Not in Technicolor.

JSU’s Langley to vie for Miss America

From Staff Reports

Saturday night, Jan. 26 at 8:00 p.m. on The Learning Channel (TLC), 52 young women will take the stage, attempting to sing, strut and sashay their way to winning the crown and title of Miss America.

Among them will be Miss Alabama, JSU’s very own Jamie Langley.

Langley first competed in the Miss Alabama pageant in 2006 as Miss JSU. The following year, Langley went on to win the title of Miss Painted Rock, another preliminary for Miss Alabama. For Langley, the second time was the charm.

Though Miss America is yet to be crowned, Langley was already chosen on Jan. 18 as one of nine finalists for the Miss America Quality of Life award.

This award is given to a contestant who excels in community service and is based on the extent of her involvement with Children’s Miracle Network, the national platform of the Miss America Organization, and with her own personal platform issue. Langley’s platform, titled “From the Heart,” centers on cardiac care.

At press time, Langley was in Las Vegas participating in Miss America preliminary events and was unable to be reached for comment.

The issue of cloning livestock has been approved by the FDA, but people are still wary. Concerns over the practice are leaving many asking ...
Joe Delap, Jacksonville State University's associate vice president for academic affairs and professor of foreign languages, attended the 2008 Hess Faculty Seminar. The seminar took place on Jan. 2-8 at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. Delap -- who was denied the opportunity last year -- was one of 20 participants selected to attend.

Last May, Delap taught a course with Dr. Russel Lemmons, professor of history, on Holocaust history and literature.

“I proposed to him to add some literary works that address the Holocaust to his class,” Delap said. “We combined history and literature in one class to be offered as either a history or a foreign language credit.”

“When I saw the opportunity to attend this seminar, which is for faculty of accredited, degree-awarding institutions in North America who teach history or other aspects of the Holocaust, I knew it would be an immense way to improve the way in which I teach the course to the students during the mid-term. That was my main reason for going.”

The seminar consisted of presentations and discussions of the purpose of the victims, perpetrators and bystanders. They focused on the relationships between these groups and featured many participant-facilitated discussions on classroom teaching methods and strategies.

“Learning to communicate this to students is important because they need to realize just how unique this event is because this happened to an entire group of people who were singled out by a government for extermination,” Delap said.

The museum where the seminar took place has a permanent exhibit that explains to visitors the history of the Holocaust and what happened between the years of 1933 and 1945. It also goes into the post-war period and tells what happened to the Jewish people after the Holocaust.

Delap said that he would highly recommend the seminar to any teacher who struggles to put the Holocaust in perspective for his or her students. He said the trip was put together perfectly and called it “an unforgettable experience.”

“Jacksonville State University is one of only a handful of schools in America that offer any type of Holocaust studies,” Delap said, “and I want to students to understand the importance of this event in history.”
Announcements

- Seventy or more $1,000 and 34 $5,000 scholarships are available nationally to undergraduate members of Phi Eta Sigma. Five scholarships of $7,500 and one Scholar-Leader award of $10,000 each are available for graduate study. JSU Phi Eta Sigma members are invited to apply by Feb. 22. Call Rhonda Kilgo at 782-8247 for applications or more information.
- Career Placement Services will host its “Professional Speaker’s Bureau” in Martin Hall on February 19. Dr. Greg Robinson, an accomplished chemist and former four-year starter for the Gamecock football team, will be speaking to students (Chemistry majors are encouraged to attend) on his career success and how it all began here at JSU. Contact Career Placement Services for more information at ext. 5482 or online at www.cps.jsu.edu.
- JSU Model Arab League is holding their Annual Book Sale Friday, Jan. 25, in the lobby of Martin Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Jason Sumner at jsu6374k@jsu.edu or Dr. Thomas Baucom at tbaumcom@jsu.edu ext. 5811.
- A blind student seeks to form a carpool 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.
- Faculty, staff and students are invited to join the Baptist Campus Ministries for Celebration, their weekly worship service at 8:00 p.m.

Shakespeare modernized

By Jered Staub
Sports Editor

JSU staged an updated version of William Shakespeare’s ‘The Merry Wives of Windsor’ at Mason Hall on January 17-20.

The version JSU presented was set in the 1940s, though Shakespeare was believed to have written the play in the early 1600s.

The opera was shown Thursday through Sunday, and by all accounts was well-received.

Jarrod Lee, a graduating senior, was the star of the show, routinely drawing bursts of laughter from the audience with his Redd Foxx-like antics.

Lee’s character, Falstaff, is a womanizing large man, scene, which set up the tone for the play. The two wives scheme against Falstaff because he has annoyed them.

Other characters are introduced, including Caucks, played by Matthew Headley, Fenton (Peter Wilder), Pistol (Grant Allen) and Nym (Eric Wilcox).

Cody Lane Hairell played Mr. Page in his debut college production, and George Anthony Moore played the other husband, Mr. Ford.

Devin Lacy, as Mr. Slender, also drew chuckles as he

Jacksonville was dusted with snow twice last week, first on Wednesday, Jan. 16 and then on Saturday, Jan. 19. Here, a JSU student braces herself from the chilly air as she exits Bibb Graves. Photo by Ryan Rutledge / The Mimosa

Opera brings ‘Merry Wives’ to JSU

CAMPUS BRIEFS

- Rick Burgess, JSU alum and radio personality of “The Rick and Bubba Show,” lost his 2-year-old son Bronner in an accidental drowning at the family’s home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 22.
- President Dr. William Meehan was named Citizen of the Year from Calhoun County by the Anniston Star on Friday, Jan. 18.
- Suzanne Donaldson, a secretary in the Small Business Development Center was named Employee of the Month for January 2008.
- Student financial aid checks were dispersed on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Campus Mail Center.
- Miss Alabama Jamie Langley, a JSU student, was one of nine Miss America contestants to be named a Quality of Life Finalist. The winner was announced on Wednesday, Jan. 24 before press-time.
- The SGA did not hold its weekly Senate meeting due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Jan. 21, 2008. Meetings will resume this Monday, Jan. 28.
- The JSU Board of Trustees will hold its first quarterly meeting of 2008 on Monday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. in the Houston Cole Library.
- Jack Hopper Dining Hall was scheduled to house 2008’s first “Wellness Wednesday” on Wednesday, Jan. 23. According to the JSU News Wire, the theme
**The Week in Events**

**Thursday, January 24**
- Promotion of C.O.B. Event, 2nd Floor TMB Lobby, 11:00 a.m.-1 p.m.
- A Musical Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., TMB Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 25**
- 1st Annual SGA Winter Ball

**Saturday, January 26**
- CBASE, TMB Auditorium, 8:00-12:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 28**
- Trustee Meeting, 11th floor Houston Cole Library, 1:00 p.m.
- CBASE, Leone Cole Auditorium, 1:00 p.m.
- Delta Zeta Meet & Greet, 2nd Floor TMB Lobby, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 30**
- Tobacco Awareness, 2nd Floor TMB, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- CBASE, Leone Cole Auditorium, 1:00 p.m.
- Interfaith Community Healing Service, JSU Chapel, 6:30 p.m.
- Flea Market, JSU Quad, 11:00-2:00 p.m.

**Class on culture**

**Japanese Language School brings new world to J’ville**

**By Shalon Montgomery**

**Staff Reporter**

On the second and fourth Monday of every month at 8 p.m. for the fall and spring semesters at JSU, the Japanese Language School meets in the basement of Sparkman Hall.

The Japanese Language School is a class created by Sakura Union, a student organization at JSU that tries to introduce Japanese culture to Jacksonville.

"Our goal is to introduce Japanese culture to anyone who would like the opportunity to learn about Japan and its history," President of Sakura Union Chihara Ueki said.

The Japanese Language School is an organization that is funded by JSU.

The school’s staff consists of three Japanese instructors and one American instructor. The school has around thirty students from different cultural backgrounds.

The class curriculum consists of discussion, Japanese role play and quizzes toward the end of each class.

On Thursday, Jan. 17, the Japanese Language School meet for the first time this semester.

**Cody Lane Harrell** played Mr. Page in his debut college production, and George- Anthony Moore played the other husband, Mr. Ford.

"Mr. Smokey," Smokey, also chewed chuckles as he intentionally lisp both his speaking lines and his operatic lines, telling of his love for his "sweetheart," Anne.

Cajus and Slender also yearn for Anne, which becomes a side plot from the women’s quest to humiliate Slender.

Despite being hard for the layman to follow at times, the commitment the actors showed both to their singing and with their expressions kept the audience entertained.

The rousing finish assured all involved were met with a deserved ovation.

**Seminar seeks to maximize learning**

**By Adam Alexander**

**Staff Reporter**

For the Student Teacher Seminar held in the Thorton Montgomery Building this Tuesday, about 300 future educators flooded into the auditorium, eager to learn what they could to better themselves as the mentors of our children.

The Student Teacher Seminar took place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For some, that is a long time to be learning, which is why the seminar had an intermission for lunch.

The first half of the seminar was focused completely on bullying. According to the educators at the seminar, teachers ignore about 70 percent of bullying.

This sort of "blind eye" attitude in turn leads those who bully to believe that they can get away with it, which tends to lead to more severe forms of bullying. According to the seminar, severe bullying can have a much deeper impact on the victims than most may think. These effects can include suicidal and homicidal tendencies.

The second half of the seminar was conducted by guest speaker Dr. Marvin Marshall, author of *Discipline Without Stress, Punishments or Rewards*. Marshall is a respected educator and speaker, having presented in 43 states and 14 countries across five continents.

Marshall presented his views on disciplinary actions commonly taken by teachers.

Marshall also had everyone in the auditorium turn and speak to the person next to him. This was to emphasize the point that when one is more comfortable with his surroundings, he is more apt to learn. He stated that a student is more concerned with fitting in than learning, and that affects his overall ability to learn.

The students found the entire seminar informative, but most seemed to find it much easier to listen to Dr. Marshall’s speech than the section on bullying. As one anonymous source stated, “It’s too long. Half a day would be plenty of time for this.”

The Student Teacher Seminar went very smoothly, ending at exactly 3:00 p.m. The students cleared the room in a matter of minutes, all of them eager to move after having been in the room for two periods of three hours.

It was an intense day of learning, but the future educators had the thick skin to stick it out. It is that sort of discipline that some say makes the future of education look a little brighter.

**OOPS LOL :)**

**Mistakes from last week’s issue:**

- In Haley Gregg’s article "The Mimosa" campaign for a monumental cause," Dr. David Zeigler was incorrectly identified as a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, but Dr. Zeigler is actually a former member of Phi Beta Sigma.

- According to the band The Motion Sick’s publicist, the band financed the promotion of the album on their own with the exception of the recording itself. In Matt Singleton’s review on page 5, it said otherwise.

The Chanticleer regrets the mistakes and apologizes to anyone who was affected.
Miss JSU shares thoughts, dreams

By Bethany Harbison
News Editor

At the tender age of eight, Lauren Moon met Miss America (and former Miss JSU) Heather Whitestone, and in that moment, she came to believe that anything was possible.

Today, Moon, who was crowned Miss JSU on Jan. 11, is still dreaming big.

“I definitely believe in fate,” Moon said. “(Meeting Heather Whitestone) was one of the best things that could happen to a little girl. I’m just hoping the good luck from JSU will continue.”

For Moon, pageants have always been a family affair. Since she was very young, she and her sisters have traveled across the state and nation competing in talent-based pageants. Moon said that though her family is a rock of support for her, they do not fit the “pageant mom” stereotype.

“I’ve seen the pushy, cutthroat pageant parents, but my parents have always let us know that they fought to stop, we could,” Moon said. “Luckily for me, that moment never came. I’ve always loved it.”

As a freshman, Moon came to JSU and planned to compete in the Miss JSU competition during her second semester. Her plans were changed, however, after she transferred to the University of Montevallo, a school closer to her hometown, that same year.

“I left, but something was calling me back here,” Moon said. “I just think a student feels at home here. That’s what drew me in.”

It was not until now, Moon’s senior year, that she was able to compete in Miss JSU, though she said she has competed in the Miss Alabama preliminaries for years.

This year’s Miss Alabama pageant will be June 4-7 at Samford University, and Moon is busy preparing. In addition to practicing her talent and staying physically fit, Moon will also be assembling an extensive wardrobe for the pageant and all of its accompanying events.

Moon will also be working to promote mental health awareness, the cause that she selected as her platform for the pageant.

“I’ve seen a lot in the media about mental illness, and you see them take it to the extreme,” Moon said. “I would like to break down those barriers and see us become a more intelligent society.”

Moon offered last year’s Virginia Tech shooting as an example of the kind of tragedy that can ensue when mental illness is not recognized and treated.

“I want to see less of that happening,” Moon said.

Moon said she is in the process of assembling a pamphlet on mental health, which she plans to use to address various school assemblies and Parent Teacher Organization meetings.

History is her major, and psychology is her minor, but music, particularly classical, remains Moon’s passion.

“Music is definitely an everyday part of my life,” Moon said. “Whether it is now or 40 years down the road, I cannot imagine my life without music.”

Miss JSU Lauren Moon, pictured here in the Miss JSU pageant, crooned “O Mio Babbino Caro” to take home the crown. Photo by Steve Latham / JSU / file

PODCAST
Check thechanticleeronline.com on Friday for Chris Pittman’s and Matt McRae’s video game podcast.

Cloning: Livestock experiments nothing new
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Murdock asserted that the ideas behind cloning are not new. In fact, he said, humans have been unwittingly experimenting with genetic experimentation since the domestication of animals.

"It's not like we're cloning genes from scratch here," Blair said.
But will scientific explanation be enough to satiate the American public? Time will tell, Murdock said.
"If enough people resist this and start calling their senators, they'll probably have to label (cloned beef) too," Murdock said.
For Glenn, however, the right to know exactly what he is eating and serving (and its origins) outweighs the reassurance of the tests and explanations from the FDA.
"I don't care to be a guinea pig," Glenn said, "If I try it, I want to know that I'm trying it."

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The average cloned steer can cost about $20,000, and are unlikely to appear in the grocer's freezer any time soon.
Their offspring, however, will be a different story, according to Blair. But even as products of a clone, Blair said that the offspring will not be affected or abnormal in any way.

"A lot of people will say they don't want cloned meat or even anything whose grandparent was cloned," Blair said.
If the meat has been verified as safe for consumption, why is there such apprehension?

For Jane Justice of Farm Systems of Oxford, the idea of "playing God" is simply too much.

"I don't believe in messing with God's work," Justice said.
Glenn explained that even if cloned beef were labeled, the idea is still one with which he struggles.

"They say it's safe, but I think for me it is more like a moral issue," Glenn said. "I don't know if we're intended to do what the Lord did."
Transparency goes both ways
Meehan’s latest accolade lacks context, clarity

Dr. Bill Meehan, the president of this university, was named the Anniston Star’s Citizen of the Year last Friday. In a front-page story and editorial in the Saturday, Jan. 19, edition of the Star, Meehan’s contributions to the community were mentioned, as were his years of dedicated service to JSU and leadership of civic and school organizations.

However, in our view, the article and editorial are more notable for what they didn’t mention — namely, last summer’s plagiarism and ghostwriting scandal and the ensuing controversy. Not a word was mentioned that the columns containing plagiarized text were printed in the Jacksonville News, a paper owned by Consolidated Publishing, the same company that owns the Star.

It’s not that we believe Meehan doesn’t deserve recognition for his work as president for the last nine years. Faculty members who served at other institutions said that they’ve never worked under a university president more dedicated to the community.

Yet, when the man at the center of the controversy was awarded the lofty title of Citizen of the Year, nary a word was uttered about the issue. It’s not only good practice, but good journalism, to make sure such links are known, if for no other reason than to head off critics who could readily claim the Star has something to hide.

Subsequently, the Star failed to address what we feel is a very basic question: Exactly why was this year — a year of controversy, allegations and excuses — that Meehan earned the title Citizen of the Year. Why now, after nine years as JSU president? Without an official explanation, the public is free to speculate.

So if I — of all people — can look forward to a lecture on literature, that teacher has to be special.

Myriad of English teachers I’ve had at JSU have been consistently stellar. The two Spanish instructors I’ve had were excellent teachers. All of my history classes, my most hated subject in high school, have been extremely enjoyable.

We’ve complained plenty about faculty on this page this school year, especially within the Communications department. Our opinions of our own teachers notwithstanding, a sense of duty (and perhaps guilt) has compelled me to use this space for praise — long overdue praise at that.

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Stone Center.

My first classes at JSU were in 2002, two of them were in Stone Center. The big issue then, as I recall, was “Why is this building going to get air conditioning?”

While I’m far from having my facts straight on this topic, all I know is when it’s sleeting and cold outside and I go inside to my grammar class in an 80-degree room, it doesn’t seem to me that the topic has been appropriately addressed six years later.

Perhaps it’s because I take so many classes in the building (between there and Self Hall, this school could have honestly charged me rent for years), but it would seem to me that
president for the last nine years. Faculty members who served at other institutions say they’ve never worked under a university president so involved in the welfare of his school and his community. He is generally well-liked among students and has a good reputation in the Anniston-Calhoun County area.

What we are concerned about, however, is full disclosure. The Star (and yes, the Chanticleer, too) devoted ink and column inches to covering, dissecting and analyzing the evils of plagiarism and ghostwriting, where the line is drawn, who knew what when and when many be posted, any one or which could be correct.

But we don’t know, and we can’t unless the Star makes its thought process more clearly known.

Realistically, we understand Citizen of the Year isn’t the Nobel Peace Prize. It doesn’t carry the same weight as a Pulitzer, and it doesn’t bestow the honor of a Medal of Freedom to its recipient. But locally, it’s a big deal involving a big person in the community. If the Star insists on putting it on the front page, a little more transparency from the editorial board and its reasoning would be invaluable.

Perhaps it’s because I take so many classes and have a priority. I at least know that if not for the making such a busy and important building and women who occupy the offices in the structure would be appreciated six years later.

One of the biggest problems here on campus is student parking. The word “recession” has been on the lips of pundits, politicians and the public for months now. But only in the last few weeks have we seen plans to head off, or at least deal with, an economic slowdown.

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And while I’ve never taken any drama courses, I’ve never left one of their productions disappointed.

My favorite professor on this campus, Dr. Steve Whitton, can attest to what a bad student I am. I’ve missed as many of his classes for various reasons as I have anybody else’s.

Yet, whenever I needed an elective, I skipped right to the English department in the schedule booklets and searched for his name.

What puzzles me is how this excellent group of instructors is able to function so well working in the perpetual sauna that is JSU: Progress for the sake of progress

Progress — it is a wonderful thing. The funny thing about some progress is it serves little purpose. For instance, let’s talk about expanding the Paul Snow Stadium.

According to reports, the university wants to add 5,000 more seats to the 15,000-seat stadium that the football team already can’t fill.

How does this expansion help anyone? Doesn’t it do a thing for me, because one of those 7,000 empty seats over at the stadium I guess could be considered mine.

Hint to athletic department: better product = more buyers.

Another plan is to build a stadium-style tennis court and pro shop. Again, who does this benefit other than the university and the handful of tennis enthusiasts on campus? Apparently, the tennis court upgrade is based on the lack of restrooms and a place to hold championship tennis matches. Would it not be cheaper to build a small building that will house restrooms and a pro-shop?

Wait a second, here’s a better idea: let’s build a golf course for the golf team. You can also build a clubhouse and have one of those fancy golf pro shops. Makes about as much sense as the other two ideas.

These proposed expansions are what I would call the “most beneficial” to everyone.

One of the biggest problems here on campus is student parking.
Music Corner

LOCAL MUSIC

Motel Matches lights up Brother's Saturday night

Local bands play bar Saturday

By Megan Moore
Staff Writer

There was a buzz in Jacksonville about the show going down at Brother's Saturday night, and possibly a bug, too.

Ryan Hughes, lead vocalist for local rock band Motel Matches, said, "I guess he came down with the bird-flu or something."

He was referring to bassist Muddy Waters of local punk band Derk and Elvis, who were scheduled to play the first set at Brother's Bar in Jacksonville with Motel Matches on Saturday night, Jan. 19. But they had to cancel because their bassist was feeling a bit under the weather.

Muddy was not the only man feeling cruddy that night. A runny nose plagued Motel Matches' guitarist, Sal Sanchez.

Still, Motel Matches played a double set, performing both before and after acoustic/indie rock act, Keyton.

The atmosphere in Brother's Saturday night was possibly more electric than it has been in a while. Motel Matches exuded a magnificent energy throughout their performance, singing, among others, "No One Has to Know."

With hands and feet in Brother's shuffling about in rhythmic motion, it was hard to decipher where that buzz was originating. The performances were outstanding, but Motel Matches brought a little something extra to the table as well.

The secret weapon that really helped generate that extra spark was the compassion relayed to the audience. Brother's does not usually host such personable bands. All of the banter in between songs was directed personally towards people in the audience.

If you missed the show, Motel Matches can be found at myspace.com/motelmatchesband. Keyton can be found at myspace.com/keytonmusic, and Derk & Elvis can be checked out at myspace.com/derkandelvis.

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

The Mars Volta
The Bedlam in Goliath

The lost art of origami

By Julie Skinner
Features Editor

Origami is the Japanese art of paper-folding and is one of the oldest art forms around. Today, it is seldom used for entertainment or a pastime — at least in rural college towns.

While some hobbies are costly, origami is credited with being cheap, using only one's hands and paper for instant, colorful art.

For those interested in a challenge, origami can provide intricate steps and time-consuming instructions. But for those just learning the basics, it can be as simple as making a six-step cup.

One might wonder, "Where do I find origami paper or an instruction book?" Luckily, there are places that carry origami supplies locally, such as Hobby Lobby, where I lucked out and found an entire kit containing various colors of paper and a manual with step-by-step instructions on sale for only five dollars.

Just within the kit I bought, contained instructions on how to fold cups, hats, pianos, houses, balloons, birds, anglefish, whales, cranes, tulips, seals and various others.

Though origami can seem frustrating when you're first beginning, it grows on you after creating your first little piece of art. Then you have the option of moving on to the more advanced folding or sticking to the easier pieces.

Below are the step-by-step instructions on how to make a cup, thanks to Aitoh's The Ancient Art of Origami Kit.

1. Begin with a sheet of paper (any color) the same length on all four sides. Make sure it is a fresh, clean sheet with no wrinkles or creases.

2. The paper should be shaped like a diamond. Take the bottom point of the paper and fold it up to the top point. Match up the two points and flatten the rest of the paper.

3. Take the point on the right and fold it to your left. The paper will look like a triangle with one leg cut off.

4. Take the left point now and fold it inward, crossing over the right point. It will look a bit like a take-out box at this point.

5. There should now be two points matched up at the top of your "take-out box." Fold one flap straight down.

6. Flip the paper over and fold down the other flap. You should now be able to pick the paper up and open it from the middle of the folded flaps on either side.

7. Finally, you have made your very own piece of Origami art. I introduce to you, the cup...

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FILM REVIEW

Cloverfield

by John Kroes

The lost art of origami
**FILM REVIEW**

**Cloverfield**

By Stephen Bagley
Staff Writer

There was a lot of hype going into Cloverfield about what the monster in the film could possibly be. Some thought it was a newer Godzilla flick, the Internet regulars saw concepts of a giant whale and others, unable to give up their Childhoods, believed it to be a Power Rangers or Voltron movie. Hell, I even came across some twisted logic that led to the infamous Stay-Puft Marshmellow Man destroying Manhattan yet again.

Cloverfield puts on the guise of a monster flick, with explosions and American icons being destroyed on-screen. But in actuality, the first teaser focusing on a going-away party gives up more or less the entire plot of the movie.

The rest of the experience is a mind-numbing chase-fest with a handheld camcorder. The shaking in the previews? The whole movie is like that. A few people actually had to get up and leave due to motion sickness. Don’t eat before going to see this one folks, and nix on the popcorn while you’re at it.

So if Cloverfield isn’t a monster movie full of mayhem and Styrofoam destruction, what is it? Cloverfield is in essence a love story. But it is also a military flick.

The problem with Cloverfield is that it tried to go in too many directions at once, and ends up staying in no place. That place being on the bottom of your “movies to see” list. So save your $7.50 this weekend. It only got a D because of the novelty of the idea.

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By John Kroes

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Adding injury to insult

Men's and women's teams missing key components

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

Already languishing near the bottom of the Ohio Valley Conference, JSU’s men’s and women’s basketball teams are also having to overcome a bevy of injuries.

The injury bug hit the women’s camp before the season even started, as freshman Ann Butchorn has missed the entire season due to a leg injury. However, the biggest hit to JSU’s roster came when Eren McMichael tore her ACL against Alabama in late December.

“The tough part for us is that we were such a young team to begin with,” JSU women’s basketball coach Becky Geyer said. “It’s not just that we lost our leading scorer. We lost a piece to this puzzle that we have created.”

“For example with Eren, she was our three-point shooter, and we have a lot of other kids that shoot threes, too, but she was a kid with two-to-three feet back range. With her in the game, it allowed our other kids to do what they do even better. They were going to guard Eren tight. They weren’t going to let her get a free shot, and that really does make a difference on the style of team you become,” Geyer added.

The latest rash of injuries has almost completely eliminated any depth that the Gamecocks had in their backcourt, as sophomore point guard Kelsey Johnikin will be out indefinitely with an undisclosed health issue.

To make matters a little worse, freshmen Charlease Williams is also dealing with a pulled hamstring that she suffered last Saturday against Tennessee State.

“Kelsey Johnikin didn’t play either game,” Geyer said. “They originally said two weeks, but she went back to the doctor today and it’s going to be until she is pain-free.”

With Johnikin and McMichael both out for the foreseeable future, Jolie Efezokhae becomes the only player on JSU’s roster with any game experience dating back to last season.

“We only had 11 kids at the start of the year, and only Eren, Jolie and Kelsey came to us with playing experience here,” Geyer said. “Two of three kids with playing experience on our team not playing absolutely makes a difference.”

“The majority of teams, if they have an injury, it may be one or two. But to have three kids out at the same time, it’s difficult especially when you are with smaller numbers,” Geyer said.

The JSU men’s basketball team also has its fair share of distressing injuries.

“You can’t foresee those things coming,” JSU men’s basketball head coach Mike LaPlante said. “You just have to deal with them as they arise and make the best of whatever situation you have.”

Junior-Jonathan Toles has had to deal with several nagging injuries throughout the year, and the team has also had to take precautionary measures with freshman Jeramy Bynum because of a heart condition.

Coming into the year, LaPlante was hoping to rely on the senior leadership of Erik Adams, Will Ginn and Dorlen Brown.

Unfortunately, Adams dislocated his ankle during preseason and still isn’t 100 percent. As for Brown, he is no longer academically eligible.

“We had the mentality that Erik Adams, Dorlen Brown and Will Ginn, three seniors, were going to lead this team, and the young guys could learn from them,” LaPlante said.

That plan changed quickly, and the underclassmen have had to adjust to the college game more quickly than expected. Three of JSU’s top four scorers — including leading scorer Nick Murphy — are freshmen.
Women crushed by Morehead and EKU

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State women's basketball team turned in its worst offensive and defensive performances of the season last week.

Eastern Kentucky dropped 92 points on the Gamecocks Thursday night, the highest point total JSU has surrendered all year.

Two days later, the Gamecocks (7-12, 4-6 OVC) shot a season-low 26 percent from the field in a 78-51 loss at Morehead State.

Both of last week's opponents entered their matchups with JSU with sub-.500 records in the conference, but both had an easy time defeating the Gamecocks.

Due to injuries, JSU traveled to Eastern Kentucky with only eight available players, forcing several Gamecocks to play out of position.

"I really feel like part of this last weekend was due to short-handedness. It wasn't that our kids did bad. They didn't. We were playing out of position, and that just made it difficult. We didn't have a full squad," JSU head coach Becky Geyer said.

With Kelsey Johnkin and Charlease Williams sidelined, junior Cassi Stuart scored a career-high 22 points. Freshman Candice Carmine also posted career-highs with eight points and seven rebounds.

Things didn't get much better for the Gamecocks on Saturday in Morehead. Eastern State came out on fire, outscoring JSU 42-17 in the first half, and they still hit it," Geyer said.

The game was out of reach after the first half, but the Gamecocks did manage to put up a fight during the final 20 minutes of the contest.

"We had a lot of good shots in the first half, but they just didn't go in," Geyer said. "We were very disappointed with the first half because we can play so much better than that."

"In the second half, my big thing was just winning the half. I thought we came back in the second half and pressed them and did a much better job," Geyer added.

JSU is scheduled to take on Austin Peay Thursday night at Pete Mathews Coliseum with tip-off set for 5 p.m.

LaPlante said that stretch epitomizes JSU's play on the road this season.

"There are certain things you can't do on the road," he said. "You can't take bad shots, can't miss a box-out, can't waste possessions and can't miss free throws. We've been doing all those things.

The missed opportunities and mistakes continued to plague JSU in Saturday's 85-70 loss at Morehead State.

The Gamecocks made significant rallies in the second half of both games, but it was too late.

Nick Murphy continued to make a significant contribution for the Gamecocks, chipping in 21 against EKU and 13 against Morehead.

Sharpshooter Jeremy Bynum led JSU in scoring at Morehead with 15 points, as he returned to playing significant minutes after a long stretch that saw him sitting out for precautionary reasons.

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Freashman Candice Carmine defends against Morehead State's Brittany Pittman. Pittman and the Lady Eagles handed JSU its second conference loss of the season to date. Photo courtesy of Morehead State University / Randy Stacy

Men remain winless on road

By Jared Staubs
Sports Editor

The mini-run the JSU men's team found itself in was lost at Morehead by 15 and 16 points last week.

Now, the Gamecocks must regroup if they hope to make a push at the conference tournament.

"I figure it will take at least eight wins, maybe nine," said coach Mike LaPlante.

That means going 6-4 or better in the second half, but we made a run similar to that last year.

Despite returning to the friendly confines of Pete Mathews Coliseum with a perfect start.

"It's an opportunity," LaPlante said.

But any home wins will be like Austin Peay would be a thorn in the side.

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The JSU men's basketball team also has its fair share of disturbing injuries.

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Unfortunately, Adams dislocated his heart condition.

"Be'loved owner dead at 80" and "Legendary chess champion passes away" will no longer be headlines.

"Beloved owner dead at 80" and "other nauseating headlines both online and in the papers.

Let's be serious about these people. Bobby Fischer was borderline insane, one of the biggest anti-Semites in the world and a thorn in the side of upsetting people like Dick Schaab.

Fischer also went to bizarre lengths to bash the United States at every turn. Most notably, he said the U.S. got what it deserved on 9/11/01.

In death he gets praised because of one remarkable skill.

Georgina Frontiere owned the Rams when they won the Super Bowl. Outstanding.

Well, she was married seven times, and none of those were to plumbers, if you catch my drift. I'm not saying she's a gold digger, but...

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The number of points Nick Murphy has averaged in his last four games. Because of that, he has become the team's top scorer.