Recession could boost enrollment

By Bethany Harbison
News Editor

For Jacksonville State University, 10,000 is the magic number.
President William Meehan’s goal of enrolling 10,000 students by 2010 is well documented, and the university says they have clear, step-by-step plans in place to transform this ambition into reality.

But as the economy’s growth continues to slow, some economists say that Meehan’s goal of 10,000 could receive an unexpected boost from an unexpected source—a recession.
A recession is defined as two negative gross domestic product (GDP) growths in two consecutive quarters, and symptoms normally include higher unemployment rates, decreasing prices of consumer goods and fewer jobs.

How can a recession, the less intense (but still formidable) cousin of a depression, benefit anyone, much less a university?

Dr. Christopher Westley, professor of economics, explained that as more people find themselves out of work, the decision to return to school often becomes more appealing.

People realize that, in order to compete for a smaller

Quietly pursuing integrity

Committee charged with keeping JSU’s practices ethical

By Zach Childree
Staff Reporter

Very few people on campus know that an Integrity Committee, composed of faculty, staff and student members from various parts of the university, has been meeting to discuss plagiarism and ethics on campus.

But the meetings have not been kept secret.

Jerry Chandler, who leads the committee, doesn’t like the idea of secret meetings.

“I don’t want to be a part of anything that smacks of secrecy,” Chandler said. “That goes against everything I preach and teach.”

Dr. David LoConto, another member of the committee, said that openness is a goal of the committee.

“We hope to keep things as transparent as possible to let people know where the information is coming from,” LoConto said.

According to Chandler, all of the committee’s meetings are open to the public unless they are discussing something that could affect the good name and reputation of an individual.

The committee has been meeting since
The transition to the Banner LoContext program has already made a huge impact on all aspects of JSU campus life.

The program handles many important functions such as class registration, financial aid, grade reporting, and faculty scheduling. Banner is a major step forward in making the university more technologically sound.

The transition has not been perfect, however, as many students have reported problems with class registration and financial aid. University officials say they are working hard to eliminate these glitches.

"We are extremely pleased with the program," Vice President for Information Technology Randy Harper said. "The project began in the middle of 2002. At that time, JSU used the Student Access System for registration, but the program was not aging well. A large committee was formed with the focus of finding a new administrative computing system. After searching many different outlets, the team recommended a commercial program.

"The entire process was very thorough," Harper said. "We talked and visited with many schools before deciding on going with the Banner program."

The transition to the Banner system required the support of the entire campus.

"Staff had to put in many
Announcements

- Join Baptist Campus Ministries for a Welcome Back Party tonight at 8:00 p.m.
- A set of dental braces or retainer was found on Nov. 1, 2007 near the Panhellenic House. Call 782-5488 to claim.
- A blind student seeks to form a car pool to travel back and forth from the JSU campus to the Oxford/Anniston area. Will help pay for gas. Call Ted Nail at (256) 371-1024.
- A Ballerina interest meeting will be held in the Leone Cole Auditorium Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 5 to 9 p.m.
- WISE is holding a meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in Brewer Hall Room 330 for those interested in participating in Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues.”

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Campus Crime

Tuesday, January 8

Rebecca L. Britton was arrested and charged with one count of Driving Under the Influence. Arrest occurred on Park Ave. and Mountain St.

Tuesday, January 1

Gadsden Community College student Lea Jeanette Rester was arrested and charged with one count of Driving Under the Influence. Arrest occurred on Hwy. 21 and Clinton at 2:35 a.m.

Saturday, December 29

Student Ebony A. Briskie reported an incident of harassing communications from her ex-boyfriend.

A crowning moment

Five ladies vied for the title of Miss JSU 2008 Friday night, but it was Lauren Moon, a junior majoring in history who took home the crown, cash, scholarships and prizes. Above, Miss JSU 2007, Jessica Andrews, crowns Moon while her fellow contestants look on. Sharonica Neeley (on the far right) was named First Runner-Up.

JSU poses a $100,000 question

By Jennifer Bacchus
Contributing Writer

Four years into the most aggressive capital campaign in Jacksonville State University’s history, the school has not only passed the initial goal of $17.5 million, but is only $5,262,000 away from the current $25 million goal.

In hopes of getting a piece of the remainder, JSU President William Meehan and members of the institutional development office spoke to Jacksonville’s mayor and city council during a work session prior to the December 20 city council meeting, asking them for a donation of $100,000.

University asks community for contribution

designated is new tennis courts. JSU has considered putting in new courts with stadium seating and expanding the present courts into a complex with restrooms and a pro shop according to Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Director Bo Batey.

They want to have a stadium-style court for championship games and competitive matches within their league and they need restrooms. There’s no more restrooms and they need a pro shop, a place where their tennis man can have an office,” said Batey, relaying information from a meeting he had with JSU Athletic Director Jim Fuller.

Councilman George Arena questioned the justifications for donating, saying there were several places where the city could

CAMPUS BRIEFS

- Miss Alabama Jamie Langley, who won Miss JSU 2006, will participate in the Miss America pageant Jan. 26 at 7:00 p.m on The Learning Channel.
- Phi Alpha Theta collected 350 gift-filled shoeboxes and $525 for the annual Guatemala Shoebox Drive. The money raised went toward offsetting the cost of shipping the shoeboxes. Coach Becky Geyer and the women’s basketball team joined the effort as well, wrapping dozens of the boxes.
- Housekeeper Ester Uesky was named Employee of the Year for 2007 at the staff awards luncheon on December 17, 2007.
- The Office of Distance Education announced that it is now easier to set up a Blackboard test for use with Responsus LockDown Browser. Contact Misty Cobb for more information.
- JSU Department of Art has announced the opening of the Juried Student Show Tuesday, Feb. 6. The opening reception is from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Hammond Hall gallery. This annual exhibit has grown into one of the department’s largest and most popular exhibits. The exhibit will run through Wednesday, Feb. 15.
- JSU Alumnus Earl Wise Named 1st Vice President / Commercial Lender of The Peoples Bank. Wise earned his bachelor’s degree in finance from Jacksonville State University where
**An opera in three acts**

**XiXi's campaign for a monumental cause**

*By Haley Gregg*

*Staff Reporter*

To some, the generations of today may seem to be unaware of the sacrifices and contributions that our nation's past heroes have made. Jacksonville State University's Alpha Phi Alpha's XiXi Chapter is recognizing one hero, named Martin Luther King Jr. – the leader of the 1960s civil rights movement and the man that set the standard that everyone should be treated equally regardless of their skin color.

Members of the chapter are raising money for the MLK Memorial in Washington D.C. set to be dedicated in 2009. The project has raised $8.7 million dollars of the 100 million needed through donations.

The memorial will be an appealing monument conveying three main essentials in Dr. King's life: democracy, justice and hope. It will have a stone wall with excerpts of his public addresses and sermons. This will serve as a tribute to King's vision for America.

President of the XiXi Chapter, James Roscoe, a junior majoring in political science, said, "I want students to realize that this going on, people are trying to get this completed and this would be a huge thing and opportunity for African Americans to build a foundation in Washington."

This project is close to Roscoe's heart. "For me this means a lot because one of the main reasons I joined his fraternity was because of the different people in it and Martin Luther King stood out to me the most out of anyone," Roscoe said. "That's the reason why I am trying to push this project."

Roscoe wants everyone to join his fraternity and Phi Beta Sigma at the TMB on January 22 at 5:00 p.m. The two fraternities will be performing a reenactment of Martin Luther King's famous march at Washington D.C.

The march will start at the TMB, go around Trustees Circle and end at the Round House. Where JSU’s own former member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Dr. David Zeigler will speak and a documentary will be shown of King's life. If students are interested in donating to the MLK monument, the XiXi's will have a table set up in the TMB before the march from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

The XiXi's will be raising money through April and will present a big check to their board of directors who in turn give it to the MLK memorial foundation at their annual gathering in Jacksonville, Florida on April 3.

Students can also go online to www.mlkmemorial.org or www.xixi906.com to give donations in order to "build this dream."
Banner: Most of system’s problems deal with registration

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extra hours to set everything up,” Harper said. “We have been putting information into the Banner system since October 2005, so many people have been doing double duty since that time.”

The information and transcripts of every single student currently at JSU were added to Banner during this time. This procedure was done to eliminate glitches during the switch to the new system.

Two groups were formed in order to keep the entire process running smoothly. A Banner team was formed to handle that side of the equation along with a Luminis team, which handles the MyJSU portal. Luminis refers to the internal name of the online environment that MyJSU encompasses. The portal is an informational hub that connects the Banner system to items already in place such as Blackboard and the GEM e-mail system.

Banner is the world’s most widely used collegiate administrative suite, according to Luminis. JSU worked with other schools in the state during implementation. Alabama, Auburn, UAB and the University of South Alabama are among the other schools in the state on the Banner system.

“South Alabama has been one of our best partners,” Harper said. “They have provided answers to several of the problems that we have encountered.”

JSU still holds consulting conferences with these schools even after the implementation of the product. These meetings help to shape the future of the program.

SunGard also did their part in assuring a smooth installation. “There was almost always a member of SunGard on campus during implementation,” Harper said. “A SunGard employee told me that it was one of the smoothest implementations they had ever seen,” Harper said.

The process, however, has not gone perfectly. Several problems snuck through the rigorous testing that has been done.

At least half of the respondents to a survey conducted by The JSU student Kayla Barnes said, “The core class only had one section and was very difficult to get into.”

Several students have run into problems registering for the English Competency Exam. “I could not find instructions online as to how to register for the ECE,” JSU student Dusty Murphy said, “Luckily another student told me how to register. It was a pain.”

The Banner team says it is doing all that it can to solve these problems. “We listen to student concerns and work to fully address them,” Harper said. “Students were a big part of the implementation, and we want the program to run as smooth as possible for them.”

The biggest issue the university has faced is with the student expectation of a perfect system. “The Banner implementation was a learning experience for everyone involved, and glitches were bound to happen even with such high preparation,” Harper said.

There are several new additions to the program on the horizon. The Luminis Content Management Suite will be implemented next year and will create better standardized Web pages for the entire university.

“Every department will be able to control the content on their page in an easy-to-use manner,” Harper said.

The program will use templates, which means the person responsible for updating a department’s page will not have to know HTML code. “This will encourage more departments to keep their pages up to date,” Harper said.

Still, students have not completely warmed up to the program. “Many students are still adjusting to the change,” Harper said. “The program will become more popular as time passes.”

New Walgreens bad news for some J’ville stores

By Bethany Harbison
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Walgreens is coming to town, leaving the three Jacksonville businesses that sit on the future store’s location to pick up the pieces.

The Jacksonville Planning Commission has approved the plans for the block containing Gamecock Jewellery and Pawn, Norge Village Laundry and a local beauty shop.

Once the property changes hands, the three businesses will be demolished to make way for Walgreens.

Curtis Sessions, who has owned Gamecock Jewellery and Pawn since the summer of 2006, said the Walgreens rumors had been circulating for six months. It wasn’t until mid-November, however, that Sessions knew for sure.

That was when the building’s owner visited the pawnshop to let Sessions know that he was selling, out to Walgreens.

Sessions received the news with mixed emotions. “I like this location,” Sessions said. “This business has been here over ten years.”

While Sessions has yet to be informed of an exact demolition date, he has already begun the process of securing a future home for his business.

“The prices of real estate in Jacksonville are high,” Sessions said. “We finally found a place that was reasonable.”

The new location will be on US Highway 204 near Starmart, and Sessions is excited about the new future for his business.

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this could be a record-breaking year for young-voter turnout.

In the Iowa and New Hampshire primaries, record-numbers of younger voters showed up at the polls. The youth movement helped to sway the outcome in Iowa, specifically, to Democratic hopeful Barack Obama.

In fact, more so than any other candidate this election year, the 46-year-old Obama has seemed to have struck a cord with young voters. Krejci agreed.

“(Obama) is young, he has all these big ideas and promises hope and change, not that that is anything new in politics,” Krejci said. “But he reminds me of Kennedy in the way he has garnered attention as a young candidate.”

The field of candidates is still wide open. The Democratic side is a two-horse race between Obama and Hillary Clinton, with John Edwards as a darkhorse. On the Republican side, one of Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Mitt Romney or a few others could realistically win his party’s nomination.

Clearly, there is still a long way to go before we know who will be our president.

How we vote, Krejci said, will be affected more than anything else by one’s ideology.

“People vote because of an interest. Whether that interest is whatever issue, say the war in Iraq, depends on the voter,” Krejci said.

Jennifer Hopper has a friend going overseas to fight in March.

“It’s going to be very scary,” she said. Does that make her decision any easier? No. Whether luck or not, at least there are still plenty of options from which to choose.

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number of jobs, they need have helped JSU’s enrollment peak and that the recession that may lie ahead could have a
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number of jobs, they need more education and more training.

"Suddenly when a recession occurs, out of work people also have a lower opportunity cost of going to school," Westley said. "The decision to go to school costs them nothing in lost income."

Recent college graduates may also be more likely to return for more schooling sooner in a recession, according to economics professor Dr. Doris Bennett. The most recent recession occurred from 2001 to 2002, and, according to data provided by the JSU Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, it may have played a role in the enrollment boost.

From 1999 to 2000, JSU's fall head count lost 46 students, falling from 8,048 to 8,002. But in 2001, enrollment increased by 476 to 8,048. Then from 2001 to 2002, the head count shot up to 8,478, an increase of 452. By 2003, the spike ceased and enrollment only increased by 101, topping off at 9,031.

"I think we’ve made plans to reach our goal of 10,000 students without the aid of a recession," Meehan said. "We hope that, with those plans in place, we will be recession-proof or recession-neutral."

"We can’t really condemn plagiarism if we don’t have a working definition of what it is," LoConto says. But is this committee looking for individual plagiarists? Chandler says no. "This is not an inquisitorial committee. We are not engaged in witch-hunts."

Dr. David Steffy, who is also a member of the committee, agrees. "(The goal of the committee) is not to police the works of the university."

While the committee may not be seeking out individuals, Steffy said that students and faculty may not entirely understand violations of the current code of ethics.

"I don’t think everyone is aware of the seriousness of the repercussions when the code of ethics is violated," Steffy said. Steffy said he hopes that the committee can clarify any confusion that might exist and state very clearly what is expected of faculty and students.

Chandler said that the committee exists to create the same rules and procedures for everyone on campus. "We want to make Jacksonville State University a light on a hill," Chandler said. "We want to make sure that if we do copy someone, we tell people where we got it.

The committee will not be recommending punishments for student plagiarism. Individual professors will decide the course of action to take on a situation-by-situation basis.

As far as the lack of press coverage regarding the committee meetings, LoConto thinks that the findings of the committee are more newsworthy than the meetings themselves.

"There is probably not going to be a lot of press about it until we’re done," he said.

Still, LoConto believes the committee is doing good work. "I think we’ve made some considerable strides," he said.

While a completion date for the committee has not been set, according to Chandler, they hope to present their findings to Meehan at the end of the spring semester.

But even with the recent concentration on preventing plagiarism among students, Chandler, who teaches in the Communications Department, still deals with the issue. Recently in his COM 200 class, Chandler said a student completely copied a paper from the Web site Wikipedia.

And he said caught it quickly. "I know I look dumb, but I’m not that dumb."
A rare opportunity for Alabama voters

For the first time in a long time, Alabama will have a significant role in the selection of the nation’s presidential candidates.

Last year, the state Legislature approved a proposal moving the state’s presidential preference primary to February from the political backwaters of early June.

The last time Alabama held sway in a presidential primary season was the spring of 1984, when state Democrats helped throw the nomination to Minnesota Senator Walter Mondale.

Now, 24 years later, Alabamians will go to the polls to again help choose who will lead each party into the fall.

Things will be different next month. After Iowa and New Hampshire, the races are far from decided.

Consider that Alabama is in the Central Time Zone, two hours ahead of the West Coast. Voters in California and elsewhere will see Alabama’s results up to two hours before their polls close. Depending on how Alabama and other Central Time states swing, it could depress or inflate turnout for a particular candidate or party.

But we’re far from alone. 23 other states will be competing for the attention of the candidates and the media. The pundits call it “Super Duper Tuesday,” a not-so-subtle reference to the sheer number of states and voters participating.

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To call it the “Audacity of Skepticism.” I’m just not sure that all this talk of change emanating from the 2008 presidential candidates is what it’s cracked up to be.

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We’ve heard this song before. I’m the candidate of change. I’m the outsider. I’m not part of the Beltway elite.

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Except, of course, they are. If they were not seasoned politicians they would not get the job in the first place. Outsiders and insurgents do not win primaries. Candidates with pollsters, street teams and focus group-tested messages do.

Ask a political scientist, and he'll tell you that with 24 states holding primaries on the same day, Alabama would become lost in the fog again, as it has been for the past quarter century. But make no mistake. This is not a dead-end June primary based on familiarity. This is the real deal, and the voice with which Alabama's voters will speak — one that has been silenced for over 20 years — has the opportunity to be heard in Democratic and Republican camps alike, by candidates and by the press.

Our hope is that Alabama experiences a similar upswing in younger voters that benefited certain candidates in Iowa and New Hampshire.

It's easy for a skeptic to look at a Barack Obama and claim he has little to no experience, specifically perhaps with international affairs.

But when you look at what is fundamentally wrong with America, there is no more perfect a candidate. What this country needs, more than anything else, is healing. We are a nation of blue or red, right or left. Obama has, since he first made his intentions to run for the presidency known, preached change, hope and unity. Not so oddly enough, all the other candidates are now falling in line and in love with the notion of change. They see the appeal he garners with it.

Ideally, voters will remember whose idea it was in the first place. The healing process must begin sometime. Let us not continue to facilitate the divisive nature of our government.

**BRIEF THOUGHT**

In 2003, my wife and I took a Caribbean cruise. Cruises are great fun. If you've been, then you know what I mean: the food, the sun, the relaxation. My favorite part of cruising, though, I would have to say, are the people.

One evening, I was introduced to an Englishman named Ken. As he put it, he was on "holiday" for two months. I was impressed with the guy from the start. He was probably in his late 50s. We talked about everything: George Bush vs. British Parliament, soccer vs. college football (we agreed to disagree), Jack Daniel's vs. Cutty Sark (I won because I hate scotch.) The two of us were inseparable for most of the cruise (whenever our wives permitted).

One evening, Ken turned to me and asked about a previous conversation he happened to overhear. The day before, I had mentioned to my wife how fun it would be to have my stepfather aboard. Ken was intrigued by the comment. "Do you talk with your real father?" he asked. "Sure do," I said. "Love him dearly."

Ken has two sons, he told me. Up to that point, he'd had little or no contact with them in 15 years. His sons were 25 and 20. Ken divorced their mother years ago when the boys were small. His ex-wife told the boys their dad didn't want to see them. Evidently, the boys believed their mother, because both developed a strong resentment towards Ken.

He asked me — that's right, me — what could he do. I was 28 at the time and felt extremely honored that a man of Ken's age and accumulated wisdom would find me with a problem even like the White House. Change is not something that the federal government adjusts easily, and influential Congressmen and special interest groups don't help.

You can't reduce the USDA's bloated farm subsidies without being labeled anti-farmer. You can't pull back on troop levels in Iraq without being labeled anti-military, anti-American or far worse. You can't push for universal health care without being called a socialist.

In the status quo environment inside the Beltway, there is little opportunity for a man of Ken's age to make a difference.

The last thing I told Ken was that's right, I will do anything I can to help,

Ken started to understand his boys' side of the story. I told him he would have to reach out to his boys. He needed to sit and talk with them about the choices that were made when they were young. No matter whether they were right or wrong, or whether I hurt Ken, he would have to explain the choices he made that affected his sons so much.

The last thing I told Ken was this: "They are your sons. Even though they are mad at you, deep down, I'll bet their anger is stemming from the love they have for you. You are their dad." After our conversation we walked back to our cabins.

Ken expressed how thankful he was for my advice. I told him it wasn't anything he wouldn't have done for me.

Four months later, Ken called from England. Apparently he had sat down with his younger son and talked. The older son didn't seem interested in talking, but Ken and his younger son patched up years of hurting.

A few more months passed, and I got another email. In it, Ken told me he and his son had become attached at the hip. They took a "holiday" together to Egypt. They went down the Nile, visited the Valley of Kings, the pyramids, etc.

Since 2003, Ken has kept in touch. He sent gifts for the birth of my daughter, and again for her first Christmas. He also sent me a letter thanking me for help getting at least one of his sons back into his life.
ALBUM OF THE WEEK

Rivers Cuomo

Alone

Weezer fans have been waiting since 2005 for a new album. With the release of Alone: The Home Recordings of Rivers Cuomo, Weezer fans will have something to hold them over until the upcoming release in Spring 2008. Containing home recordings and many unpolished demos from 1992 to 2007, Alone is not the typical Weezer album, but a look back in Weezer history, featuring early versions of Weezer favorites like “Buddy Holly” and unfinished tracks from ill-fated Rivers Cuomo rock musical, “Songs from the Black Hole.” Some songs appear to be written by a completely different Rivers than the one Weezer fans have grown to adore but still have that glint of complete Cuomo authenticity. Recommended tracks that are definitely worth a good listen include: “Blast Off,” “Little Diane,” “Wanda” and “Long Time Sunshine.” I highly recommend giving this unique contribution from a truly unique artist a listen, and I guarantee you will not walk away without a smile.

— Corey Martin

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ALSO IN ROTATION

The Motion Sick

The Truth Will Catch You, Just Wait ...

The Motion Sick: Are they another trendy punk band or another disappointment for those who truly love music? In the beginning when God created music, wasn’t it created to inspire, to share stories and to bring people together? Well, this band was not created to do anything mentioned above. This band was clearly put together by another good producer and a better publicist to generate another buck out of the pocket of today’s youth. They were named Band of the Month by Spin magazine, and if the magazine wasn’t paid off, then I recommend that you never read it, because they clearly don’t know good music. The Motion Sick got its start in Boston, Massachusetts. The Truth Will Catch You, Just Wait is their second album, and just like the rest of today’s artists, this album doesn’t hold a candle to their first.

CHILLY NIGHTS CHILI

By Abby Lockridge

Staff Writer

You’ve just come out of your last class of the day. You’re cold from the walk to your car or apartment or dorm, and you’re pretty hungry. You may be pondering the possibilities of dinner. What you really need during these blustery winter days and chilly winter nights is a nice piping hot bowl of warm food for dinner. Lucky for you, I have just the recipe for a simple meal that will warm you up, fuel you for the next day of classes and studying and make you feel right at home. Additionally lucky, it won’t put a dent in your funds. I created this recipe a few months ago with college students just like you and me in mind. Costing less money per person than a value meal at any fast food chain, this recipe is healthier, tastier and guaranteed to make you warmer and more satisfied. It’s also great for watching the game, think Superbowl here. The stats and recipe follow.

STATS:

- 1 cutting board, any size
- 1 kitchen knife
- 1 medium to large soup or stock pot, nonstick if you have it.
- 1 spatula
- 1 ladle or big spoon
- 1 dinner plate
- Bowls and spoons, any kind

TIPS:

- Serves: 4 one-helping bowls or 2 really hungry guys.
- Approximate cost per recipe, even if you’re buying the Mrs. Dash for the first time: Fewer than eight dollars.
- For recipes like this, buying the store brand canned goods is perfectly fine, there’s essentially no difference in taste, but you will save money.
- 1 spatula

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 pound very lean ground beef, with a fat content of 7% or less.
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 tsp. olive or vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper
- 16 oz. can kidney beans, light or dark, drained
- 15 oz. can pinto beans, drained
- 1 10 oz can Rotel, mild, medium, or spicy upon taste preference, undrained.
- 14.5 oz. can petite diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1/2 tbsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. cumin
- 1 can vegetarian vegetable stock, reduced sodium, or 1/4 cups water, you can add more depending on your desired consistency.

1. In your medium to large soup or stock pot, over medium-high heat in the oil, cook the onion until brown. Add the beef, stir and cook until done. Drain any excess grease. It’s always best to go ahead and drain it.
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Here’s a story for literature or study your biology notes.

The Academy should go ahead and deliver the Oscars to your local Wonder Emporium, which was released a few months ago, and The Sultans of Swing starts off with some wonderful horns and stays at a snappy beat forcing you to tap and your fingers to snap. “The Shout” by Art Tatum is also enjoyable with the ever enjoyable fast piano playing, and just who can overlook “Rock N’ Rye” also by David Berger and The Sultans of Swing?

So skydive, don’t walk, to your local cinema to catch a showing of The Bucket List.

The Great Debaters Soundtrack

Music from & Recorded from the Motion Picture

The Great Debaters, the film in which Denzel Washington both starred in and directed, may have gotten some good reviews at the theater, but the album can’t be spoken of as highly.

The album features Alvin Youngblood Hart, Sharon Jones, Billy Rivers and The Carolina Chocolate Drops on a number of songs — most in fact — causing the album to start off strong, but eventually sound a bit monotonous with its constant melody lingering like a two-hour Jolly rancher in your mouth. It needs some diversity to break up the constant tunes of blues and soul.

While the album in its entirety may not be wonderful, there are definitely a few songs to take a look at. “Delta Serenade” by David Berger and The Sultans of Swing starts off with some wonderful horns and stays at a snappy beat forcing your feet to tap and your fingers to snap. “The Shout” by Art Tatum is also enjoyable with the ever enjoyable fast piano playing, and just who can overlook “Rock N’ Rye” also by David Berger and The Sultans of Swing?

If you enjoy blues and a laid-back café-style sound you may be interested in buying this album, but please don’t expect much diversity. It tends to roll on like a one long song with very little variety to break it up.

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— Julie Skinner

FILM REVIEW

The Bucket List delivers laughs

By Stephen Bagley
Staff Writer

The Bucket List is for anyone who believes Morgan Freeman could get an Oscar for reading the phone book and that Jack Nicholson is in fact The Joker.

You may have seen the preview for it on television or before some other movie that isn’t nearly as good. These aren’t your average grandpas just waiting to roll over and kick the bucket, though.

Jack Nicholson plays the part of a hospital owner named Edward Cole who, despite his abundant funds and incredibly standoffish nature, turns out to be a total jerk.

When he is diagnosed with cancer, he is placed in a room with Morgan Freeman’s character, Carter Chambers. Carter is a mechanic who has been in and out of the hospital for a while, so he tries to give some friendly advice to Edward. The laughs just keep on coming like sacks of bricks as the two unlikely friends team up for a whirlwind tour of the world, fulfilling their wishlist of things to do before they depart.

The script itself leaves a bit to be desired, but Freeman and Nicholson manage to pull the very best out of what they have to work with.

Nicholson is capable of delivering the most mundane lines with a wicked, sarcastic humor that Freeman is perfect for rebutting.

Much like Mr. Magorium’s Wonder Emporium, which was released a few months ago, The Bucket List is more a story of life than the death we see on the surface. If you are capable of laughing yourself to tears, you will love this movie.

The Academy should go ahead and deliver the Oscars now, because I doubt anything else this season will be capable of moving you as much as The Bucket List will.

So skydive, don’t walk, to your local cinema to catch a showing of The Bucket List.

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— Matthew Singleton

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Should I stay or should I go now?

At the end of every college football season, many diehard fans from around the country shift their attention to the NFL Draft. What becomes the number one question? How about, is our best underclassman going to bolt for the NFL?

Underclassmen leaving early could shatter teams' hopes of being crowned national champions at the end of the season, but those who choose to stay often reap the benefits.

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Murphy is a true freshman Despite being 'in the post' and toughness for which players are known. At JSU, and is one of only two OVC players to make over 60% of their field goal attempts this year. After the injury to Murphy, it was a turning point for us to get up early.

Assistant Sports Editor

Girls match win total from last season

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

After, losing leading scorer Eren McMichael for the season two minutes into the Alabama game, the Jacksonville State women's basketball team struggled, dropping three of its next four games. The Gamecocks took a big step forward Saturday afternoon defeating Tennessee State 77-70.

With the win, JSU (7-10, 4-4 OVC) matched its overall and Ohio Valley Conference win totals from last season and also matched its first conference win at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

"I think either way, tonight is a turning point," JSU head coach Becky Geyer said. "It's a great shot blocker," Toles said. "He won the game for us (against TSU) with a shot block. It's good to have that behind you.)

The main difference was that JSU was able to make free throws down the stretch.

"We weren't nervous, we've been in this situation so many times, we just finally made the plays to win," he said. "We did a good job of executing our inbounds plays, got some important defensive stops, and got the right guys to the free throw line."

The players were relieved to get the so-called monkey off their backs, and celebrated by swinging 5"5" point guard DeAndre Bray around in the locker room.

After the start to Saturday's game against Tennessee State, it looked like the Gamecocks may have celebrated too early. But JSU never panicked, and after a well-timed timeout, the Gamecocks made a 14-2 run of their own to take the lead.

"It was important that we came back with that little run," Toles said. "One of these days we're going to get the team that gets up early."
Willett leaves for greener pastures

By Jared Staubs
Sports Editor

Daniel Willett’s meteoric rise up the world of golf has left his former school hamstrung, but coach James Hobbs isn’t complaining.

“Danny went there, and he had success, maybe I need to think about going there too,” Hobbs said.

Willett has had plenty of success in the two and a half years since he enrolled at JSU. He made an immediate impact as a freshman before having an outstanding sophomore season that culminated in his winning the Ohio Valley Conference Individual Championship in April.

Still, Hobbs was expecting Willett back this fall, but summer success left the British native with more desirable alternatives. Willett won the English Amateur and then ran away with the South of England Championship — winning by an unheard of 10 strokes — and also put together impressive finishes across the amateur world.

In a match play event, Willett defeated Rory McIlroy, who was the lone amateur to make the cut at last year’s British Open. That win was a driving force for Willett’s selection to the Walker Cup team.

The ten-man team lost to the Americans, and Willett went 0-2-0 in his matches, but he was asked to join the English Elite Squad. After spending a week on campus, Willett was gone and Hobbs was left without his best player.

“You can’t blame him, there were a lot of incentives for him to do that,” Hobbs said. “But it was a big loss for us because we weren’t able to recruit anyone to replace him.”

JSU is the defending OVC champions, but to repeat that feat this season it will require some of the new faces to perform at the highest level.

Most prominent is Gonzalo Berlin. The native Brazilian moved to Spain for educational and athletic reasons, and Hobbs is happy he was able to lure Berlin to JSU.

“Gonzalo has basically done the same thing that Danny did as a freshman,” Hobbs said. “He’s come in as a freshman, played in every tournament, and put together some very good finishes. We knew he was a good player, but he’s still been a pleasant surprise.”

Most recently, Berlin shot a 6-under 207 in the 54-hole Sam Hall Invitational in Hattiesburg, MS, which was the third best individual score among the 11 teams.

The other members of the team that day were Marcus Harrell, who finished 12th, Johann Lee, Julian Colmenares, and Michael Watson.

Hobbs will be looking for important contributions from those golfers, as well as a litany of underclassmen, when the team resumes play in mid-February.

Duhart: Stepping up in McMichaels’ absence

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heading into the locker room.

In the second half, it was Jax State’s turn to make a run of its own.

In the first fifteen minutes of the final period, JSU outscored the Lady Tigers 37-16, giving the Gamecocks their biggest lead of the night at 71-58 thanks in large part to defense and free throw shooting.

JSU recorded seven steals and eight blocked shots in the second half alone.

Tack on an 84 percent success rate from the charity stripe, and JSU was able to hold off the Tigers.

With her performance against TSU, Duhart has now 8-10 from the field, racking up 19 points, grabbing eight rebounds and blocking two shots, one of which came on a critical possession late in the second half.

Gamecocks.

Despite losing to Tennessee Tech 71-68 on Thursday night, Duhart led the Gamecocks with 20 points and nine boards.

“When we came back from Christmas break, Coach Geyer told me that she needed me to step on the offensive side,” Duhart said.

Thursday night’s game was close throughout, and JSU had a chance to send the game to overtime in the final seconds. However, Kelsey Johnkin’s three-point attempt fell short as time expired.

The Gamecocks have had trouble closing out games of late, which makes their victory against TSU on Saturday even more important.

“We have been playing pretty good basketball, we just haven’t been finishing,” Geyer said. “There is no doubt that there is some frustration there. Just like Tech, that was a game that we really could have won, and we couldn’t get it out like we needed to.”

“I think today to be able to really put them away and be in a position where we were in control the last six minutes is a lot different than the other games we have seen here lately,” she added.

The Gamecocks are hoping to retain some of the momentum they built Saturday, as they hit the road next week to take on Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

“This game was real big for us because Tennessee State was above us in the standings. It was real big because we really need to take it on the road,” Duhart said.

“We’ve got two games on the road next week, so we need to...
Eren McMichael suffered a season-ending torn ACL early in the first half of a 63-54 loss to Alabama at Coleman Coliseum. McMichael was averaging 11.5 ppg in the 12 games she played.

- Jacksonville State senior outfielder Clay Whitemore was named to the 2008 Louisville Slugger Pre-season All-American baseball team. Last season, Whitemore earned OVC Player of the Year honors after leading the conference in hits, doubles and RBI.

- JSU is welcoming the largest spring recruiting class under Jack Crowe’s tenure, with 11 players enrolling at the school. The group consists of six junior college transfers (Roosevelt Ross, Devon Hayes, Jeff Cameron, Morgan Jones, Reggie Wade), three FBS transfers (John Houston Whiddon, Devon Freeman, and Jamison Wadley), and two greyshirts (Jasmine Gates, James Shaw).

- As of January 12, all 11 schools in the Ohio Valley Conference are now equipped with instant replay technology: The replay will be used by game officials to determine close calls and time issues. Replay was used in the final minute of the game between JSU and Tennessee State to put 1.5 seconds back on the clock.

- The Jacksonville State men’s basketball team will appear on national television against conference leaders Austin Peay. The game between the Govs and Gamecocks will be on ESPNU on Thursday, January 24th, at 7:30.

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**Diversity: Players coming together from across the globe**

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JSU attack. The junior drove the lane relentlessly and shot 12 free throws in the final 5:21.

He also had crucial steals and assists in the final minutes and was in position to gather the rebound after Mbodji's block.

"Normally it takes all year for a JuCo transfer to get to the level you want," LaPlante said. "JT is starting to understand this level, how hard he has to play both offensively and defensively, and he's progressing faster than an average JuCo player."

Tolles gave credit to Wesley and Ginn, the two best shooters on the team.

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"Coach told us (Price) was going to drive and look to have a lay-up before Mbodji came over and got a piece of the shot."

Two more free throws by Tolles sealed the 83-79 win.

"Coach told us (Price) was going to drive and for JT to pressure him and I would come over and block the shot," Mbodji said. "That's what I did, I waited for him to leave his feet and I blocked the shot."

M Bodji currently ranks second in career blocked shots at JSU, and says that breaking that record is a goal of his.

Even if he does one day, he will never have a more crucial one than this game-winner.

Despite the horrendous start to OVC play, the Gamecocks' focus has remained on qualifying for the conference tournament. Now riding a two-game winning streak that suddenly seems attainable, JSU is welcoming the largest spring recruiting class under Jack Crowe’s tenure. The group consists of six junior college transfers (Roosevelt Ross, Devon Hayes, Jeff Cameron, Morgan Jones, Reggie Wade), three FBS transfers (John Houston Whiddon, Devon Freeman, and Jamison Wadley), and two greyshirts (Jasmine Gates, James Shaw).

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**Winning late: Gamecocks find a way to avoid last minute miscues in wins**

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