



University Police Officer Hill writes a parking ticket outside the dorms on Wednesday.
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Perturbed about parking

Students express concern over number of parking tickets issued by university police

By Allison Smith
Staff Writer

Concerns were raised recently in connection to what some called an excessive amount of tickets issued to students at Jacksonville State University. The tickets in question had to do with the parking arrangements around Stone Center, one of the school's major academic buildings.

Dr. Tim King, associate vice president for enrollment and student affairs, reported that he had received no complaints or concerns regarding an excessive amount of tickets at Stone Center, but would certainly address students and their concerns if a problem of that nature arose. Chief of

University Police Shawn Giddy, said that if a particularly high amount of tickets were distributed, the only reason for those tickets would have simply been in response to a large amount of violations.

One student in particular involved with the situation was former Student Government Association President, David Jennings.

Jennings said he received a ticket while in the commuting parking lot near the Stone Center.

"At first I thought, no red curve, and in my mind it was free parking," Jennings said. "I thought anyone could park there."

When he discovered a ticket on his windshield he wanted to know why. He then addressed

the police department who proceeded to very kindly explain the regulations involved with the ticket. Through proper communication with the police Jennings said he quickly gained a better understanding of the situation.

Jennings also brought attention to another parking situation that had recently caused students to become concerned.

"There was a big misunderstanding at one point at the Baptist campus Ministries," Jennings said. "Many students were concerned about the University police possibly issuing parking tickets in regards to the BCM parking lot. These concerns evolved into

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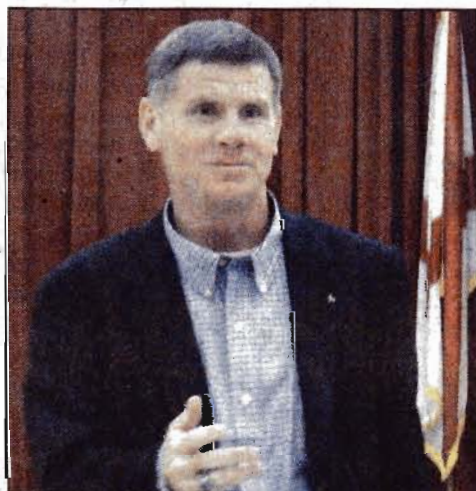
Stone addresses SGA

Lobbyist urges students to speak out about higher education funding

By Ryan Rutledge
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association held their weekly senate meeting Monday night. The lobbyist Gordon Stone, of the Higher Education Partnership, highlighted the meeting. Stone spoke about universities in Alabama and the growing issue of funding for education in the state.

Last year the Alabama State Legislature cut university funding by fourteen percent. This year they plan to cut it by a further 12%. According to Stone, nearly



this statistic is in direct relation to our state government and their lack of concern for the future of our state.

Stone encouraged students to get involved. The first thing that must be done, Stone says, is for the students to turn out in large numbers for Higher Ed Day on March 5 and show their concern to state senators.

At Monday night's meeting Stone's speech drew a standing ovation from everyone in the meeting, including two notable attendees: JSU's own Don Killingsworth, Director of Academic Advancement and Government

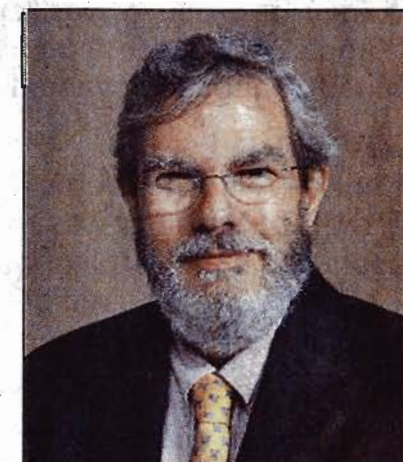
Waddle named Ayers Chair

From JSU Newswire

Jacksonville State University's Department of Communication has welcomed a new faculty member into its fold-- Chris Waddle, who has been named the Ayers Chair of Communication.

"This is my first semester of what I hope is a long tenure," Waddle said. "Journalism is undergoing a tremendous change in every form. Television journalism is changing, print journalism is changing and online journalism is expanding. It's still important to do good journalism, but the platform is changing."

It is because of those morphing platforms and what he calls the



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growing issue of funding for education in the state.

Last year the Alabama State Legislature cut university funding by fourteen percent. This year they plan to cut it by a further 12%. According to Stone, nearly 9% of appropriated funds for next year will not be covered, a statistic that Stone finds "absolutely unacceptable".

Stone said the state had become increasingly aloof in regards to education. "We need to go down to Montgomery March 5 and ask those Senators, what are you doing for us?" Stone said. "Then follow them into their office and ask them again. If they hide under their desk and don't answer, flip it over and ask them again. What are you doing for us?"

According to Stone, in America the national average of adults that have a college degree is 27.2%. Alabama is 6.1% under the national average. According to Stone



Gordon Stone speaks to the SGA on Monday night. Photo by Ryan Rutledge / The Chanticleer

press their concerns to the Senate. "We must show them how important it is to have a college education, especially in Alabama," Whaley said. "And that we are focused on something besides facebook, the internet, and ESPN, and that we actually do care."

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At Monday night's meeting Stone's speech drew a standing ovation from everyone in the meeting, including two notable attendees: JSU's own Don Killingsworth, Director of Academic Advisement and Government Relations, and President William Meehan. Senator Whaley was very impressed by Stone's speech, "Mr. Stone is a pit bull and I'm glad he's on our side. He can get the student body motivated and is here to support the students." Said Whaley.

Stone asks that on March Fifth all Students concerned with this issue go to Montgomery to ex-

pressious change in every form. Television journalism is changing, print journalism is changing and online journalism is expanding. It's still important to do good journalism, but the platform is changing."

It is because of those morphing platforms and what he calls the "stress and duress" on the news industry's financial side, Waddle said, that it is now more important than ever for universities to produce quality journalists.

This semester, Waddle is teaching an Introduction to News course, and beginning in the spring of 2009, Waddle plans to teach Opinion Writing, a course that is new to the department but one he has taught previously.

"Opinion writing begins with information," Waddle said. "You don't go into a debate and win by shouting louder. You go in with a



better set of facts and the ability to express them."

He is also working with the faculty of the Department of Communication, the College of Commerce & Business Administration, the history and the political science departments as well as other JSU officials to put together a conference on economic development and the media, which will be held in March.

Waddle's passion for journalism took root in the 1960s at the height of the civil rights movement. It was during a time when the news was filled with the stories of people like

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On the catwalk

Students model fashions at campus show

By Mandy Pearson
Staff Writer

Monday, students filled the Leon Cole Auditorium for the fourth semi-annual Rock the Runway fashion show. Some students had to stand, due to the lack of chairs.

The fashion show featured many students as they walked the runway, as well as those who were part of the dance groups, who provided entertainment for the night. The show opened with a dance performed by the Dancing Heat, a student dancing group.

This show stressed that you don't need to spend a fortune on clothing, there is nice clothing for a reasonable price at a thrift store. 0

Some of the styles that were displayed Monday night included three piece suits, khaki pants, over coats, sweaters on top of button up dress shirts, and sweater vests.

"I liked the show, because it teaches young men what women really want." Said Hope Williams,

a Sophomore majoring in chemistry. "We don't necessarily want a guy wearing baggy jeans, but rather classy business attire."

There was a patriotic segment that was worked into the show. This commemorated the recent election and the high numbers of young voters in the election. The models graced the runway in red, white and blue attire. Many sported the Stars and Stripes on ties, bow ties, or a scarf to tie their patriotic ensemble together.

"It was a good show," said Chris Calvin a sophomore majoring in Biology. "It really showed African American males how to dress successfully and look good on a college compass without spending too much money."

Over all the fashion show was a hit with the students. Many students just enjoyed watching their friends walk the runway, while others gained knowledge of how to dress for success.

The models and dancers received a standing ovation and loud applause at the end of the show.



A model strikes a pose at the JSU "Rock the Runway" fashion show on Monday night. Photo by Mandy Pearson/ The Chanticleer

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Should SGA officers be held to a higher standard than regular students?

■ Yes- 85%

■ No - 15%



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What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

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ON Campus

Briefs

CAST or (Community Actors Studio Theatre) will present Sanders Family Christmas this holiday season. The play is a sequel to the popular Smoke on the Mountain that was presented several years ago by CAST, but if you missed Smoke on the Mountain, Sanders Family Christmas will still be enjoyable. The musical is directed by Kimberley Dobbs with musical direction by Chris Cannon.

The scheduled dates are listed below:

- Thursday, December 4 at 8 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6 – no show.
- Sunday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 11–13 at 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 18–20 at 8 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday, December 20–21 at 2:30 p.m.

Campus Crime

November 10

- A theft of property was reported at Stephenson Hall. Items stolen include a black LG Shine cell phone valued at \$300.00.
- A theft of property was reported at the Pi Kappa Phi House. Items stolen include a blue Pi Kappa Flag valued at \$450.00.

November 13

- A noise-ordinance vehicle was reported.
- A theft of property was reported at Mason Hall. Items stolen include a City Visa Credit Card, a Credit One Credit Card and a Bank of America debit card.

November 14

- A theft of property was reported at Daugette Hall. Items stolen include a

Picture of the week



Students from Sakura Union prepare Japanese food for other students to sample. If you would like to see your photo as 'Photo of the week', email it to chantyeditor@gmail.com Photo by Mandy Pearson/ *The Chanticleer*

Christmas comes in a shoebox for underprivileged

By MJ Ortiz
Staff Writer

(Editors Note: Last week this story appeared on the front page and was supposed to be continued on page 5. The story wasn't continued on any page. Here is the article in it's entirety.)

Christmas arrives to Guatemala sailing in a giant shoe box from a far away land, or at least that is what disadvantaged children think when they receive their little piece of Christmas joy in a shoebox filled with what most people would think of as ordinary things.

It is a labor of love that started 14 years ago.

According to Dr. George Lauderbaugh, associate professor of history at Jacksonville State University, it all began when Homer

to help us; the coach likes to keep them busy."

Many JSU organizations and members of the Jacksonville and surrounding communities have joined Lauderbaugh and Wilson in their efforts to share joy with these children.

This year, Phi Alpha Theta --a society to which Lauderbaugh is advisor-- will honor the JSU organization that donates the most to the drive in a plaque that will be displayed in the Office of Student Life.

There are many ways to contribute to the cause.

According to Dale Karns, the drive chairman, Fort McClellan Credit Union has donated a free bank account where donations are being accepted. The money raised will be used to purchase items to assemble shoe boxes.

Walgreen's and Dollar General are also contributing to the

and a Bank of America debit card.

November 14

- A theft of property was reported at Daugette Hall. Items stolen include a brown wallet, a student i.d., a social security card, a Wachovia debit card and a Chevron gas card.

What's Happening

Thursday, November 20

- TARTUFFE

Mainstage, Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center, 7:00-9:15 p.m.

Admission: \$5, \$8, \$10

- Miss JSU Interest Meeting

Office of Student Life (402 TMB), 6:30 p.m.

- Wesley Night, Wesley Foundation
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, November 21

- TARTUFFE

Mainstage, Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center, 7:00-9:15 p.m.

Admission: \$5, \$8, \$10

Monday, November 24

- SGA Student Senate Meeting, TMB Auditorium

6:00-7:00 p.m.

- Freshman Forum Meeting, TMB Auditorium

7:45 p.m.

- Band Banquet, Leone Cole Auditorium
7:00-10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25

- Thanksgiving Holidays

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According to Dr. George Lauderbaugh, associate professor of history at Jacksonville State University, it all began when Homer Wilson --the founder of the drive-- visited Guatemala and was touched by the poverty affecting children in many recondite areas of the country.

This real-life Santa Clause did not have a sleigh, he had a truck, and with the help of family and friends, he stuffed shoeboxes with small gifts, and drove from his house across the Mexican borders into Guatemala.

Over the years and as if out of a Christmas story, this Santa drew to himself helpers to gather more boxes for the needy children.

Wilson does not travel by truck anymore. The shoe boxes are put in a container and are driven by a truck to Miami where they are sea lifted to Guatemala.

"This is the 7th year we've done the shoe box drive with Homer," Lauderbaugh said, "The ladies in the basketball team came

Quick Review

Tartuffe gets laughs French farce is comedy gold

By Zach Childree
Editor in Chief

A lot of challenges faced JSU Drama's production of Moliere's "Tartuffe". As a reviewer, I went into the theater with fairly low expectations.

I'm a 25 year old guy and I didn't think something Moliere wrote over 100 years ago could still hold my attention.

The only criteria I had for this show to meet was to successfully answer this question: will it make me laugh?

Thankfully, the cast and crew of the show worked together to make this a memorable performance and had me giggling, chuckling and even guffawing through most of it.

The show's director, Dr. Wayne Claeren, expertly grasped the concepts of hypocrisy and the dangers of blind faith with his direction of the show.

A lot of the comedy in

"Tartuffe" is physical, and the cast carried it off without a hitch.

Michael Turner's portrayal of Orgon had me in stitches constantly. Turner's energy was certainly what gave the performance its pizzazz.

Adam Fulmer's portrayal of the title character was at times hilarious and sneaky. Fulmer truly seemed to "get" his role and the level of deception that it requires.

A- Gatlin Alldredge portrays Orgon's son, Damis, with a perfect French style.

The only places I would suggest improvement for the cast would be in the energy levels of Kelli Moore's Filpote, the maid, and a few other cast members.

"Tartuffe" will have you laughing from the time the lights come up til they bring down the house.

"Tartuffe" opens tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Stone Center, and plays Friday and Saturday nights as well.

There are many ways to contribute to the cause.

According to Dale Karns, the drive chairman, Fort McClellan Credit Union has donated a free bank account where donations are being accepted. The money raised will be used to purchase items to assemble shoe boxes.

Walgreen's and Dollar General are also contributing to the cause by placing shoebox drop off spots in their stores.

Shoeboxes may also be taken to Lauderbaugh's office in 309 Stone Center by December 15.

For these unprivileged children, the simplest of gifts will make a big difference.

Shoeboxes can be filled with toys, kazoos, stuffed animals or a slinky.

School supplies, candy and hygiene products are popular as well.

Used or breakable items such as toy weapons, perishables, liquids or medicines are not permitted.

"This year, I wanted to donate the money that I would normally spend on presents for my wife and my parents on the shoe box drive," said Karns. "It is a worthy effort and I want to be a part of what I call joy."

Waddle: From page 1

John F. Kennedy, George C. Wallace and Martin Luther King, Jr.-- and as a college student in Birmingham, Ala., Waddle was near much of the action.

"I felt a calling to be a part, not of the upheaval itself, but in telling people about the upheaval," Waddle said. "Society needed explanations."

Ever since those tumultuous days in Birmingham, journalism has been Waddle's livelihood. When drafted during the Vietnam War, he served as a military newspaper editor in Fort Campbell, Ky. At the Birmingham Post-Herald, he reported on the local school districts' attempts to desegregate classrooms. Waddle later worked as Washington correspondent for the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times during the Watergate scandals.

While working as managing editor for the Kansas City Times, his staff was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1982 for General News Reporting for the coverage of a national disaster. That same year, a writer under his direction won a Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting. Waddle worked with the Anniston Star as managing editor, editorial page editor and then executive editor and vice-president for news.

In 2001, Waddle was named Professor of Journalism and Mass Communications at American University in Bulgaria as a Fulbright senior lecturer. He was selected in 2003 as the James A. Clendinen Professor in Editorial and Critical Writing for the University of South Florida. Waddle then spent an academic year in Cambridge, Mass., taking part in the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University.

Waddle currently serves as president of the Ayers Family Institute for Community Journalism. He is also the Anniston coordinator of the Knight Fellows in Community Journalism, a tuition-paid, stipend-provided program of the University of Alabama and the Anniston Star. He continues to actively review books for the Anniston Star and to produce news commentaries on Alabama Public TV, on a podcast with the editor of the Star and on his own blog, called OneJournalist.

Parking: From page 1

a wide-spread circulation of non-established information that had many students anxious.

Jennings said after talking with the JSU police, all issues in connection with the parking lot were addressed and put to rest.

According to Jennings, these two examples illustrate the importance of communication between students and the police. Often, students may feel frustrated when receiving tickets in regard to parking or other

simple traffic violations, but it is helpful for students to be aware of the regulations enforced by police not only specifically for Jacksonville State but other police forces as well. Doing so could save a student time, money and frustration. The rules and regulations set up by the university have been put into place in hopes to insure the safety of everyone at the university.

DAVE DILLON
Political Cartoonist



A Few Weeks Left

By Zach Childree
Editor in Chief

If you go outside right now, or if you're standing outside reading this, you can probably smell that wonderful scent in the air. It's crisp and cool and has the promise of relief and fulfillment. No, not Autumn, that smells like burned turkey and dry leaves.

It's the smell of the end of the semester. That feeling you get in the pit of your stomach when you realize that in a few weeks you'll be done with class (at least for a little while) and you can waste time playing XBOX or Playstation or whatever it is that the kids play these days.

Finals week(s) mean students begin to scramble to read assignment that should have been done three weeks ago, finishing up papers that were due last Monday and basically trying to jam half a semester's worth of information into the space of a weekend.

It's the beauty of college really. Having deadlines and due dates and grades is supposed to prepare us for the "real world". But for those of us existing in this one, the world is as real as it's ever been.

At least in college there are people to give you direction. Your academic advisor doesn't have a "real world" counterpart, at least not officially.

Outside of academia (which, by the way, is not related to macadamia, I checked) there is no one to tell you what job to take or how to accomplish your goals effectively. You have to figure those things out on your own.

So enjoy your advisors while you have them.

The final weeks for us here at *The Chanticleer* will involve a lot of celebrating, booze and as many strippers

Partisan politics aside

The route to a successful Obama administration

By Doran Smith
Staff Writer

Even though the presidential and most congressional races are over, it seems as if we are still bombarded with the election results every time we listen to the news.

Whether it is MSNBC sounding their victory horn or Fox News contemplating the future of the GOP, every news outlet or organization has had their say on the race that seemed like it would never end.

Everyone is talking as though the battle is already won. Well, if the intent of Obama voters was to merely get him elected, then they have accomplished their goal and they can forget about it for

President-elect honestly wants to unite the country, he must hold true to his campaign rhetoric. Unity, Hope, and Change are all ideals that Barack Obama stands for, and which the public has rallied behind. Therefore, now that the campaign is over and the reality of change is upon us Obama must appeal to both sides of the aisle and to people of all persuasions.

As a moderate Conservative and a supporter of John McCain, I can think of many ways that he could achieve that (very little of which I believe will actually come to fruition). One thing, perhaps, that he could do before he even steps foot into the oval office is to select officials for his administration that exceed the already drawn party lines. An example of this would be to select John McCain

face. A recessioning economy, a struggling education system, and two wars unlike any other America has ever seen. The democratic majority cannot handle these tribulations by simply applying standard liberal band aids to them, in the same way that President Bush could not succeed when he applied standard conservative solutions.

If Obama fights for gay marriage and unconditional withdrawal of troops from volatile areas, he will have 50% of the people on his side. If Obama reverses Roe vs. Wade and keeps a military presence in ally's countries, he will have 50% of the people on his side. Hopefully though, Obama will work to reduce abortions, calm both sides of the "gay rights" storm, and secure peace that is both

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Everyone is talking as though the battle is already won. Well, if the intent of Obama voters was to merely get him elected, then they have accomplished their goal and they can forget about it for another three years. However, if it was the intent of the American people to amend the misfortunes that we are facing today, then we still have miles to go and hurdles to leap.

Barrack Obama is not only our nation's first African American President, but is also the record holder for most electoral college votes for a Democrat. An impressive feat, indeed! However, he won a number of states by small margins. If the

John McCain, I can think of many ways that he could achieve that (very little of which I believe will actually come to fruition). One thing, perhaps, that he could do before he even steps foot into the oval office is to select officials for his administration that exceed the already drawn party lines. An example of this would be to select John McCain as Secretary of Defense. Dream though I might, I would certainly not hold my breath for that occasion.

Another unifying option is to select Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State, an act I do believe Obama capable of; but probably not an offer that Clinton would accept.

Regardless of his administration members, there are still tough decisions which Obama alone must

figure those things out on your own. will have 50% of the people on his side. If Obama reverses Roe vs. Wade and keeps a military presence in ally's countries, he will have 50% of the people on his side. Hopefully though, Obama will work to reduce abortions, calm both sides of the "gay rights" storm, and secure peace that is both effective and long lasting in the Middle East.

If that is what we can count on from this President, than you can count me among his number. If stability is the end result, than let me be the means by which he uses to achieve them. This nation must rely on real solutions not political party miracle medicines, on real peace not just running away to fight another day, on real change not just campaign rhetoric.

So enjoy your advisors while you have them.

The final weeks for us here at *The Chanticleer* will involve a lot of celebrating, booze and as many strippers of various genders as we can buy with \$2.67 we all have to our name.

I'm joking, of course, we only have \$1.43.

Next week we will enjoy a small break during the Thanksgiving holiday in which we will probably have a strange feeling that there is something we should be writing or laying out in Adobe InDesign.

I'll probably call Julie, the news editor, and ask her if she remembered to get the Campus Crime docket from the UPD. She'll probably tell me no, that it's Thanksgiving and i'm an idiot for calling her at 4 a.m.

She'll be right. The sports editors will both be so full of thanksgiving food they will resemble stuffed turkeys themselves. They don't answer my phone calls anyway, so it doesn't matter what time I call them during the holiday.

Eventually it will snap in my brain that i'm supposed to be taking this time to rest and give thanks. Though I'm really not sure who i'll give thanks to.

We athletes have to get creative around the holidays. Otherwise we just do a lot of smiling and nodding.

After I do finally calm down enough to enjoy my time off, I'll pour myself a mimosa, watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and think of you, dear reader, and how much you must be missing your copy of *The Chanticleer*. But, you should probably be studying.

Trying to survive college math

By Webb Dillard
Prodigal Staff Writer

I have been away from the JSU campus this entire semester attending Gadsden State Community College where algebra and Spanish are about to make my head explode. The Spanish is not really that much of a headache, but it does not help matters any when I spend hours on end trying to figure out what the hell X is on my algebra homework and still have Spanish to look over.

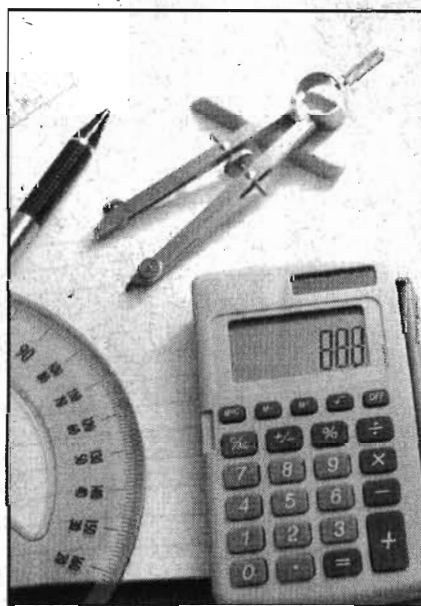
I am a broadcasting major. I hope to leave school and go off to the real world and produce something in the mystical realm of television, why do I need to know the square root of 10,000? Math is not a subject I excel in, never has been and never will be. I can balance a checkbook, I know adjustable rate mortgages are bad and I know that I will always spend more money than I make. In any of the previous statements

where does the algebra come in?

Colleges should not force square pegs in to round holes. I can understand having a basic understanding of some of the formulas, but making it a torturous hurdle to reach graduation sucks.

The stress algebra has caused me this semester has been tremendous. The pressure of knowing that if I do not get this, I do not graduate.

Guess what tests are like for me. Picture this, knots in the stomach,



sweaty palms and heart racing.

Math tests are a traumatic experience for this idiot. I just spent two hours outside of class going over material with my teacher to make sure I was not going crazy. It is not that I can't do it, it is that I confuse one rule with the 55,000 other rules in algebra.

College should be more about letting students pursue areas of interests. We pay to be here, right? What would be the harm in streamlining degree programs?

Oh, wait a minute, I know why. Who would pay for that big expensive stadium expansion if a college didn't force students to take remedial math courses for no credit, but at the same time costing \$400.00 a pop.

Will knowing algebra make me a better television producer? No, I don't think so. I happen to think I would make pretty damn good producer right this instance. Would knowing algebra and whatever math is beyond that, help me to be a better rocket scientist up at Huntsville Space and Rocket Center? Hell no, because I would never dream of being a damn rocket scientist.

Unfortunately, I don't get to make the rules. I will suffer through this algebra mess for another few weeks. I know, it won't kill me, but who's to say I won't go postal during the process.

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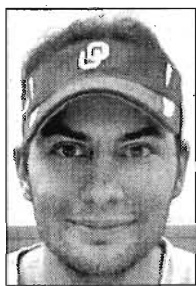


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Some revelations

The last book of the Bible is called Revelation, not Revelations. I never really realized this until last week. Anyway ...

Since this is where everyone turns for religious perspectives, I have an observation on the subject.

All these people are convinced Obama's election signals the end of the world and the tribulation period. That's fine (actually it's stupid, but that's beside the point), but if Jesus is coming back like "a thief in the night," it's not going to be any time soon. I doubt if there's been a point in world history when so many are expecting it.

Random comment about the gay marriage opinion pieces of the past couple weeks: Do Southern Baptists honestly believe that stopping gay marriage is going to stop gay people from having sex with one another? Of course not. Then why would anyone care if they get married?

I do find it mildly annoying that if I had written about what a great day it was because Obama was elected and gay marriage was banned in two states, I would have been crucified.

While I'm throwing Southern Baptists under the bus, I have another gripe. You know how everyone always complains about Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses going door to door or whatever it is they do? Southern Baptists do the exact same thing and stay for way

Doing it with defense

Gamecocks stifle West Alabama and force 25 turnovers in comfortable win

By Jered Staubs
Sports Editor

The JSU men's hoops team started the season about as expected, losing to an obviously superior team and defeating a clearly inferior team.

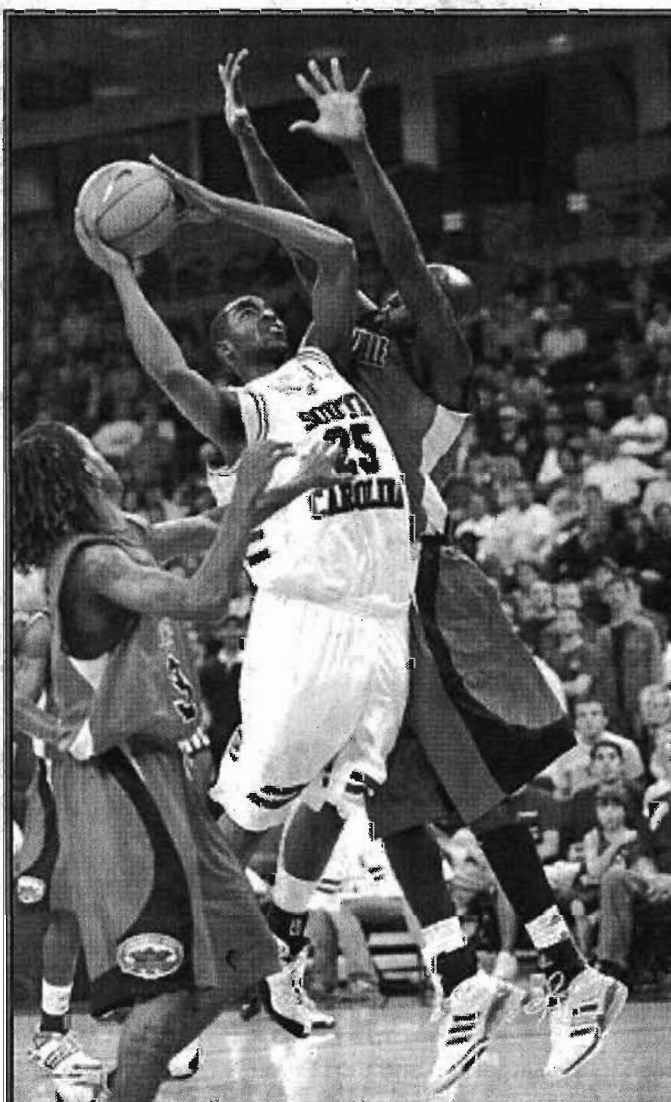
JSU opened the year losing to the South Carolina Gamecocks 89-76, as the home team blew JSU out of the gym in the first half before Brandon Crawford led a second half comeback.

Crawford scored 22 of his 28 points in the second half on his way to earning OVC Co-Player of the Week and Newcomer of the Week honors.

Still, the Gamecocks made too many mistakes in the first half and trailed by as many as 26 before a late rally made the score respectable.

"You just can't turn the ball over 25 times and expect to win the ballgame," JSU coach James Green said after the South Carolina game. "That's something that we have talked about over and over. It's not just turning it over, but what turnovers do to you."

The Gamecocks turned that trick Tuesday as JSU forced 25 West Alabama



Austin Steed navigates between JSU defenders Jonathan Toles (left) and Amadou Mbodji in South Carolina's 89-76 win over JSU. Photo courtesy of Joe Lisle / Univ. of South Carolina

turnovers on its way to a 69-48 win over the Tigers.

"We got in the passing lane a lot and got in good position defensively," se-

nior guard Jonathan Toles said. "It just comes from practice. Coach came here for defense, and that's where we're putting our effort. If we keep playing

good defense, the offense will come."

That was pretty much the story Tuesday as the defense bottled up West Alabama throughout, holding the Tigers under 30 percent from the floor. The JSU offense struggled to pull away, as the Gamecocks led by only six at halftime, but the offense began to get in a rhythm after the break.

Highlighting the turnaround was Jeremy Bynum, who had a miserable first half, as he missed all five shots he took in five minutes before he was pulled for the remainder of the half.

But the sophomore guard turned it around in the second half, as he hit five of six from beyond the arc and scored 17 points in 12 minutes against West Alabama's zone defense.

Green said that Bynum is a key to the Gamecocks' success against the zone because he is as good a pure shooter as anyone on the team.

Toles was the Gamecocks' other double-digit scorer as he finished the night with 13, largely because he connected on three of his six three-point attempts.

"They came out in a zone, which we weren't expecting," Toles said. "JB missed his first four or five shots, I told him to just keep shooting. I missed my first shot but I had to keep shooting. It was really a blessing that they were in zone."

Toles and Green both stressed the effort the team displayed and talked about the defensive mindset that is new to this year's team. JSU allowed under 50 points only twice last season.

"I think good teams play better in the second half," Green said. "The system is so new to these guys, that until you get all the jitters and everything out of the way, and you have an opportunity for them to come in and sit down and reflect on the first half and us talk about the things we didn't do and how we can change that, that leads to us playing better in the second half."

"And we try to be a good conditioned team, a good disciplined team and a team that learns from our mistakes."

The Gamecocks will return to action Saturday at Georgia State before heading to the northeast to play UMASS on Monday.

Off on the wrong foot

Southern Baptists under the bus, I have another gripe. You know how everyone always complains about Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses going door to door or whatever it is they do? Southern Baptists do the exact same thing and stay for way longer than they are welcome. At least when I tell a Mormon I'm not interested, they realize that I don't want to sit there and talk all day.

There are Baptists and Southern Baptists, but not any other directional Baptists (or Southern Catholics, Southern Mormons, etc.). Someone smarter than myself is going to have to explain this.

What the hell does the "I" stand for in PIMs (penalty minutes)?

Imagine my surprise when I heard that Tim Horton was coming to Leeds for some sports thing. He used to play for the Sabres and has a chain of doughnut shops. He also died in a car wreck over 30 years ago, but still ... turns out it was some fisherman. Yawn.

OK, enough hockey, we'll get to sports you care about.

Does it seem like a lot of coaches are losing their minds to the media recently? Maybe it's just a ploy to get in those hilarious Bud Light commercials in which Brian Billick, Jim Mora, etc. star.

Great moments in gambling history: San Diego (+4.5) trails by one, gives up a defensive touchdown as time expires, the booth inexplicably reviews and overturns the meaningless play, officials later "realize" their mistake and apologize ... I'm sure none of that was because everybody and their brother had bet on the Steelers.

Reason #248 why I hate The Anniston Star: "Just what are college football fans in these parts to do this week?"

Oh, I don't know, watch two top-five teams with the most explosive offenses in the country play?

I really thought Oklahoma/Texas Tech would have a total in the 80s, surprised it opened only 73 (Editor's Note: The total has jumped to 76.5 at the time of publication, and should rise more). USC is the only team I'd give even a snowball's chance of holding OU under 30, and — even though OU has largely

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Off on the wrong foot

Women's hoops drops first two regular season contests by double digits

By Edisha Brown
Staff Sports Writer

It seems the leaders of the women's basketball team and coach are on the same page despite back to back defeats against teams outside of their league.

The Lady Gamecocks battled against two very different teams for their first two games of the season: Samford beat JSU 68-55 Friday and Georgetown beat JSU 74-63 Sunday.

Samford, now of the Southern Conference, finished as semi finalists last season in the OVC.

The Gamecocks had a good start and led by 2 at halftime but Samford was able to break away 10 minutes into the second half. Head coach Becky Geyer had two things to say about the turnaround.

"The two things that hurt us the most were our help-side defense and turnovers," Geyer said. "If those two key elements would have been a little bit better we would've had a much better opportunity to win that game."

Although Coach Geyer did not have much to say about the loss to Samford, her team showed they could

learn from key mistakes.

"Friday we did not play good help-side defense and we had a lot of turnovers," Geyer said in reference to Samford.

Geyer realized they could not win a lot of games with 21 turnovers. Sunday there was an improvement as the Gamecocks turned the ball over 18 times and forced 16 turnovers.

The Gamecocks were in position to win, especially throughout the first half.

"It was a winnable game," Geyer said. "We were in a position where we would've had an opportunity to win."

However, coming back from the half, the Hoyas began to use their size as an advantage, knocking down players for the baskets.

"Every time we tried to close a gap, we didn't get a quality shot," Geyer said.

Geyer said the team continued to show its youth in some of the mistakes they made. Two junior starters and leaders of the team chose not to focus on the negatives.

"I think we played a lot better as a unit as opposed to our first game," Kelsey Johnikin said.

Jolie Efezokhae added,



Jolie Efezokhae attempts to save a ball from going out of bounds in JSU's 74-63 loss to Georgetown on Sunday. The Gamecocks shot only 37 percent from the floor and turned the ball over 18 times against the Hoyas. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com

"We are building on mess-ups and learning from mistakes."

Georgetown is a much bigger team than the Lady Gamecocks. Recognizing the opposition's skill, JSU is using these games as learning experiences and is looking forward to continued improvement to help

them prove ready for the OVC.

"I thought we did good considering it's a Big East school and we were undersized," Efezokhae said.

"It was a confidence booster," added Johnikin.

Why JSU continues to play a variety of teams is very certain to Geyer.

"All of this is preparation for the OVC and that is why we are playing a mixture of teams with a mixture of different styles," concluded Geyer. "We have to just continue to improve so that when we get to our conference schedule we're ready."

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The number of times the **JSU Lady Gamecocks** averaged turning the ball over in their two season-opening losses. The Lady Gamecocks turned it over 21 times against Samford and 18 against Georgetown.

Is JSU's football team going to make the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs? It's mostly a wait and see scenario, but for a more in-depth answer, check out page 6.

Coming through in crunch time

Gamecocks beat Tennessee State on last possession, keep playoff hopes alive

By Jared Gravette
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Ryan Perrilloux is clutch.

He proved it in the SEC championship game last year, quarterbacking LSU to a 21-14 victory over Tennessee, and he proved it again last Saturday.

In the biggest game of the season, Perrilloux led the Jacksonville State offense on a 90-yard march to the end zone in the waning minutes of the Gamecocks' 26-21 victory over Tennessee State.

The drive was capped on a Calvin Middleton three-yard touchdown run with just 13 seconds remaining on the clock, sealing a victory for JSU (8-3, 6-2 OVC) and keeping its hopes of an at-large playoff bid alive.

In a game that went back-and-forth, Tennessee State dominated the first quarter, breaking a scoreless tie when Antonio Heffner found JuJuan Spillman on a 63-yard touchdown strike.

On the Gamecocks' next play from scrimmage, Perrilloux fumbled the ball right back to the Tigers deep in JSU territory, but Tennessee State failed to get the ball in the end zone, setting up a 30-yard field goal attempt that would prove very costly for TSU.



Jacksonville State offensive linemen Keith Gergel (73) and Curt Porter (77) celebrate after Calvin Middleton's game winning touchdown over Tennessee State. The Gamecocks defeated the Tigers 26-21 on Saturday to clinch a share of second place in the conference and keep their playoff hopes alive. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com

was picked up by JSU's Andrew Ridgeway and brought back 72 yards for a touchdown. Ridgeway also had 11 tackles in the game, earning him OVC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

The Tigers and Gamecocks would swap one-yard touchdown runs in

a 17-14 halftime lead with a 48-yard field goal as time expired.

Hallford, who received OVC Special Teams Players of the Week honors, added a 36-yard field goal early in the second quarter to put the Gamecocks up by six.

Tennessee State would

lucky fumble recovery.

JSU linebacker Morrell Jones forced Tiger running back Dante Thomas to fumble near the goal line, but the ball was recovered in the end zone by TSU's Brandon Blevin.

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for only 119 yards with no touchdowns, but Perrilloux came up big when it really mattered.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Gamecocks did a good job containing Tennessee State's vaunted rushing attack, which was without the services of

IS JSU'S SEASON OVER?

Hmm, good question. No one in Jacksonville will officially know until the NCAA Selection Show (Sunday at 6 p.m. on ESPN-U).

But the speculation is rampant. The Gamecocks have assured themselves of finishing the season tied for second in the OVC. The OVC is likely a two-bid league, meaning one of the teams tied for second will receive an at-large berth.

JSU will share second place with UT-Martin or Eastern Kentucky, both of whom beat the Gamecocks this season. However, Tennessee State — assuming it beats a mediocre Murray State team — will also be in that three-way tie, and the Gamecocks just defeated the Tigers.

Because the three second place teams will all have similar resumes, a big decider could be the draw that Ryan Perrilloux will present. Fair or not, any level of college football is largely about ratings and attendance, and that can only help JSU this year.

If that is the case, JSU is in — albeit on the road at a difficult opponent — and Jack Crowe's decision to bring the transfer in will have proven beneficial for yet another reason. If not, it's wait 'til next year.

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The Gamecocks blocked Eric Benson's field goal attempt, which

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Tennessee State would take a 21-20 lead early in the fourth quarter on a

covered in the end zone by TSU's Brandon Blevin.

Perrilloux would then lead the Gamecocks on the game-winning drive. He didn't have a particularly great day, passing

the ball, the Gamecocks did a good job containing Tennessee State's vaunted rushing attack, which was without the services of the OVC's leading rusher Javarris Williams.

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Volleyball misses OVC tournament, Nold reflects

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State volleyball team ended the 2008 season with high hopes of maintaining its position as an Ohio Valley Conference powerhouse.

Unfortunately, youth and inconsistency plagued the Gamecocks, who finished eighth and missed the conference tournament for the first time since joining the OVC in 2003.

"You don't want to compare any season to another one because everything changes. You have all different people, so I wouldn't be disappointed because of past success," JSU coach Rick Nold said. "But, I do think we could have done more with this season than what we did.

"I hope it's a learning experience. Anytime something doesn't go well, you at least want to make sure that you learn from it, so it doesn't happen twice."

The Gamecocks had their moments early

in the 2008 season, knocking off SEC opponents Ole Miss and Auburn inside Pete Mathews Coliseum, but JSU sputtered in conference play, dropping 10 of its first 12 matches.

After dropping seven consecutive matches, dreams of making the conference tournament all but vanished, but the Gamecocks didn't give up.

Instead, JSU turned it up a notch, ending the year on a good note with wins in four of their last six matches, something Nold hopes will spill over into the 2009 season.

"We obviously wanted the season to go a different way, but if you finish on a note that kind of gives you a little bit of confidence and a little bit of a taste of success, that can be a good motivator.

"I thought we practiced a lot harder at the end of the year. We just made some little adjustments that I think they really caught on to. For them to be able to see that success, that can really help down the road."

The Gamecocks struggled with inexperience

and a lack of depth throughout the season. Nine of JSU's 11 players had one year or less experience under their belts.

But the Gamecocks will likely have everyone back next year with the exception of senior Haley Booker. JSU is also expected to bring in several freshmen to provide much needed depth.

With the late season success and a plethora of returning players, Nold believes that the Gamecocks will be right back in the thick of the OVC championship race in 2009.

"I have every expectation, between the players we have and the players that we will bring in," Nold said. "I said every time that I felt on any given day we could beat anybody, and I believe that wholeheartedly.

"Because of us having everybody back, I think that bodes well for next year. I really expect that — if we do everything that we need to in terms of preparing ourselves and really developing a great mentality — we should be in the thick of things."



Volleyball players prepare for a match earlier this season. JSU had its ups and downs throughout the 2008 season, but the future looks bright. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com / File

Staubs: Pumped about the possibility of Jaybo Shaw getting another start tonight

controlled Tech's offense in the pass — this is Tech's best offense ever and OU's worst defense since Stoops' first year.

People look at me like I'm crazy when I say I think USC would win an eight-team playoff. Not real sure why, there's 45 NFL guys on that roster and Bozo the Carroll has by far the best defense in the nation.

Everyone's picking North Carolina to win the NCAA basketball tournament this year. I'd pick UCONN personally, but my "other" team (besides Oklahoma, who is good but probably not great) this year is Arizona State. Watch them play if you get a chance. Incredibly well-coached team that finally has some elite athletes.

If you enjoy college basketball at all, come to the Pete on November 29 when JSU plays VMI. VMI does this crazy erratic style of play that results in most of their games ending up with about 200 points scored. Oh, they're pretty good too (already won at Kentucky).

I can't get over the fact that Shaun White is famous. I don't get the Winter X-Games or the regular X-Games and I don't know anyone who watches either. Yet we're on something like X-Games XLVII.

The merging of Sirius and XM hasn't turned out to be as beneficial to me as I was hoping.

Some songs only apply in certain situations. Rage Against the Machine's "Calm Like a Bomb" and System of a Down's "BYOB" are songs I love to listen to when I'm running or working out. But if I ever listened to them in my car, my pristine

driving record would take a big-time hit.

"BYOB" has to be the strangest premise for a song. It's half about going to a party and half about the unfairness of the poor fighting wars for the rich. Yeah, those two are related.

Covering a high school football game in bad weather and then going to a party and drinking to excess until after sunrise is a recipe for getting sick? Who knew?

At said party, I had someone tell me I looked like Josh Lucas, which I'm pretty pumped about (even though Lucas is much more attractive than I ever thought about being). It's better than the usual "Zach Braff with light hair."

It bothers me that none of my friends know who Jon Favreau is.

And Sean Patrick Flanery. Guy played one of the leads in "The Boondock Saints" — absolutely one of the best movies of the '90s — and also killed in "Suicide Kings," and he's somehow less known than Neil Patrick Harris.

OK, I just looked up Flanery's filmography on imdb.com and see that it's because he took roles in a lot of terrible movies. But I also found out to my great delight that a sequel to "Saints" is in filming.

I was totally right about "Role Models" ... just watch it. You won't be disappointed.

This publication reviewed a CD by The Cure last week. The Cure have always been an example of something I believe with all my heart. Some of the most enjoyable people are people you'd never want to look like.

About 95 percent of people who like The Cure

could be best described as "weird at best" with their all-black clothes and dismal outlook on life. Ehh, whatever, the band makes good music.

My theory is more true in everyday living. My buddy Sandman looks like someone I'd avoid. He has whatever those fat ear piercings are called in both ears, he has what a mutual friend describes as "a pink goat-beard." (Is there a relationship between goats and goatbeards? Someone research this and let me know.) and so forth. But we hit it off because we're kind of kindred spirits.

It's about 1,000 times better to hear him talk about it, but the other day he just randomly went on a tangent about how if you mix most things you get new things, but if you mix crunchy peanut butter and creamy peanut butter, you still have crunchy peanut butter.

SMD.

In June, my uncle married someone 21 years his junior on a weekend trip to Vegas after about a month of dating, and now they're getting divorced. If they can't make it, there's really no hope for any of us.

She told me a story about how on their wedding night, they basically both passed out and the next morning she asked my uncle if they had sex (By the way, I found it incredibly odd that someone I had never met before told me this within half an hour of our introduction). He answered in the affirmative.

I think it's a good thing that every time I've been asked that question, I've been able to honestly answer in the negative.

Has there been a more inexplicable decision in

television history than USA's decision to cancel "Monk" despite it being the only watchable show on the network?

My parents — whose favorite show was "Monk" — made a much better decision in Houston last weekend, as they decided to forego attending the Tulsa/Houston football game. Instead of watching my mom's alma mater have 70 dropped on them in the chilly evening, they went to bed early to prepare for their flight home.

I'm very unsure as to how Tulsa came up with its nickname of Golden Hurricane. There's something like 256 tornadoes a year in that area, hasn't been a hurricane ever. I'm also very confused as to how a hurricane could possibly be golden.

You know how I refer to Duke as "Puke", Stanford as "Stan-fraud", Centenary as "Cemetery", etc.? My nickname for Tulsa is my favorite. I can't write it, but it's just the name backwards. Two words, the first is "A."

Maybe that's one of the things that has stopped Tulsa from becoming an elite American city despite having more people than Minneapolis, St. Louis, Tampa, Cincinnati and other more well-known cities.

So, evidently I crossed the line with something I wrote a couple weeks ago. It wasn't meant as mean-spirited but I hate that I hurt someone who used to mean a lot to me.

Oops LOL! The Chanticleer regrets this error and apologizes to anyone affected.