of assistants as well, such as Dr. Ray Vasquez from Auburn University, Danny Eaton from the University of Minnesota and Eric Willie from Tennessee Tech University, just to name a few.

During the rehearsal last weekend, the three sections of the Spirit Corps (color guard, hornline and percussion) practiced for four hours a day. According to the directors, the first rehearsal went rather well.

"The rehearsal went great," Nelson

said. "We learned the first part of the show."

The expectations for the director and the drum and bungle corps members for the 2008 season seem to be the same. "Our goal is to reach our highest level as a team," JSU drum major and Spirit member Josh Walker said.

Spirit travels all across the country during the summer to perform and compete. The 2008 Spirit of Jacksonville State University has held drum and bungle corps auditions at the beginning of each month since November 2007.

The first official performance for the Spirit of JSU's 2008 season will be on June 22 in Dublin, Ohio.

JSU business school 2nd in nation for women

By **Bethany Harbison**
News Editor

The College of Commerce and Business of Jacksonville State University now has a new accolade to add to its resume — and it's one that has the college's dean, professors and students smiling and saying they knew it all along.

For three straight years, the college has been ranked by the Princeton Review as one of the top 290 business schools in the world, and this year was no different — except, however, that a new ranking has been added to the list.

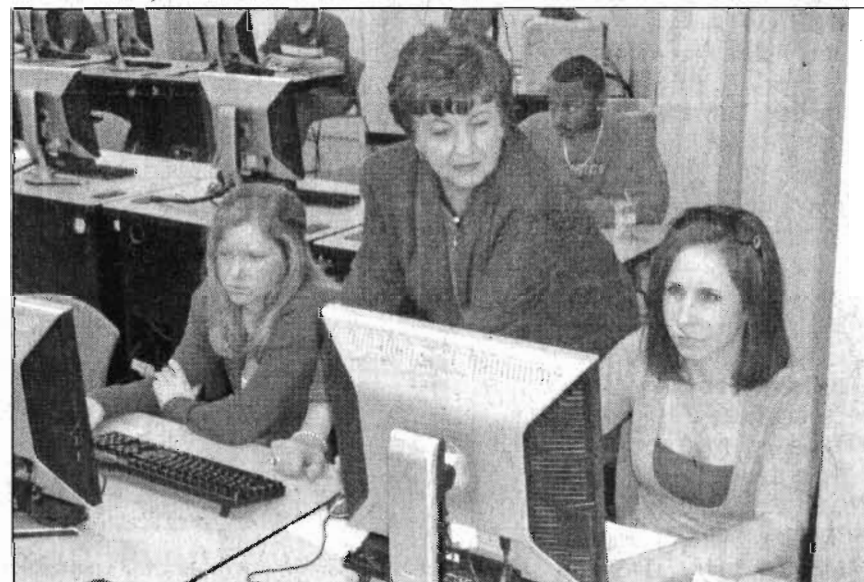
JSU's business college now ranks No.

2 in the nation for offering the "Greatest Opportunities for Women."

The college's lofty new title boils down to this: The Princeton Review analyzed the percentages of female students and faculty and assessed the results of student evaluations of factors such as the college's receptiveness to women and the abundance of coursework reflecting women in business and published a top ten list last November.

"One of the things we've always tried to do is try to treat all of our students right," said the College of Commerce and Business' dean Dr. Bill Fielding, who first

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Dr. Cynthia Clark, a professor in the College of Business and Commerce, instructs these two ladies. Photo by Webb Dillard / The Chanticleer

Announcements

- JSU Ambassador applications are now available at the visitor center. They are due Feb. 29, and an interest meeting will be held Feb. 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Roundhouse. For more information, call ext. 5260.
- Students for Organ Donation at JSU is a new organization on campus. Those interested in joining or learning more about organ donation may call President Caitlin Perkins at frenchsoccerrules@msn.com.
- Seventy \$1,000 and 34 \$5,000 scholarships are available to Phi Eta Sigma undergraduate members. Five \$7,500 scholarships and one \$10,000 are available for graduate study. JSU Phi Eta Sigma members are invited to apply by Feb. 22. Call Rhonda Kilgo, ext. 8247.
- Baptist Campus Ministries invites all to Agape Lunch each Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Enjoy a homecooked meal. The cost is \$2.50, and it is free your first time. Join us!

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

Friday, Feb. 1

- Student Rebecca J. Kenney reported harassing communications from an acquaintance in Logan Hall.

Saturday, Feb. 2

- JSU student De'Shun Whitaker was arrested for assault at Crow Hall. Fellow JSU student Matthew Parkin, the victim, reported the assault.

Monday, Feb. 4

- Student Shawn Green reports

Democracy at work



Senator Ryan Wilson, member of JSU's Student Government Association, reviews a bill during the senate meeting on Monday, Feb. 4. See "Senate Minutes" for details on this week's meeting. Photo by Ryan Rutledge/ The Mimosa

Eighth graders visit JSU, explore careers

By Adam Alexander
Staff Reporter

Some folks don't think about their careers until it is far too late. The consequence is spending their lives working somewhere that they despise and never finding peace with their job and finances.

Well, the eighth graders who attended Jacksonville State University Career Expo may think differently.

These kids came to get a head start on thinking about

choices happen to be in areas that often appear boring and mainstream to youth.

A good example is Wal-Mart. According to Willingham, most kids see Wal-mart and think of cashiers and stockers.

However, there are also opportunities for accountants, doctors and even pilots. The point of the expo was to show kids how to look deeper, in an attempt to help them get to where they want to be.

This expo was not the typi-

WISE makes time for healing

By Zach Childree
Staff Reporter

It was a normal scene, one you might see in any church. Congregants gathered in the McCluer chapel of Jacksonville State University to eat a small piece of bread and take a sip of wine. Then as the people took their seats you hear something to doesn't quite sound like church music. It's Bob Marley singing "One Love."

those that we impose on ourselves."

Handouts were given at the service containing scriptures from several different holy books such as the Quran, the Bible and the Dhammapada, a Buddhist holy book.

"I believe that all holy books are inspired," McClellan said. "(It stems) from mankind's desire to understand the divine and the world around him."

McClellan said that because

CAMPUS BRIEFS

- Two papers, co-authored by computer science students with Dr. Guillermo Francia, III, were recently reviewed and accepted for publication in two reputable computer security journals.

- An Ash Wednesday service was held yesterday, Feb. 6, in the McCluer chapel at noon.

- The Integrity Committee will meet Monday, Feb. 11, at 3:00 p.m. in the Gold Room of Bibb Graves Hall.

- The 2008 Spring Preview Days will be held Feb. 16 and March 8. The preview days, which allow prospective students a view into life at JSU, are set to begin at 8:30 a.m., and reservations are not required.

- The university's 2008 Relay for Life team is forming. This year's local Relay for Life, which is a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, will be held May 9 at the Oxford High School stadium. Friday, Feb. 8, is the last day to sign up. The team, led by Martha Mitchell and Diane Price, seeks to include faculty, staff and students in this effort.

— From staff, wire reports

SENATE MINUTES

Rundown of Monday, February 4, meeting

- Student Bill 91, which would set allocation caps to \$500 per semester per organization, was tabled indefinitely.

ker was arrested for assault at Crow Hall. Fellow JSU student Matthew Parkin, the victim, reported the assault.

Monday, Feb. 4

• Student Shawn Green reported a theft of \$62 at Campus Inn Apartments.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

• Student Robert B. Cox reported a burglary at his residence. The value of the stolen material was estimated at over \$1,700 and included a PlayStation 3 and a laptop.

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 JSU/DPD at 782-5050

The Week in Events

Thursday, February 7

• Career Awareness Day, Leone Cole Auditorium, 8:15 - 2:10 p.m.
• Fair Use Web Conference, 1103A Houston Cole Library, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Friday, February 8

• Prayer, sponsored by Muslim Students Association, McCluer Chapel, 12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 9

• Science Olympiad Regional Tournament, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
• Ballerina Clinic, TMB Auditorium, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, February 11

• Senate Meeting, TMB Auditorium, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
• Fundraiser for Big Brother/Big Sister, 2nd floor TMB, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
• Blue Love Grams, 2nd floor TMB, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12

• Blood Drive, TMB Auditorium, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
• Bake Sale, 4th floor TMB, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
• Blue Love Grams, 2nd floor TMB, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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and never finding peace with their job and finances.

Well, the eighth graders who attended Jacksonville State University Career Expo may think differently.

These kids came to get a head start on thinking about what they want to do with their lives so that they can make good choices. This is also the philosophy of the expo staff.

"We want (the kids) to make better informed decisions," organizer Melissa Willingham said.

According to Willingham, students these days don't act the way they did 10 or 20 years ago. Students now need more visual and interactive forms of entertainment to hold their attention. The staff of the expo apparently understood this because the kids seemed interested in what they were saying.

"We had good attention...the best eighth graders can give," Willingham said.

The expo featured speakers from various career paths, including a television station (TV24), a trucking company (B.R. Williams) and a supermarket (Wal-Mart).

What the expo tries to help kids understand is that many versatile and interesting career

opportunities for accountants, doctors and even pilots. The point of the expo was to show kids how to look deeper, in an attempt to help them get to where they want to be.

This expo was not the typical "tell-you-how-important-school-is" type of expo. It told the attending kids that certain career tracks do not require any formal education. According to staff at the expo, there are three aspects to finding a "good" job.

First, find a job that you like. Second, make sure that you like it enough so that you don't dread going to work when you wake up. And third, a job should not only make one a better employee but a better person in all aspects of life.

The process of choosing a career can be very difficult. That is why it takes so many years of encouraging kids to seek information and set goals.

It is also why expos like the JSU Career Expo for eighth graders exist.

Eventually, the generations of today will be old and crippled, and it will be up to these children, our children, to hold the fabric of society together.

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This was not an ordinary Church service. It was an interfaith healing service sponsored by Women's Issues, Support and Empowerment (WISE). Organizers say the service, which was held on Jan. 30, was meant not to focus on healing the body but instead healing the rifts between various faith traditions.

Rev. Roger McClellan and Rev. Melissa McClellan were the leaders of the service. Rev. Roger McClellan, who was raised in Alabama, said that an interfaith service may seem strange to people in Jacksonville.

"I believe an idea like this is a little out of its time for this area," he said.

McClellan said that the service, which will be held again on Feb. 27, is open to everyone, regardless of their faith tradition.

"God's love is open to all," he said. "The only differences between mankind are

Bible and the Dhammapada, a Buddhist holy book.

"I believe that all holy books are inspired," McClellan said. "(It stems) from mankind's desire to understand the divine and the world around him."

McClellan said that because there are so many cultures and traditions around the world, many people see God in different ways.

"It makes sense that God would approach his children differently," he said.

McClellan said that even atheists or agnostics are welcome at the services.

"There is much to be learned from the free exchange of concepts and ideas," he said. McClellan said that he hopes the services will foster dialogue between people of different faiths.

McClellan encouraged students of different faiths to talk to one another with tolerance.

"Try to open one's mind to the value of the belief of others," said McClellan.

McClellan said that he hopes the services will be a monthly event. Currently there are two more services planned for Feb. 27 and March 26.

February 4, meeting

• Student Bill 91, which would set allocation caps to \$500 per semester per organization, was tabled indefinitely.

• Resolution 7, which adds a Homecoming King to the Homecoming celebrations, passed.

• Resolution 9, which calls for more security cameras on campus, passed.

• Student Bill 93, which would schedule a debate for presidential candidates for the Monday of the fifth week, was amended to include all presidential candidates and passed.

• Student Bills 95-101, which amended current regulation language for Homecoming Queen to include Homecoming King, passed.

• A bill to appoint Kelsey Butler as senator was tabled until next week.

• A bill to appoint Michael Finn, a freshman, as senator passed.

• A bill to appoint Bryant Whaley, a freshman, as senator passed.

Council offers V-Day love



Sinamen Nixon, member of Organizational Council, fills a bag with Play-Doh, toys and candy. The bags will go to children from low-income families via the Head Start program. Photo by Zach Childree / The Chanticleer

By Zach Childree
Staff Reporter

The Organizational Council sponsored a community service project at the Theron Montgomery Building on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Members from several different organizations gathered to help put candy and toys into gift bags.

The bags will then be brought to children at a local Head Start program, which is an educational program that focuses on the needs of children from low-income families.

Destini Mayberry, chairperson for the Organizational Council, said that the OC likes to do community service projects.

"This is only our third community service project," Mayberry said. "But that is our target. We do more community service than anything else."

Previously the OC gathered items for a battered women's

shelter.

Mayberry said that the Council wanted to focus more on children for this project, and one of the OC members suggested Head Start.

Shalon Hathcock, who serves as director of publicity for the SGA said she thinks this is a great idea.

"I think this is a great way for the OC to get their ideas across," she said.

"It shows organizations working for the community and working with other organizations, which is what the council is all about."

The Organizational Council will deliver the items to a local Head Start program on Friday, Feb. 15.

"We hope to show them that JSU is thinking about them," Mayberry said.

"Every family doesn't have as much as every other family, but it shows that it's Valentine's Day and we love them."

OOPS LOL ...

Mistakes from previous issues:

• In the Jan. 31, 2008, edition, Commentary Editor Brandon Hollingsworth's e-mail address was typed incorrectly at the top of the editorial page. It was printed as jsu9348m@gmail.com, when it should instead have been jsu9348m@jsu.edu.

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

Business: JSU's school 2nd for female opportunities

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joined the JSU faculty in 1968. "If you do that, you'll be treating your female students right also."

Fielding credits the college's success, and now its national recognition, largely to the efforts of professors within each of the departments. Particularly important, Fielding explained, were the strong female teaching influences within the college — a sentiment echoed by several students.

"Especially in the CCBA, we have major powerhouses of women," said Shea Nelson, a senior majoring in marketing.

One such powerhouse, according to both Nelson and Fielding, is Dr. Patricia Borstorff, a professor of management marketing who came to JSU in 1989. Borstorff said each member of the college's faculty seeks to maintain an open-door policy to all students, offering career advice, help with classes and aid with internships whenever needed.

"Here, (students) are going to have as much mentoring as they want," Borstorff said.

According to the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, the College of Commerce and Business is home to a faculty that is 24 percent female and a student body that clocks in at 47 percent female.

Fielding also mentioned that within the accounting department, which was once an almost completely male-dominated field, 60 percent of the faculty is female, along with one half of the economics department.

"They're all outstanding," Fielding said. "We don't hire tokens."

Economics professor Dr. Cynthia McCarty explained that research has proven that a professor's gender can in fact have a profound impact on the way a student learns and performs. McCarty said studies show that students often learn best from someone who is most like them — a pattern that has been detrimental nationwide to females looking to pursue the male-dominated field of economics.

McCarty explained that she and fellow economics professor Dr. Doris Bennett were surprised and incensed to learn that nationwide, studies were showing females performing especially poorly in principles of economics courses. Bennett and McCarty investigated, performing pre-tests and

"We certainly don't discriminate against our guys. We like them over here too."

— Dr. Cynthia McCarty

post-tests in their own economics courses, eventually publishing their results in a research paper on gender.

The results showed that when learning from female faculty, JSU female students

TOP TEN

Based on the percent of students who are female, the percent of faculty who are female, and student assessment of: resources for female students, how supportive the culture is of female students, whether the business school offers coursework for women entrepreneurs, and whether case study materials for classes proportionately reflect women in business.

1. Mercer University — Atlanta
2. Jacksonville State University
3. University of Massachusetts Amherst
4. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
5. Saint Mary's University, San Antonio
6. The University of Vermont
7. California State University — Chico
8. University of California, Davis
9. Seattle University
10. Babson College

— Princeton Review

performed slightly better than male. McCarty, who has been a JSU faculty member for 15 years, believes the high percentage of female economics faculty at JSU may partly be behind their success.

"Fifty percent of our economics faculty are female, compared with 17 percent nationwide," McCarty explained.

For graduate student Kelly Raw, who is currently seeking her master's of business administration, JSU's female business faculty serve as role models for success, but, across the board, she said the college's professors all encouraged women to dream big.

"I've never had a professor say anything about a woman having trouble working her way up the corporate ladder," Raw said. "That has never even crossed my mind."

Fielding said that in the past 20 years, the world of business has continued to open up more to women, allowing them to step into roles of leadership that generations of the past would have never dreamed possible.

"I'm sure (the business world) is not perfect yet, but it has changed a tremendous amount," Fielding said.

Borstorff attributed the influx of opportunities for women to two sources: first, because the law now requires equality, and second, because businesses are finding that women can also possess great potential.

McCarty called herself "independent" and "opinionated" and said that throughout her life, she never allowed herself to become discouraged by discrimination — partly because she did not doubt her own worth.

"Business is always going to be all about the bottom line, and businesses are seeing what women can add to that bottom line," McCarty said. "They are seeing what women can bring to the table."

Borstorff and McCarty both said they aim for their classrooms to be havens for all students, places where individuals can voice their opinions without regard for gender, race or any other category.

While the College of Commerce and Business is proud to tout the ranking of "Greatest Opportunities for Women," they emphasized that the college seeks to provide great opportunities for all.

"We certainly don't discriminate against our guys," McCarty said. "We like them over here too."

Primaries: Obama, Huckabee carry 'Bama

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found interest among many Americans.

That diversity is exactly why JSU senior Tonya Phares showed up to vote on Tuesday.

"This country has never seen a woman or an African American president, and in 2008 we have (a chance for) both," Phares said. "That says a lot about our country. And obviously we have come a long way."

Diversity was also on the mind of JSU sophomore and Super Tuesday voter Desmond Winn as an important aspect of this year's candidates. But, more importantly, he voted based on the issues.

"The war (in Iraq) and health care are the most important (issues) to me," Winn said.

Winn and Phares both said that this was not their first time voting. But, they also each said that this was the most important vote they've ever participated in.

"There are more candidates who have a purpose this year," Winn said. "They really give us something to believe in."

While Arizona Senator John McCain claimed victory in a large amount of the 24 primaries, caucuses and conventions held on Feb. 5, it was Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee who picked up the win in Alabama in the Republican race.

According to CNN.com, Huckabee received 225,659 total votes for 41 percent of the overall vote in Alabama. He was followed closely by McCain with 37 percent (206,595 total). Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney ran a distant third in the state with 18 percent of the vote (99,836 votes). Ron Paul was fourth with 3 percent, followed by Rudy Giuliani, who withdrew from the race after Florida's Jan. 28 primary, with 1 percent.

Illinois Senator Barack Obama won for the Democrats in Alabama, which may prove to be a bad omen for the junior senator.

The last time Alabama voted for the eventual Democratic

SUPER TUESDAY

STATES WON BY CANDIDATES

Hillary Clinton (D-NY)
• Arkansas, Arizona, California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee

Mike Huckabee (R-AK)
• Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee, West Virginia

John McCain (R-AZ)
• Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma

Barack Obama (D-IL)
• Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota, Utah

Mitt Romney (R-MA)
• Alaska, Colorado, Massachusetts, Montana, North Dakota, Utah

*New Mexico's Democratic primary was too close to call by press time.

presidential candidate was 22 years ago, when Georgia Senator Jimmy Carter defeated Gerald Ford in 1976.

Still, Alabama's large African-American base helped to carry Obama to victory on the Democratic side in the state with 56 percent of the vote. His 300,832 total votes were the most among any candidate in the state.

Hillary Clinton ran 2nd with 42 percent (223,090 total).

In Calhoun County, Hillary Clinton barely beat out Obama, getting less than 500 more votes than the Illinois senator.

Calhoun County also strongly supported Huckabee on the GOP side. Huckabee won 46 percent of the vote in the county, ten percentage points higher than 2nd-place McCain. Romney won 15 percent of the GOP vote in the county.

Wire reports contributed to this article.

Fees: Recommended to fund proposed stadium upgrades

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insufficient revenue.

It is Williams' suggestions for rectifying JSU's lack of revenue that has members of the administration, faculty and students raising eyebrows and expressing concern.

Creative Marketing Management recommends, as part of their plan to increase

said that while he cannot speak for the thoughts or actions of the trustees, he is against any student fees.

"If you open up the fee structure and have athletic fees, then you get student activity fees, lab fees, music fees and so on," Meehan said. "Those areas would all deserve the revenue too, but then students are fed to death. Where does it stop once

during the Jan. 28 meeting, Williams also recommended other avenues for increasing revenue that JSU should explore.

Those additional avenues include boosting ticket sales, increasing sponsorships and enhancing fundraising.

Charts provided by Williams at the meeting show that the amount of the athletic fees of

fee by \$70 last fall.

Rayburn said the only student athletics or activity fee he would support would have to be far less costly.

"Who determines what a small amount is?" Rayburn asked. "A dollar or a couple of dollars would be okay, but anything more and students are going to wonder what they're getting for

for rectifying JSU's lack of revenue that has members of the administration, faculty and students raising eyebrows and expressing concern.

Creative Marketing Management recommends, as part of their plan to increase internal revenue, that JSU begin exploring a student fee initiative.

No action was yet taken, but the mention of creating student fees, namely an athletic fee, has many individuals on campus concerned and hoping the idea will be disregarded — including the university's president.

President Dr. William Meehan

student fees. "If you open up the fee structure and have athletic fees, then you get student activity fees, lab fees, music fees and so on," Meehan said. "Those areas would all deserve the revenue too, but then students are feed to death. Where does it stop once it starts?"

Dr. Jim Rayburn, president of the Faculty Senate, said that at this point, he does not see an addition of an athletic fee as necessary.

"Why would athletics warrant something that's not for the whole university?" Rayburn queried.

Rayburn also mentioned that

revenue that JSU should explore.

Those additional avenues include boosting ticket sales, increasing sponsorships and enhancing fundraising.

Charts provided by Williams at the meeting show that the amount of the athletic fees of nearby colleges and universities vary greatly.

Troy University requires students to pay a student activity fee, charging them \$9 per credit hour, for a maximum of \$108 per semester. Western Kentucky University students now pay a student athletic fee of \$181 per semester, after its own Board of Trustees voted to increase the

support would have to be far less costly.

"Who determines what a small amount is?" Rayburn asked. "A dollar or a couple of dollars would be okay, but anything more and students are going to wonder what they're getting for their money."

Meehan explained that upon becoming president, he and others worked very hard to consolidate all fees into one price for tuition, a system that he believes works.

"I can't speak for the trustees, but I'm against any student fees," Meehan said. "There are other ways."

Illinois Senator Barack Obama won for the Democrats in Alabama, which may prove to be a bad omen for the junior senator.

The last time Alabama voted for the eventual Democratic

46 percent of the vote in the county, ten percentage points higher than 2nd-place McCain. Romney won 15 percent of the GOP vote in the county.

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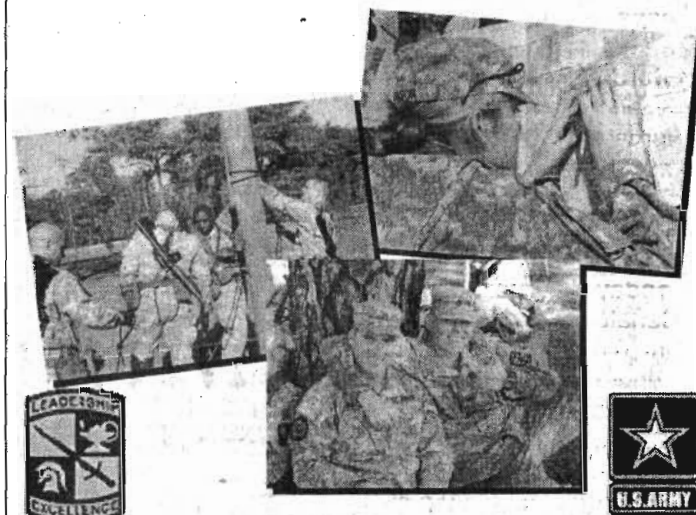
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*Reflections on Alabama's
primary choices*

For Huckabee, time to tune out

Much in the same manner that Barack Obama emerged from a no-name on the national political stage to a brand name on the Democratic side, Mike Huckabee has on the GOP.

Huckabee started to make a name for himself as a lovable, joke-cracking and good-natured conservative who wouldn't say a negative thing about any of the big boys. He became the poster-boy presidential candidate for conservative, God-fearing evangelicals. A winning formula to win the GOP nomination, history says.

Thus far, that formula has proved to serve its means. On Tuesday, Feb. 5, Huckabee won every southern state's primary that was up for grabs, including his native Arkansas, the biggest such prize of Georgia, Tennessee and right here in Alabama. He even got some of McCain's leftovers (more as an efface to Mitt Romney from John McCain loyalists who wouldn't allow Romney to win) to take the winner-take-all convention in West Virginia.

Huckabee also previously

Clearly, the conservative South hearts Huckabee. The man who can play a mean bass guitar has certainly played his base of voters well.

His smooth, Christian veneer has been so persuasive that he has effectively covered up just how truly liberal his tax plan is. While Huckabee has won the adoration of social conservatives, fiscal conservatives see him as a stark-raving lunatic.

Still, Huckabee has won the South's trust. Now, however, is his biggest challenge. And it will probably prove to be insurmountable.

Huckabee, a distant third in the GOP delegate race to McCain and Romney, has refused to bow out of the race based on his strong showings in the South.

Now, his task is to convince voters elsewhere in the country — elsewhere meaning not conservative, Southern evangelicals — that he is a viable presidential candidate.

While Huckabee, of all the candidates, might be the one best suited to sit around and play rummy with while talking

TWO of the COLDEST KNOWN
BODIES IN THE UNIVERSE...



CERES

& HILLARY



by Dave Dillon

(Yes, this was a low blow, but it was all I had)

Man in the mirror on Mars? I think not.

Back in January, NASA released a routine series of images from its Spirit rover, sitting on the surface of Mars. The scientific robot and its twin, Opportunity, have been making observations, chemical analyses and photographs on the Red Planet since 2004, and the results they've returned have been a bonanza for scientists and a source of wonder for the public.



**Brandon
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from an angle in certain lighting conditions. Quickly, many people, especially bloggers, claimed NASA hid evidence of intelligent life on Mars. Surely there could be no other explanation for that rock. It looks just like us!

Except there is another explanation, one that doesn't rely on Martians being obsessed with the human form.

It's called pareidolia, and it means that humans look for humanlike patterns in random objects. It happens a lot: think of days when you search for shapes in the clouds. It's the same thing. But it's a poor way to look for signs of intelligent life.

The January incident is far from the first time our sense of pareidolia has gotten

people still cling to the idea of a massive human face on a planet that has never experienced human contact.

It's easy for us to look for ourselves in the heavens. It may be hard to imagine what an extraterrestrial lifeform looks like, but by gum, we can recognize a human when we see it.

But that system is foolhardy, for it supposes that all life in the universe looks like us. There's no reason to believe that could be true.

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Huckabee also previously finished a strong second place to frontrunner McCain in Florida and South Carolina.

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While Huckabee, of all the candidates, might be the one best suited to sit around and play rummy with while talking about our nation's financial plight, he is not the man to help solve it.

Obama wins here, but much work left

On Wednesday morning, talk on the network morning shows revolved around Super Tuesday results. On NBC's Today, radio host Rachel Maddow, dissecting the Democratic race, complained that we were no closer to knowing the party nominee. She said the result flew in the face of early predictions that Super Tuesday would settle the issue, no questions asked.

We would argue that's not a bad thing.

Barack Obama won more states, but Hillary Clinton won bigger ones.

Obama picked up southern states, where Hillary performed well in the Northeast.

Where the numbers really count — the delegates needed to be nominated — both are far short of the 2,025 needed to lock down the nomination.

The outcome means two things: one, we're all going to have to watch this race much more closely than anyone imagined a few months ago; and two, this nomination will be far more interesting than

the 2004 battle, which John Kerry won early.

Alabama Congressman Artur Davis, a Democrat who represents the state's Seventh District in the U.S. House, called Obama's victory in the state an indication of a new South. The implication is that this new South is not afraid to vote for a black candidate. We would argue that this so-called "new" South has been in place for a long time, waiting on the right candidate to come along.

For many voters, it was not an issue of white candidate/black candidate. It was who could do the better job. It was who best convinced the voters of their worthiness.

It was no knock-out punch, CNN said the next morning. But in our assessment, it didn't have to be. There's no rule that says a presidential race must be decided by February.

Let's quit the hand-wringing over why we haven't yet anointed the Chosen One, and just sit back and enjoy the first really engaging presidential race this nation has seen in a long time.

chemical analyses and photographs on the Red Planet since 2004, and the results they've returned have been a bonanza for scientists and a source of wonder for the public.

One of these photos, though, was unique. There, toward the bottom of one picture of a windswept, rock-strewn plain, was an uncannily human-shaped figure.

NASA, noting the similarity, explained that the figure was actually a rock that had curiously eroded to look sort of like a human



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The full cost of economic stimulus

By Christopher Westley

I know students who check their JSU mailbox only around those times of the semester when student loan checks are expected. If an economic stimulus package passes Congress, which it should soon, they might have another reason to check that box.

As well they should. Whenever the State with its unblinking eye relinquishes the wealth it takes from us, we should spend or save it as we see fit. There is, in fact, a moral obligation to do so, since we manage our own money much more efficiently than it manages other people's money.

Nonetheless, let's recall the economic justifications for the stimulus. They are based on myths that have persisted since the Depression that sticky prices cause markets not to clear, resulting in an oversupply of goods and a disincentive by firms to expand production and hire labor. This inability by the price system to adjust downward when market conditions change reflects a failure inherent in the market system, thus requiring extra-market intervention by central planners, whose solution involves policies meant to increase consumption. If that happens, the resulting increased demand for goods and services allows markets to clear, notwithstanding price rigidities.

Or so goes the justification. The many

problems with this scenario include that prices actually do adjust downward — rigidities are rare in competitive markets and more common in regulated ones. So if markets are not clearing in the midst of a correction, the problem is outside the market. The culprit is interventionism, not the price system.

It's called pareidolia, and it means that humans look for humanlike patterns in random objects. It happens a lot: think of days when you search for shapes in the clouds. It's the same thing. But it's a poor way to look for signs of intelligent life.

The January incident is far from the first time our sense of pareidolia has gotten the better of us. In 1976, NASA released a picture from its Viking Mars orbiter that vaguely resembled a human face. In short order, hundreds of books, filmstrips and "documentaries" on the Face on Mars hit the market.

To this day, even after better images revealed the face to be an amorphous mesa,

see it.

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Just as humans have evolved to live under Earth conditions, alien life will have evolved to fit its own environment on Glaxar 14 or wherever.

If we expect the heavens to serve only as a mirror, reflecting ourselves, we suffer from a dramatic and pitiful lack of imagination.

Only by expanding our minds and getting out of earthly mindsets can we truly comprehend the marvelous variety our universe contains.

worse market conditions in the future. Besides, when you find yourself facing a personal financial crisis, does it make any sense to ratchet up your spending? Yet, this is exactly what our political class wants us to do as a recession looms and disingenuous pols promote stimulus packages — which, by the way, you are paying for in the form of current taxes, future taxes, or inflation.

Of course, reducing the size of the government and stopping the printing of money to finance to finance the welfare and warfare states would do much more to promote long-term economic stability. Such policies are not only anathema to a free society. They have also decimated the middle class that finds prices rising faster than their incomes and capital would have been invested in growth transferred to politicians' favored groups.

Unfortunately, they are to be expected, especially around election time. So when you look for that stimulus check in your mailbox later this year, remember that you are paying for that money in more ways than you think.

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An objection to such policies — besides the obvious ones dealing with their similarity to those of Italy, circa 1933 — is that they set the stage for a more significant correction in the future. Policies that force consumers to spend also force them not to save, and saving is essential for long-term, sustainable economic growth. So today's short-term stimulus itself sets the stage for

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Music Corner

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

Chris Walla
Field Manual

Chris Walla is an often-overlooked talent amongst the indie ranks, but those who know the depth of his works know that he is a universally talented musician with countless titles and project experiences under his belt.

Chris is better known as the multi-instrumentalist sideman to Death Cab for Cutie's Ben Gibbard, who has been busy with a solo album and solo tours without Death Cab. Now, Chris sets out on his own solo career with his first self-produced album, *Field Manual*.

As an engineer Chris has produced some unforgettable albums for bands, including The Decemberists, The Thermals, Hot Hot Heat and Tegan and Sara. His experiences behind the mixing board have paid off well for *Manual*, which is as amazingly produced as it is written.

For the first time, listeners can experience Chris Walla showing his truest feelings and emotions through music that is solely his own, and it lends a different musical vision than listeners have come to expect from most Chris Walla projects.

Field Manual breaks the mold of what conventional indie-pop records are supposed to sound like — and shows us a new way to approach it — by rewriting the rules and showing us all what else the genre can do.

The music is, for lack of a better word, beautiful and will pull the listener to a peaceful place in their mind where they can truly appreciate the full scope of what this album has to offer. At times, it reminds us of why we love Death Cab. They present their music at an angle we're not used to listening to and give us a whole new perspective of what music can mean to us and what its place in our world is.

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The album is great, and listeners will not be disappointed.

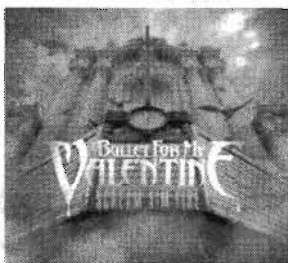
— Corey Martin

ALSO IN ROTATION

Bullet For My Valentine
Scream Aim Fire

The band that taught you how to take your poison has returned.

Scream Aim Fire follows up Bullet For My Valentine's *The Poison*, which drew mixed reviews. The members of the metal-core quartet from South Wales have overcome a few obstacles to be able to find themselves back in the bright lights of the stage. They were kicked off of a tour with Rob Zombie. They have struggled



OUR FAVORITES FROM

YouTube

While working at the other job one day, my colleagues and I were looking up David Hasselhoff music videos on YouTube to pass time. Hilarity ensued, as is usually the case when YouTube surfing.

Then one of said colleagues told me to search for the Jaleel White Christmas Special from the early 1990's. You know, the special when we finally saw Jaleel out of his Urkel get-up.

Imagine our dismay when we found out it *wasn't* on YouTube.

"What? Something *isn't* on YouTube? I thought *everything* was on this site."

Then I thought, "Wow. Has our generation become *that* jaded? Do we honestly expect everything that has ever existed in motion picture to also exist in the realm of the InterWebz?!!"

Yes, yes and yes again. We are that spoiled. And we don't care.

And why should we? YouTube might be, and many scholars will argue this, the greatest

contribution to society since instant pudding.

Alas, it was inevitable that we here at the *Chanticleer* would converge our boredom and time-wasting with something useful for the paper.

And here it is — a list of but a few of our favorite YouTube vids. Let this list drive coffee-table and water-cooler conversations and debates across the greater Jacksonville metropolitan area for all time.

— Kevin Jeffers



BLOODAH

Search: blood

URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fVDGu82FeQ>

If I perfect the freezing of time to make something stay cute forever, I would kidnap this kid. No — I'd get a puppy. Anyway, this little tyke accidentally hits his little brother and makes him bleed. Then he exclaims his fright over the sight of "BLOOD" to his laughing, video-taping father. Then he tells him over and over that it's "Not funny." Adorable, trust me. There's a longer version, too.

— Kevin Jeffers



JUST LIKE A MINI-MALL

Search: flea market montgomery, mini-mall

URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJ3oHpup-pk>

Alabama entrepreneur Sammy Stephens won our hearts with his role in this commercial for Flea Market Montgomery, with the store owner rapping about merchandise while movin' and groovin' to a funky beat. Many parody videos followed, but none could touch the magic of the original.

— Chris Pittman



KITTY CAT DANCE

Search: kitty cat dance

URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpA2tMrQ4RU>

Nothing makes me happier than sitting alone at my house on a Saturday night watching YouTube with my cats. Seriously, I don't need to go out. Not when I can make my cats do the kitty cat dance with me. Who needs friends or social interaction? Not me. I mean, I could go out if I wanted to. It's not like I'm lonely or anything.

— Natalie Dempster



UNFORGIVABLE #1

Search: hodge-stansson, Unforgivable

The *Unforgivable* series of videos on YouTube is a social commentary of your average, everyday hustla and the trials and

from South Wales have overcome a few obstacles to be able to find themselves back in the bright lights of the stage. They were kicked off of a tour with Rob Zombie. They have struggled through many mixed and harsh reviews for *The Poison*. And their lead singer, Matt Tuck, had to recover from a tonsillectomy. Despite the adversity, BFMV has returned with its much-anticipated new album.



SAF begins with the new single, "Scream Aim Fire." It is a full frontal assault on the auditory senses. However, the album lacks in innovation.

That being said, *SAF* is not bad. It lacks in some areas, but shows strengths in others. BFMV comes into stride on such tracks as "Hearts Burst Into Fire," "Forever And Always," the Metallica-esque "Take It Out On Me" and "Say Goodnight." Tuck's vocals on both "Forever And Always" and "Hearts Burst Into Fire" are definitely highlights of *SAF*. Not to mention, "Forever And Always" fades out the album in an almost-perfect way.

The downside of *SAF* is the greater presence of screaming throughout the album instead of the actually good singing voice of Matt Tuck, which is. It almost seems like an attempt to be more "metal."

Scream Aim Fire is not great, but not the slightest bit bad either. It is not as good as *The Poison*, but if *SAF* is the sophomore slump, BFMV fans are certainly in store for some great music ahead.

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— Matt McRae

Widespread Panic Free Somehow

Free Somehow finds Widespread Panic heading in a completely new direction. This is the first album with new full-time guitarist Jimmy Herring (The Dead, Aquarium Rescue Unit) and only the second with producer Terry Manning (Led Zeppelin, ZZ Top).

Some of the tunes still have a bit of that old school Panic sound. "Boom, Boom, Boom," the opener, at times is like being at a show, but the chorus is kind of cheesy, and then in the middle of the song there are some strange vocal effects. "Flicker" is a classic Widespread Panic rocker.

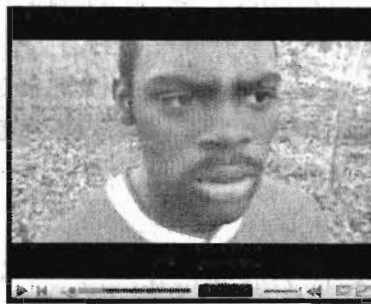
Jimmy Herring's soulful guitar work on the album is incredible. He certainly has influenced the new sound the band is developing. The back beat arpeggio guitar solo in the ballad "Three Candles" is phenomenal and very rhythmically interesting. His playing on the jazzy, swinging tune, "Already Fried," is superb, and this is the best tune on the album.

The album is peppered with strings from the Compass Point Orchestra, which is somewhat new for Widespread Panic. The heavily string-laden tune "Her Dance Needs No Body" has a very different sound for the band. It is very interestingly arranged, and the song even has a soul-soaked saxophone solo. "Dark Day Program" is another song with the orchestra, and one of the better songs on the album.

Herring is a great addition to the band, and his contributions to the album are certainly some of the more positive points. *Free Somehow* is definitely worth checking out.

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— Jacob Probus



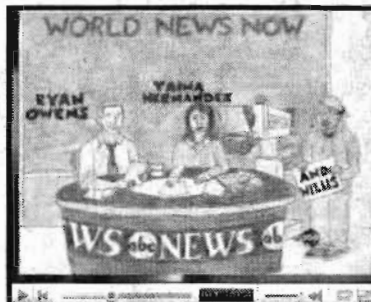
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— Corey Martin



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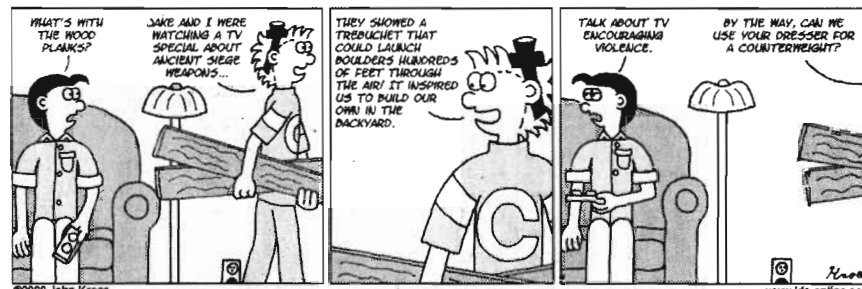
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BRANDON'S DRAWING ON WORLD NEWS NOW

My favorite YouTube video is, without a doubt, one I was in. In July, 2007, I sent a drawing of the cast of ABC World News Now to ABC News. They showed it on WNN, and Chris put it up on YouTube the next day. It rocked.

— Brandon Hollingsworth

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Not so fast, my friend

Webb Dillard is a pretty knowledgeable guy, and I think he generally knows what he's talking about in regards to sports. But I have to take umbrage with his column from a week ago.

You may remember, he basically tore Mike LaPlante a new one because of some perceived mistakes made by his players and LaPlante himself.

I don't totally disagree with the notion that the JSU men's basketball program could use a change. But I don't really believe LaPlante is to blame for all of this season's struggles.

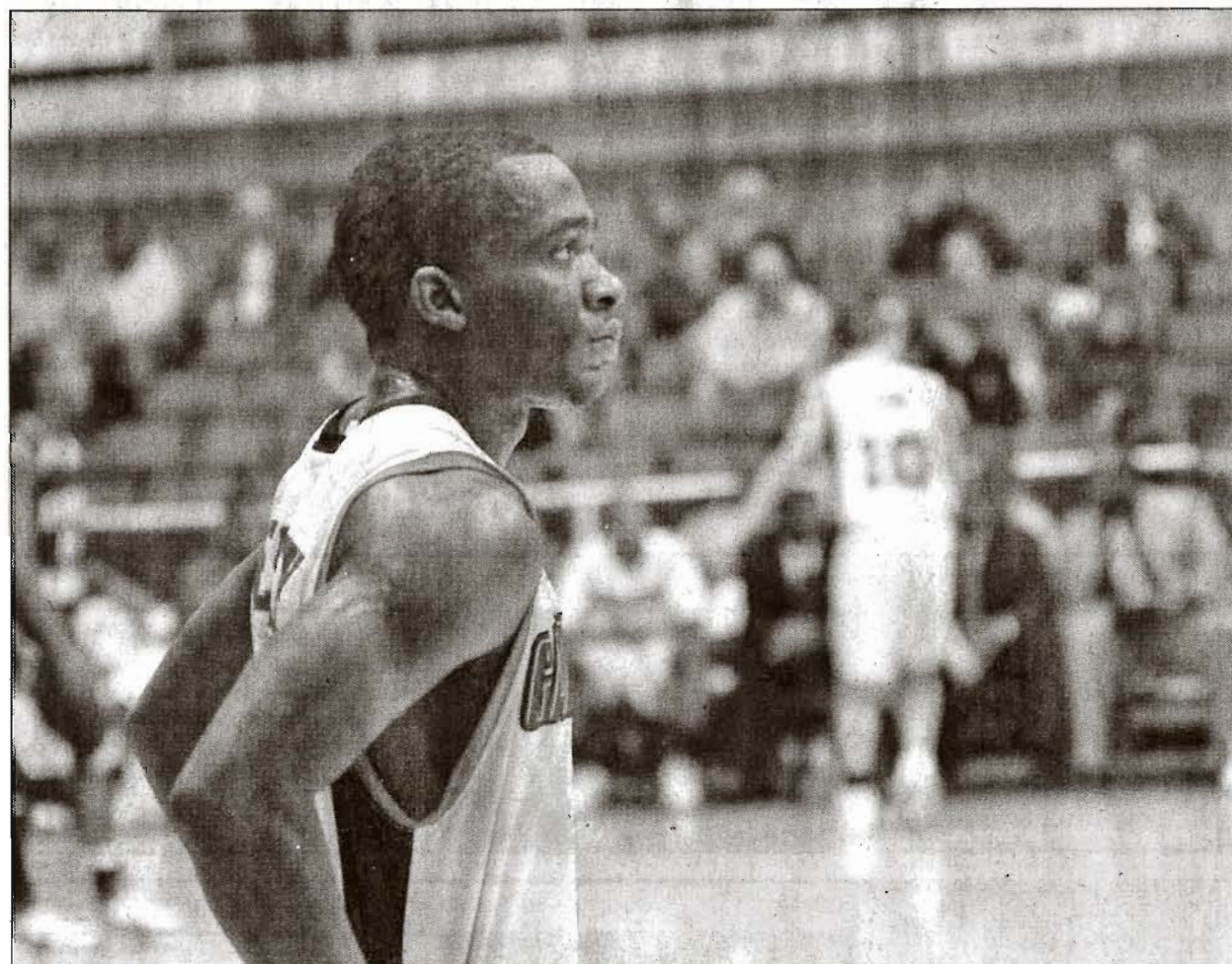
I just wonder if LaPlante's bashers — of whom there are plenty — realize the situation.

Ten people played for JSU in its most recent game, a 95-85 loss at Murray State. Seven of the ten were underclassmen, and another was a first-year JuCo transfer. Those players combined for all but 14 of JSU's points.

Basically, I don't understand how people expect a team that young to compete.

If LaPlante was going to be fired, it should have been after last season. He had a veteran team with an All-OVC player in Courtney Bradley and still missed the conference tournament.

He's proven more to me this year. Record and ranking aside,



J.J. Wesley stares despondently as another game slips away in the final minutes. The Gamecocks lost at home to formerly last-place Eastern Illinois and then at Murray State this week. Photo by James Harkins / JSUFan.com

With seven straight losses, JSU's 341 RPI is the worst in the country

By Jered Staubs
Sports Editor

Monday evening.

Included in the teams considered to have been more impressive than JSU were North Florida and New Jersey Institute of Technology. The combined record of those schools is 0-44.

Somehow, they have still been more impressive to the computers than JSU.

The reason the computer considers the Gamecocks inferior to those teams is strength — or, more aptly, weakness — of schedule.

Jeremy Bynum missed a potential game-tying three pointer.

EIU sealed the game from the free throw line and assured JSU of its 12th loss by 11 or fewer points this season.

The 13th would come two days later, as JSU gamely played Murray State before ultimately falling 95-85.

The Racers are a premier team in the OVC, but an outstanding performance by Nick Murphy kept JSU in the game throughout.

Murphy took the JSU rebounding problem into his own hands.

A Swift kick

Soccer gets new assistant coach

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State soccer team added a fresh new face to its coaching staff late last week in the form of Andrew Swift.

Swift grew up in Birmingham, England, and came to the United States when he was 18 years old. He brings both playing and coaching experience to JSU.

"To me, bringing Andy in is an improvement to the program and an improvement to the staff because he is bringing in a lot of playing experience," JSU coach Julie Davis said.

"I think his international background, growing up with the game, is always a contributing factor."

Swift was a two-sport star at the University of Maine at Machias where he played soccer and basketball for four years.

Shortly after his playing career came to an end, Swift headed to Clarion University in Pennsylvania for a two-year stint as an assistant coach.

Last season, he served as the goalkeepers' coach at the University of Akron. The Zips posted a 1.02 goals against average under Swift, which ranked fourth in the MAC.

"His experiences already being at Akron and at Clarion have already made an impact in just the few days that he has been here," Davis said. "It's a breath of fresh air to have somebody come in and talk to about tactical areas of concern or tactical areas of where we want to go as far as developing the program."

According to Davis, Swift's primary concentration from a coaching aspect at JSU will be to oversee the goalkeeping and to work with the back four and midfield defense.

"Hopefully my background will be diverse enough that I can help the program in a number of ways," Swift said. "My main experience is with goalkeeping, but we also have coach (Alesha) Row who is extremely good with the goalkeepers already. There isn't much work needed there."

"I've done quite a bit of recruiting at the last few schools I've been at," he added. "I'm

be fired, it should have been after last season: He had a veteran team with an All-OVC player in Courtney Bradley and still missed the conference tournament.

He's proven more to me this year. Record and ranking aside, the players on this team are the proof of why he is the right fit.

Nick Murphy shouldn't be playing in the OVC. Landing him was a total coup, and it's hard for me to fathom how more well-known schools missed out on him. He'll be the best player in the OVC one day.

Some of the other recruits LaPlante has brought in should mean this team will be competitive in the OVC sooner rather than later.

Sure, he's not the greatest in-game coach in America. But Ben Howland and Herb Sendek aren't coming to JSU.

Frankly, anyone who does come is desperate.

The students show no commitment to the team, and the facilities are a joke.

If certain other coaches at JSU can retain their jobs — and believe me, if I was named AD at 11 o'clock, two would be unemployed by lunch — then LaPlante can too.

Will Ginn looked up at the scoreboard in disgust and wondered how his senior season could be playing out so poorly.

J.J. Wesley just stood despondently. A year after winning the 6A Alabama state title, he has won only four games.

An unidentified fan walked out of Pete Mathews Coliseum muttering to himself, "I actually thought they might win tonight."

Coach Mike LaPlante tried to keep a positive attitude, but the reality of the situation finally grabbed hold.

These are the reactions of a team that has seen its hopes of accomplishing anything go down the drain.

"The problem for us is that there's not going to be enough games left even if we start winning a lot of our games," LaPlante said. "All these teams ahead of us continue to play .500 ball, and we're not going to be able to make up enough ground on them."

Now, at 4-19 (2-13 OVC), JSU also suffers the ignominy of being considered the worst college basketball team in the entire nation, according to multiple sources.

Sportsline.com (run by CBS) and kenpom.com are two respected RPI ratings services, and both had JSU ranked 341st out of 341 teams in Division-I college basketball as of

0-44. Somehow, they have still been more impressive to the computers than JSU.

The reason the computer considers the Gamecocks inferior to those teams is strength — or, more aptly, weakness — of schedule.

That was on display last Thursday, as JSU hosted then-340th ranked Eastern Illinois, a game in which the Gamecocks were actually favored.

As has been the case so many times, JSU played just well enough to lose, this time by a 72-67 final. The rebounding disparity again came back to bite JSU, as Eastern Illinois gathered nine more offensive rebounds than the Gamecocks.

"That was the biggest difference," LaPlante said. "They got 18 (offensive) boards and scored 25 off it, and we got nine (offensive) boards and only scored 14 off it."

EIU never led by more than 10, but JSU could never regain the lead after losing it with 8:56 remaining in the first half.

In a last-ditch effort, the Gamecocks went on an 8-0 run to cut the lead to 64-63 with 2:05 remaining in the game.

But they allowed another crucial offensive rebound and the Panthers were able to convert on the second-chance opportunity. Moments later,

later, as JSU gamely played Murray State before ultimately falling 95-85.

The Racers are a premier team in the OVC, but an outstanding performance by Nick Murphy kept JSU in the game throughout.

Murphy took the JSU rebounding problem into his own hands.

The true freshman tied the JSU Division-I record with 18 rebounds and led all scorers with 26 points. Fellow freshman J.J. Wesley, who led the Gamecocks in scoring against EIU with 16, added 20 against Murray State.

"We've just got to keep doing what we're doing, trying to improve every game," Wesley said.

For his work, Murphy was named Co-OVC Freshman of the Week. It was the second time this season the Bronx, N.Y. native has won the award.

"Freshmen have been leading us," LaPlante said. "Pretty much night in and night out a freshmen has been leading us — whether it's J.J. Wesley, Nick Murphy or whoever — our leading scorer has been a freshman almost every night."

"It's good for them, because they're getting valuable experience that will translate into success as they continue their careers, so we want to build on that the rest of the season."

enough that I can help the program in a number of ways," Swift said. "My main experience is with goalkeeping, but we also have coach (Alesha) Row who is extremely good with the goalkeepers already. There isn't much work needed there."

"I've done quite a bit of recruiting at the last few schools I've been at," he added. "I'm hopefully looking to help bring in strong classes in '08 and '09, looking ahead down the road. I'm just looking to help make the program as strong as it can be."

Swift will be taking over the administrative side of recruiting at JSU and could have a big impact in the Northeastern states.

"Making connections down here will be new for him because I have a lot more of the connections in the Southeast," Davis said. "But he is bringing with him a lot more connections in the Northeast area, which is an area that we have been able to pull from."

"We have been able to pull from those states in that area which he is very familiar with. So he and I bring together a unique blend of a recruiting package as far as bringing in better players."

"Hopefully my background will be diverse enough that I can help the program in a number of ways."

— Andy Swift

GAMECOCK BRIEFS

• The Jacksonville State men's basketball team will host Georgia State on February 23 as part of the sixth-annual O'Reilly ESPN-U BracketBusters. The Gamecocks and the Panthers were paired from a pool of 100 teams. As part of the BracketBusters agreement, JSU will pay a return visit to the Panthers in Atlanta for a non-conference game in the 2008-09 season.

• JSU junior Michael Dickinson swept the Ohio Valley Conference Rifle Athlete of the Month Awards for January. Dickinson was named both Smallbore and Air Rifle Athlete of the Month.

• The JSU rugby team lost at Tennessee Tech 22-17 last Saturday, but did receive some good news. The National Guard will become official sponsors of the team, helping the funding problem.

— From staff reports

Women lose thriller, laughter

After losing to EIU in double OT, Gamecocks get slaughtered by 41 at Murray State

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After two very impressive victories over Austin Peay and Tennessee-Martin, the Gamecocks (9-14, 6-8 OVC) lost a heartbreaker 83-81 in double overtime to then league-leading Eastern Illinois last Thursday at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

"This was probably the most disappointing loss I believe we've had this year, just in the fact they were the top team in the league and it was our first time playing them at home," JSU coach Becky Geyer said. "Those games at home, we have to win them."

The Gamecocks fell behind early in the first half but never let the Panthers pull away.

JSU held the OVC's leading scorer, Rachel Galligan, to just seven points in the first frame, but she took over in the early portion of the second half, scoring nine points in the first three minutes.

The Gamecocks trailed by as many as 11 points but cut the lead down to seven heading into the final two minutes of regulation.

Aided by two critical steals from junior Cassi Stuart, the Gamecocks cut the lead to just one with 22 seconds left



Cassi Stuart's scrappy defense helped force overtime against league-leading Eastern Illinois. The Gamecocks eventually succumbed 83-81 in double overtime. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com

to play. Sophomore Jolie Efezokhae was fouled and given an opportunity to take the lead.

She made the first free-throw to knot the game at 66, but her second attempt clanged off the back iron.

Danielle Beneby corralled the rebound, giving the Gamecocks one last chance to

win the game.

JSU got the ball into Cierra Duhart's hands, but she lost her footing and the ball in the paint, sending the game to overtime.

The Gamecocks found themselves down by seven once again in the first overtime session but found a way to

claw back.

Efezokhae tied the game with a lay-up with seven seconds remaining.

In the second overtime, JSU took the early advantage and led by one with a minute remaining.

On the Gamecocks' next possession, EIU's Dominique Sims stripped the ball from Kelsey Johnkin but missed a lay-up on the other end.

Galligan came up with a huge rebound, giving the Panthers a chance to run one more play.

The ball ended up in Lindsey Kluempers' hands, and she buried a jump shot to give the Panthers the advantage.

The Gamecocks would get one more shot, but Stuart's jumper was blocked by Galligan with three seconds left to play, sealing the Panthers' 83-81 victory.

With such a young squad, it remained to be seen how the Gamecocks would react to such a heartbreaking loss.

But just two days later, Murray State crushed JSU by 41 points for the second consecutive year.

All five starters for Murray scored in double-figures, as the Racers shot 55 percent from the field.