Ted Nail has a story. It’s the story of one man’s ...

**Blind ambition**

By Webb Dillard
Senior Writer

At first glance, Ted almost looks like a military man. The short hair, sunglasses, confident smile and the firm handshake would fool anyone. He has a very noble look about him, especially with the salt and pepper hair of a 51-year-old. But upon glancing again...
JSU’s board of trustees assesses the feasibility of a possible move to college football’s highest level, the Football Bowl Subdivision.

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QUESTION OF the WEEK
Would you ever vote for a third-party candidate?

“Yes. I would. But it would depend, however, on how different the third-party candidate was from the other parties.”
— Senita Sullivan, Sophomore

Next week’s question:
Is $36 million too much to spend on the stadium and housing expansion?

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Ted Nail crosses Pelham Road during school hours with the aid of his guide pole. Photo by Webb Dillard / The Chanticleer

Who is Ron Paul?
Candidate’s supporters challenge political norms

By Brandon Hollingsworth
Senior Political Analyst

The first lawn signs sprung up last summer, followed in short order by a billboard on Highway 21. It made sense, given that the campaign for 2008 began not long after the campaign for 2006 ended.

What didn’t make sense, at least on the surface, was the name attached to those signs and that billboard. It wasn’t Obama, Romney or McCain. It was Ron Paul.

The placards for the 72-year-old Congressman from Texas were the first tangible evidence of the presidential campaign in Jacksonville, and they became the fuel for speculation: Who was Ron Paul, and why was any-one interested in a man they’d never heard of? “He’s a change agent,” JSU political scientist Dr. Bill Lester said. “You look at Paul, and he’s consistently stood his ground for change.”

Lester’s colleague in the political science department, Dr. Lori Owens, says that young people in particular are attracted to the Paul campaign for some of the same reasons third-party candidates wooed voters in past elections: messages of hope, reform or change.

“You go through these cycles in American history in which the people don’t feel like the two major parties have anything to offer,” she said.

It wasn’t a yard sign, but rather an insomnia-triggered channel surfing session late one night that brought Paul to the attention of Jeff Martin. The 23-year-old senior majoring in political science was immediately captivated by what he saw.

Martin says Paul was speaking about the Federal Reserve and its role in national economic woes. He found himself in strong agreement with Paul’s stance.

“This really got my attention,” Martin said. “The more I learned about him, the more I liked him; he’s the candidate Thomas Jefferson would have supported.”

By Kevin Jeffers
Editor in Chief

For the first time in Jacksonville State University’s history, the school could have a doctorate program.

At the quarterly Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Jan. 28, the trustees voted to seek a doctorate program in emergency management.

According to Dr. Rebecca Turner, vice president for academic affairs, the school needs approval from two regulatory agencies — the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

She said that while there is no timetable on how long approval would take, it would probably take about a year, and the soonest the program could be offered would be Fall of 2008.

JSU already has the only completely online baccalaureate program in emergency management, including a master’s program. JSU was also the first school in the country to offer the program.

The school is now looking to extend that program to the doctorate level.

According to Turner’s presentation at Monday’s board meeting, the doctorate program will not be online, though students will have to come to campus a few times.

If accepted, the emergency management department would have to expand the number of faculty in time, but the department has currently has enough faculty members to seek approval.

President Dr. William Meehan said at the meeting that even though the proposed program is the first to be sought by the school, JSU “has plans for others.”
A new strategy

AVP Tim King says managing enrollment is about more than just reaching 10,000

By Zach Childree
Staff Reporter

One of Jacksonville State University’s goals is to increase student enrollment to over 10,000 students.

In November 2007, a group of enrollment management consultants visited JSU, interviewing faculty, staff and students across campus over the course of two days. The consultants’ goal was to determine what JSU can do to make itself more attractive to potential students, in the hopes of attaining and maintaining the goal of 10,000.

In a presentation to the Board of Trustees on Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, Dr. Tim King, associate vice president for enrollment management and student affairs, presented the consultants’ findings and stated that the university’s goal will be met.

“We will get 10,000 students,” King said Monday. “But we’ve also got to refocus on recruiting, retaining and graduating our students.”

Another part of the consultants’ findings involved the opinions and thoughts of JSU students themselves, whom the

“I know about JSU in Lights, and the homecoming floats,” she said.

The enrollment consultants recommended that JSU grow its family connections and continue to promote JSU as a family university. Caffman agrees that one of the strengths of the university is its people.

“The people on this campus are really friendly,” Caffman said.

It’s the academics that brought Caffman to JSU.

“It’s the number-one teacher college in Alabama,” Caffman said.

Another thing that attracts students to Jacksonville State University is the university’s willingness to embrace new technology. Dr. Cunningham said that JSU’s degrees, up-to-date computer labs and assessment of technology are things that do attract students.

“Today’s students are much more savvy when it comes to a university’s technological offerings,” said Cunningham.

Jessica Andrews, an elementary education major, agreed.

Art show lets students shine

By Zach Childree
Staff Reporter

The Jacksonville State University art department held an art show on Tuesday night to showcase the works of students.

The show is an annual event that is juried and judged by faculty members and contains submissions by students from work they did in class.

JSU student Amanda O’Hearn was awarded honorable mention for her ceramics piece. O’Hearn said she used stage light lenses to mold her sculpture, and that she enjoyed the show.

“It’s a great opportunity for up and coming artists to display their work,” O’Hearn said.

Holly Rice, an art minor, was happy for the opportunity to show her work.

“I like art and wanted to have a chance to show people what I’ve done,” Rice said.

Marvin Shaw, who teaches printmaking and 3D design, said that the show is a great way to show a student’s work, not just to the world, but to each other as well.

“Our show would compare well with other student art shows across the United States,” Shaw said.
crowded workout space frustrating students

by adam alexander
staff reporter

someone once asked yankee catcher yogi berra, "do you ever go to the 54 club?"

to this he answered, "nobody goes there anymore. it's too crowded."

while yogi's statement is an obvious paradox, it seems that students are facing a similar problem at stephenson hall. according to students and employees at stephenson, the fitness center is simply too small to accommodate the number of students who wish to use it.

several students are taking notice. employees at stephenson stated that stephenson hall is crowded every day, especially after 4:00 p.m. student worker derrick hill stated that having so many people crammed into a building of that size "could be a potential safety hazard."

matt moore, another stephenson hall student worker, suggested a possible building expansion and praised a simple shift of the budget could help solve some of the problems with stephenson.

"why not put money where it needs to go instead of into football stadium expansion?" moore said.

paige cotney, a student worker and frequent client of stephenson, also feels that the building should be expanded.

"it's not made to accommodate 10,000 kids," she said.

the staff of stephenson recommends that people who want to avoid crowds come to the gym early in the morning or between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

but students aren't the only ones who seem to notice. dr. jeff chandler, a professor at the coliseum, also noticed that people are having problems getting in their weekly workouts.

"you get busy," he said.

"things happen during the day," dr. chandler believes that it's best to work out in the morning, both to avoid traffic and keep a strict regime.

dr. chandler also believes that a new student recreational center needs to be built on campus or that the current one needs serious renovation. he believes that this will not only help with the overcrowding, but that it will also attract new students to jsu.

"we need an adequate-sized facility for staff and students to train. this type of facility would help attract and retain students," dr. chandler said.

some people have suggested that all of the campus' facilities stay open longer.

"i think we need pool hours in the morning," lesliy binning said. true, staying open longer would help keep traffic moving, but what are the extremes? does anyone really want to work out at midnight? so, until measures are taken, what can students do to avoid congestion? one option is to work out or find a window of time at stephenson that works for them.

another option is to avoid equipment. fitness advisor gary matthews says that training with equipment is essential. but developing a strategic enrollment management plan, which basically amounts to a business plan to attract more students, but developing a strategic enrollment management plan could take anywhere from a year to 18 months, according to the consultants, and will require ongoing evaluations and assessments.

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The pressure was off, and the stress was behind them.

For the 36 Miss America contestants who were not named among the 16 finalists, plates of donuts and the company of Clinton Kelly, the star of The Learning Channel's What Not to Wear, awaited them as they took their seats on stage to watch the remainder of the pageant.

Miss Alabama Jamie Langley, a communications student at Jacksonville State University and Miss JSU 2006, was among them, and she said that she partook of Kelly's offerings of "carbohydrates.

"I was really thirsty because there was nothing to drink up there, but yes, I still stuffed my face with chomilate," Langley said with a laugh.

The preliminaries and finale of the 2008 Miss America pageant were held in Las Vegas at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino, and Langley said that her ten-day stay in the city were packed with activity. Between modeling in a fashion show, signing autographs, attending the premiere and meeting the stars of Rambo and attending a gala for the Children's Miracle Network, the contestants had little time for leisure.

Still, Langley said the time spent filming Miss America: Reality Check fostered fast friendships between the contestants.

"I really formed a sisterhood with the 12 girls I roomed with on the show," Langley said. She added that Miss Hawaii Ashley Ku'ulohia Layfield has already made plans to travel to Birmingham to support her as she crowns the next Miss Alabama.

Langley also called newly crowned Miss America 2008, formerly Miss Michigan, Kirsten Haglund, "a very dear friend of mine" and said she admired her stances on major issues.

"I'm glad she won and that we have someone like her with such a great heart," Langley said.

This year's pageant represented a number of firsts for the organization. It was the first time for the pageant to air on TLC, the first year for the Miss America: Reality Check reality show and the organization's most recent most obvious attempt to reinvent itself.

"I'm a traditionalist, and I love the old traditional ways of Miss America, like the focus on her being an ambassador for our country," Langley said. "But times have changed."

Miss America over, Langley comes home

**By Bethany Harbison**

News Editor

The first four floors will serve as the new residence hall, featuring 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom suites which will include private living areas — forming the style of campus living that McKee said students have expressed they most want.

The fifth floor will house what the university is tentatively calling a "Stadium Club," which will consist of a large, open meeting room for JSU fans to congregate. This room will house 1,000 chair-backed seats, allowing each the potential to sell 20 tickets. The seventh floor will house the remainder of the total of 30 premium seats.

McKee explained that the project's cost would be split between its two accomplishments — $19 million for the new housing and $17 million for the new seating.

The Board of Trustees did not bring the project to a vote on Monday. Instead, they only agreed to let the architect begin accepting bids for the expansion. The final decision will come to a vote at the board's July 21, 2007 meeting.

In other business:

- The Annual Report, the 2007-2008 Factbook and the Annual Financial Report were presented to the board by the respective offices responsible for their creation.
- Athletic Director Jim Fuller and Folsom presented tennis coach Steve Bailey with a plaque, honoring his being named "Co-Coach of the Year" by the Ohio Valley Conference.
- Dr. Tim King, associate vice-president for student affairs and enrollment management, presented a PowerPoint which featured the findings of the November visit from enrollment management consultants.
- Tim Garner updated the board on the progress of the university's new marketing campaign. His PowerPoint highlighted the goals that were set forth in October 2006 and illustrated those that have already been attained.

Stadium: Seven-story addition proposed at Board meeting

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The site, bearing colorful posters depicting the potential stadium's new look and structure. Floor by floor, room by room, McKee took those present on a mental tour of the proposed new structure.

The proposed stadium expansion, according to McKee, is estimated to cost between 36 and 37 million.

The project's aim was said to accomplish two of the university's objectives. For one, the addition will provide 5,000 more seats, edging Paul Snow's, capacity up to around 21,000 seats. Secondly, the new structure will also incorporate a residence hall with the ability to house 392 students.

On the south side, the stadium will tower seven stories high.

Nail: Blind student has seven children, five are adopted

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"I wish more students on campus would get involved with the reader program," he said. "It would be a great help to blind students on campus now and in the future." Ted is not in need of a personal reader this semester, but that could change in the future. Without access to Tech's facilities, if he could read their Braille books with the help of the reader program, it would greatly increase his access to information.

"I also feel, too, that I have something to prove to myself and anyone who doubts me and people like me."
Paul: Republican presidential candidate has loyal following

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vote for.”

The same things about Paul that make him an unlikely candidate for a major-party nomination are the same things Martin and others seek, giving Paul an impressive grassroots effort. On Dec. 16, 2007, Paul supporters organized the largest one-day political fundraiser in American history, netting some $6 million. Paul’s campaign was not behind the fundraiser. His fans were.

For comparison, the previous record holder was Sen. John Kerry, who raised $5.7 million in one day in 2004. That was after he became the Democratic nominee for president.

Paul’s success in fundraising may be impressive, but his performance in national polls has been less than exemplary. The most recent NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll puts his support at 24 percent. His willingness to hang onto his presidential bid may say something more about his idealism than the chances of occupying the Oval Office.

“He’s running to get a message out,” Owens said. “He’s going back to fiscal responsibility, he’s an isolationist, and I think that’s resonating today. He’s tapped into a certain segment of the population, and what does he have to lose by doing it?”

[Paul] is not an isolationist,” Martin said. “There’s a big difference between isolationism and non-interventionalism.”

Marlin defined “non-interventionalism” as the United States pulling back from getting into the affairs of foreign governments. He said that America’s do-somethings place it in bad positions with respect to indigenous peoples and international governments.

Lester agreed, saying that Paul knows the Republican stage is a big platform for his messages of smaller federal government and increased personal liberties. But there are some parts of Paul’s advocacy that may not appeal as well to young voters; for example, his fight to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education. Such a move would also eliminate forms of government student aid.

“I wonder how many young people who receive student loans would favor the abolition of the Department of Education,” Lester said.

In many respects, Paul’s official campaign bio reads like that of an ideal candidate. Born in Pittsburgh in 1935, he served in the Air Force in the 1960s, moved to Texas to open a private practice and served two Texas districts in three terms in the U.S. House. His terms have been free of scandal, and he’s already run for president once, back in 1988.

But there’s something else at work with Paul — a contrary streak a mile wide. He opposes federal flood insurance, but his district is a coast threatened by hurricanes. He opposes farm subsidies, but his district is primarily agricultural. Despite those factors, Paul is now in his sixth term representing the Tex- as 14th, having been reelected in every race since 1996; that, in addition to the four previous terms representing the Texas 22nd.

“There’s such a deep independent streak in Paul’s constituents,” Lester, a native Texan, said. “Different pockets of the state are very ideologically-driven. When you’re talking about smaller government, it resonates. It even trumps self-interest sometimes.”

With poll numbers in the single digits and not a single state won in the primaries, it is highly unlikely that Paul will occupy the White House anytime soon. However, both Lester and Owens agree there are aspects of Paul’s campaign strategies future candidates may employ to their advantage, in particular, his online presence, which includes a YouTube channel with nearly 7 million hits, a MySpace page and a Facebook profile. All of those have served to motivate and connect his supporters in many ways.

“But” at the same time, if you’re going to win a campaign and actually be the person that makes policy change,” Lester said, “You gotta be a little more mainstream with your ideas.”

All this doesn’t bother Martin. You can have both the man and the message, he says.

“I voted for Ralph Nader in the 2004 election, and I voted for him because of his message,” he said. “I’ve heard a lot of people on both sides — Republican and Democrat — say, ‘We need someone who can show us that some of our ideas have lost their way.’ Now here’s your chance. We got Ron Paul.”
In crowded field, two stand out
Obama: The honest choice for the Dems

Someone had mentioned the name Barack Obama — then a freshly minted senator from Illinois — in the context of a presidential race four years ago, few would have given the prospect serious consideration.

Fewer still would have envisioned that a black man with the last name of Obama would be a frontrunner for the Democratic nomination.

Hopefully on Jan. 20, 2009, we can look back and say how far we've come.

When you look at what is wrong with America today — and believe us, we are a broken nation — what we need more than anything else is a president who does not follow the political status quo. Obama is that candidate.

The promise of change that is so prevalent among all the presidential candidates this year started with him.

False promises, vague solutions and rhetoric are common plagues of political races. Obama is a genuinely good, honest man. People like him for a reason. More so than any other candidate this election, they freshen him saying it means what he says.

How do we know that what he says and how he says it makes him any different from any other candidate? How do we know that he is different, that he's honest?

Well, we don't.

But we believe him. 11,000 people in Bartow Arena in Birmingham on Jan. 27 believed him.

Come Feb. 5th, Alabama is one of 24 states that can begin the change. And it would be an even bigger change in this state — a traditionally red one — if a Democrat who looks like Obama can claim victory.

We were a big part of the Civil Rights movement of the 20th century, and we can be a big part of the new century's transformation as well.

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South Carolina and Iowa already have. Let's keep hope alive. The Chanticleer endorses Barack Obama for the nomination to Clinton, at least we in this state could hold our heads up high and claim that we made the honest choice.

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OUR VOICE

11,000 strong can't be wrong

Like many others who do so weekly, I went to a revival on Sunday.

There was a gospel choir, feet stomping, people praising and singing and yelling and everything. I clapped and cheered with an estimated 11,000 Alabamians who showed up for the experience.

It was a Sunday to remember.

Oh — I wasn't at church, by the way. Though, I do think some in attendance were saved.

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McCain: Logical, moderate GOP option

The term “war hero” has been bandied about just about every election cycle of this Republic, and the man for whom its reputations worked include Andrew Jackson, Dwight Eisenhower and Teddy Roosevelt. While John McCain is such a man — having been held in a prison camp during the Vietnam War — there is much more to the senior senator from Arizona.

Over his political career, the word maverick has far outweighed war hero when it comes to McCain’s reputation among his constituents, his colleagues in Congress, and the American public.

One of his keystone issues in Congress, campaign finance reform, immediately set him apart from less active or less controversial senatorial compatriots. He worked closely with Democratic Wisconsin senator Russ Feingold to pass the McCain-Feingold Campaign Reform Act of 2002. We also strongly supported another bill designed to promote automatic spending cuts in the event of a federal deficit.

It’s not the only example of McCain reaching across the aisle for the greater good. He and fellow Vietnam vet John Kerry supported President Clinton when he normalized relations with the south Asian country in 1995. Most recently, he was a member of the “Gang of Fourteen,” the bipartisan group of senators who negotiated compromise bills and resolutions.

To be sure, McCain has in recent years lost some of his momentum; his formerly unorthodox ideas have fallen much more into the mainstream. But he remains the candidate above the others running for the GOP nomination.

Much more reasonable than Giuliani, more electable than Huckabee, more respectable than Romney, McCain appears to be the most logical choice for the nomination this summer.

For a man whose candidacy was written off last summer as dead in the water, McCain certainly looks alive. For the reasons described above, the Chanticleer feels that John McCain is the ideal choice for the Republican nomination for president.

I was a part of the larger-than-expected crowd that showed up in droves to see the man who will hopefully save this country, the man who I believe — and have since I first saw him speak — can steer us back from the ethical and moral backwaters of the world.

Barack Obama, the hope-mongering senator from Illinois, touched that many Alabama lives on Sunday. And it is my sincere

Clinton and John Edwards in the South Carolina primary and in the Iowa caucus were no fluke, but he is still certainly far from being the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination. Polls in California and New York, the two biggest Super Tuesday states, still have Clinton with a firm lead.

I’ve talked to plenty of my peers about Obama. Too many of them have said something to the effect of how they really like

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Music Corner

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

Jason Collett
Here's to Being Here

Head banging, crowd surfing and eye gouging are words that are sometimes used to describe rock music, but none would even come close to describing Jason Collett and his new album Here's to Being Here.

Jason Collett is a local of Toronto, Canada. Here's to Being Here is his third solo album and was produced by Howie Beck, musician/producer.

Like many bands, his songs come from many different influences which range between jazz, folk and rock. His voice sounds raspy and dirty like Kurt Cobain, and his guitar style is totally Simon and Garfunkel.

When I first inserted this CD, I had no expectations of liking it at all. Some of the songs are overly produced, but you can still feel his soul coming through. When an artist creates something, whether it be a painting or song, they are creating something that is piece of them, something that came from them and it is a product of their pain or happiness.

Collett produces art, and whether it's for fame and money, or if it just makes him feel better to let out how he feels, he is truly producing art.

My favorite song by him is "Charlyn, Angel of Kensington" which isn't on this album, but he has many more great songs. I recommend this album to those with a passion for art, and I also recommend his other albums.

— Matt Singleton

ALSO IN ROTATION

Matt Costa
Unfamiliar Faces

Listening to Matt Costa's album Unfamiliar Faces is like looking through a musical kaleidoscope. The album is brimming with imagination and variety. It bounces from one genre to another like a vinyl geek perusing a vintage record shop.

The opening track, "Mr. Pitiful," consists of three different melodies that Costa somehow ties together seamlessly.

"Emergency Call" is '60s rock and roll loaded with soulful delivery by Costa. This song was recorded so that the

COLLEGIATE COOKING / CHEESE GRITS

Finding comfort in a breakfast classic

By Abby Lockridge
Staff Reporter

In recent years, grits have taken on a new role in the culinary world. They have become, like so many foods that never go out of style, trendy. Many upscale and eclectic restaurants are using grits as a chic side dish or a bed for some other warm and impressive main course. Grits are practically the ideal food for someone who is limited on time, needs to watch their budget and desires a comforting and satisfying breakfast or side dish.

This recipe is completely simple. Using ingredients you already probably have on hand, you can make this dish for next to nothing. Everyone loves a classic, and here's a recipe that will always be popular in my book. Don't just try this at breakfast.

If you've always had instant grits from the small packets, it's time you tried these. They are so creamy, you won't ever want to eat the packets of grits again. Plus, who needs fake cheddar flavor, when you can have the real thing in about the same amount of time? The size of the bag of grits I listed here will feed you for literally weeks. Even better, it's less than two dollars per bag.

TOOLS
1 very small saucepan with fitting lid, 1 spoon, wooden or otherwise, 1 tablespoon measuring spoon, 1 1/4 cup measuring cup, 1 bowl or saucer, 1 spoon with which to eat

INGREDIENTS
- 1 bag of Quaker 5 Minute Grits, 36.8 oz size
- 2 tablespoons of cheddar cheese, plus a little extra for sprinkling on top
- salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons of milk
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon of light stick butter or margarine

DIRECTIONS
1. Heat 1/4 cup water and a generous dash of salt in saucepan until boiling.
2. Add 1/4 cup grits, and immediately reduce the pan to medium-low. Be careful here because the grits will boil up rapidly. If they do begin to boil up, gently remove the pan from the eye of the stove and stir until it goes back down. Return pan to the stove.
3. Stir grits, and cover with lid for about four minutes.
4. Remove lid and stir in milk and cheddar. This will make the grits extra creamy.
5. Let the grits sit on low for about two to three minutes.
6. Add butter, pepper, and more salt if needed.
7. Sprinkle the top with the extra cheddar and enjoy!

FILM REVIEW

Untraceable hard to follow

By Stephen Bagley
Staff Reporter

The age of technology is apparently an extremely frightening subject since studios continue to grind out horror flicks and thrillers on the topic. Untraceable features the lovely Diane Lane as an FBI computer specialist who hunts down criminals online. She and her partner crack down on hackers and pirates all over the country.

Well, technically, she makes a call to a team of brutes to beat in front doors while she sits safely behind a computer screen.

Things start getting eerie when a new site comes online with a murderous objective: to kill an innocent little animal. If you like small furry things, avert your eyes.

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of three different melodies that Costa somehow ties together seamlessly. “Emergency Call” is ‘60’s rock and roll loaded with soulful delivery by Costa. This song was recorded so that the vocals and piano come out of the right speaker, and the drums, horns and guitar come out of the left speaker. This makes for a very authentic ‘60’s sound.

The last tune on the album is my favorite, “Miss Magnolia”. It’s straight Americana with a twist of bluegrass and a sprinkle of ukulele for good measure. Unfamiliar Faces is a cool record overall. The album shows progress in Costa’s song writing, and worth taking a listen.

— Jacob Probus

Horror Pops
Kiss Kiss Kill Kill

Danish rock band, the Horror Pops, have been playing their own blend of new wave, surf rock and punk since 1996. They have a long-standing reputation of being a very experimental group.

Since 1996, the band has kept a busy schedule of recording, touring and side projects. Following a visit to the studio last fall, the band kicked off the new year with a brand new album with an intensity that never stops surprising the listener.

Kiss Kiss Kill Kill, has a release date set for early February and is a highly anticipated release from the band’s devoted fans. Crafting a thrill ride of an album is no easy feat, but Patricia Day (lead vocals/upright bass), Nekroman (lead guitar/vocals) and Niedermeier (drums/vocals) have done so by adhering to instinct.

By staying true to their original and diverse musical vision, Horror Pops have flourished, building a loyal and ever-growing following in the process.

The album sounds as good as it looks, with the ever iconic horror-esque album artwork that resembles late ‘50’s movie posters. Kiss Kiss Kill Kill contains all the key ingredients to a successful rockabilly album: thumping bass, driving drums and hooking guitar riffs and the vocal prowess of front lady/bassist Patricia Day.

All in all, the entire album is more than worth the wait until February for it to hit the shelves. Key tracks to listen to are: “Thelma and Louise,” “Highway 55” and “Are you Going to the Disco?”

— Corey Martin

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NEW WEBSITE

Unfamiliar Faces

A new site comes online with a murderous objective: to kill an innocent little animal. If you like small furry things, avert your eyes.

However, this is small potatoes compared to what the super-genius has in store for his victims. When a man goes missing and shows up on the streaming feed on the Kill With Me Web site, it starts against the cyber detectives. A hunt ensues for the identity of the killer, which is actually given to you less than halfway through the film. Then, the killer sets his sights on Lane’s character, and it gets “personal.”

Untraceable is not for the faint of heart, as with its ‘R’ rating a good deal of blood and gore are permitted. It is also not for those of us with a soft spot in our hearts for tiny mammals. Nor is it for anyone who hasn’t taken at least two years of computer and network-based classes. The terminology is a bit too much for some, as the vocabulary focuses entirely in the world of computers and the Internet. If a mirror is something you fix your hair with in the morning, you will miss the point, I assure you.

However, if you for some unknown reason loved the “Saw” series, you may find this one appealing, since the killer has a similar mindset and technique. Actually, this film felt to me like a complete rip-off of Saw with some anti-piracy propaganda. Don’t believe me? Watch for yourself. I felt like Jigsaw could have made a cameo appearance at any moment.

If you like thrillers and you have a basic understanding of how the Internet works instead of just how to use it, this one may be for you. If you’re looking for a fantastic plot with engaging characters, try a different theater. This movie just seems a wee bit unbelievable.
**Smoke equals fire, right?**

I always said I would never go to a basketball game at JSU unless somebody paid me. ESPN-U was that somebody, and the performance against Austin Peay tells me something needs to change.

The first eight minutes were impressive. However, the rest of the game was awful. Poor shot selection, no movement in the offense, and a failure to realize what worked in the first half.

First of all, some of the shots that were being put up were just poor decisions by the offense. Driving the ball in and throwing up any old shot only works at the Y.

Second, only once did I see screens being set away from the ball to free up a man on the baseline. The pass on that play came from one of the guards who got a screen set for him out beyond the free throw line.

It worked, so did they go back to it? Nope.

What about that 11-point lead with 9:34 to go in the first half? Did the coaches or team try to protect it? It sure didn't seem like it to me. The LaPlante-coached team still kept trying to jack threes and hit circus shots. JSU went scoreless from the 9:34 mark to the 5:58 mark.

That killed any momentum and allowed Austin Peay to get back into the game.

The final 9:34 of the first half, the team from JSU only produced four total points.

Four, F-O-U-R.

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By Bran Strickland
Consolidated News Service

Put into the hands of the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees at their meeting Monday was a feasibility study on the move to the Football Bowl Subdivision.

What it showed was that if a move up in division is what Jacksonville State is going to do, a great deal more money for athletics will be involved.

The study, which was put together by Johnny Williams' Creative Marketing Management, said JSU spends a little more than $8 million annually on athletics. To get on par with teams in the Sun Belt and Mid-America Conferences — leagues of comparable programs — will take at least twice what the Gamecocks currently spend.

On average, Sun Belt teams spend $13.6 million; MAC teams spend $18.1 million.

Figures such as those raise questions for some.

"I'm all in favor of going full-steam ahead, but we've got to be prepared ..." said Jim Coxwell, JSU Board of Education member. "We're not doing what we should be doing as a I-AA. We not doing things we should be doing as far as ticket and advertisement. ... We've got to catch up."

At least they have time to do it. This past August, the NCAA announced a four-year moratorium on teams moving between divisions and sub-divisions, meaning it would be 2011 at the earliest before JSU could consider moving to the highest level of football and 2013 before it could start playing.

The report showed the Gamecocks' biggest weakness is in funds. To that end, the JSU board of trustees approved adding two staff members to promote ticket sales and marketing of Gamecock sports and asking for the creation of a marketing budget for the athletics department, while also moving forward with the possibility of the expansion of Paul Snow Stadium.

University administrators have said the stadium project would move forward whether the Gamecocks go to the FBS.

Williams compared JSU to schools in the Sun Belt and MAC and to teams that are looking to move up. Williams' group didn't make a recommendation whether JSU should go: that's for the board to decide.

What the group did do, however, was outline potential strengths and weaknesses if JSU takes this course.

Among the "strengths supporting a successful transition" are Calhoun County's community, the athletic success JSU has enjoyed in the Ohio Valley Conference, the loyalty for JSU and its athletic programs, institutional support, scholarships — which are fully funded at the NCAA maximum — and its facilities were called "well-regarded".

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**Scrumming for cash**

**JSU Rugby looking for funding and victories**

By Jered Staubs
Sports Editor

Long treated unequally, and relegated to the anonymity of being a "club team", the JSU rugby team is trying to improve things both on and off the field.

The first part is underway, as the team got off to a convincing spring start with a 36-5 win in a "friendly" at home against Mississippi State last Saturday.

But the off the field matters will not be solved quickly.

The club team status means that rugby does not receive the same funding as the other sports at JSU. Players have to provide much of the income for travel, lodging, uniforms, referee fees and other expenses.

Of course, as coach Mike Trowse says, that's not always easy for college students.
The Gamecocks may have outscored the Skyhawks 33-20 in the second half and cut the lead to less than seven points after the half, but the Gamecocks led gave me the momentum to keep going," Geyer said. "They threw the ball away a lot."

With 7:44 remaining in the first half, the Gamecocks led 19-16, and they would lead the rest of the way.

Assistant coach Becky Geyer said, "We got $300 from the SGA — which we appreciate — but that doesn’t even begin to cover the costs."

Trowse and the players, with the help of faculty advisor Dr. Prudloe and Joe Service, arranged a meeting with JSU President Bill Meehan and other school leaders to request more funding.

Team leaders dressed up and presented a PowerPoint presentation — detailing the fact they were first place in the Georgia Rugby Union Tier B and other information — and the school is attempting to gather research on the subject.

Among the leaders who attended the presentation were team captain Justin Armstrong, team president Chris Steketee and vice president Myron Stewart.

Steketee told a story of a home match against Wake Forest last year when there were no goalposts. The school has since bought goalposts and goalpost pads.

"It was kind of embarrassing to come out with PVC pipes, and half of it falling down or leaning," Steketee said. "We’re extremely grateful to the school for getting us some (goalposts)."

The players were effective in their thanks for Trowse, who Armstrong described as "90 percent stockholder of this team" because he has helped out players who could not afford the numerous costs associated with the rugby team.

Trowse, a native of England who

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Women win third straight at home

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

Just one week after getting crushed by Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State, the Jacksonville State women's basketball team put together a back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference wins for the second time this season.

The Gamecocks (9-12, 6-6 OVC) defeated Austin Peay 76-56 on Thursday night and finished the weekend with a 64-52 victory over UT-Martin.

JSU has now won three straight conference games at Pete Mathews Coliseum after dropping their first four at home.

In the early stages of the game against Austin Peay, the Gamecocks looked like the same squad that had suffered two blowout losses just one week earlier.

JSU found itself down by six points just four minutes into the contest. During that span, the Gamecocks went 1-8 from the field and missed several lay-ups.

After the first media timeout, JSU found its rhythm. Utilizing a full-court press, the Gamecocks held the Lady Gows to three shot attempts over the next eight minutes of the game thanks in large part to 11 forced turnovers.

"I thought our press did a nice job tonight," JSU coach Becky Geyer said. "They threw the ball away a lot."

With 7:44 remaining in the first half, the Gamecocks led 19-16, and they would lead the rest of the way.

Freshmen Charlease Williams, with her mother in attendance, scored a career-high 13 points in the first half.

"It felt great to get my second double-digit game," Williams said. "It just felt great to play like that in front of my mom and my family. With my teammates picking me up after my injury and rooting me on, it just really gave me the momentum to keep going."

The Gamecocks continued their defensive dominance in the second half on their way to a 20-point victory over the Lady Gows, the largest margin of victory in Geyer's tenure at JSU.

"I thought some girls really stepped up and did well. It was nice to see us distribute our minutes a little more evenly tonight and continue to play good basketball," Geyer said. "I'm really happy with the win. I thought that was much-needed."

The Gamecocks victory over UT-Martin wasn't quite as impressive, but JSU still walked away victorious.

"It wasn't a very pretty win, but a win is a win," Geyer said. "I'm really happy with the win. I thought that was much-needed."

"I'm happy with the win. I thought that was much-needed," Geyer said. "It was hard to get into a rhythm. I felt like there was never really a rhythm to the game. As far as a win, gosh, we will take every one we can get. We've won nine now. That's a good thing."

The Skyhawks took an early 14-3 lead, but the Gamecocks went 6-for-29 from the field, allowing JSU to walk away with a 64-52 victory.

Danielle Beneby added 13, and Cassi Stuart poured in 10. However, the most dominant player on the court Saturday afternoon was UT-Martin's Crystal Fuller. She scored 20 of the Skyhawks' 25 points in the first half and finished with 35 for the game.

"Fuller had a great game. You definitely have to give her credit for that," Geyer said. "The tough part about it is that our philosophy is to front the post. Our kids really had trouble getting around her and pushing her back."

The Gamecocks may have had trouble stopping Fuller, but the remainder of the Skyhawks went 6-for-29 from the field, allowing JSU to walk away with the 64-52 victory.

The Gamecocks will host Eastern Illinois next Thursday at Pete Mathews Coliseum with tip-off set for 5:30 p.m.

Cierra Duhart and Paris Hollingsworth attempt to defend UT Martin’s Crystal Fuller. Fuller scored 35 points against JSU and was named OVC Player of the Week, but the Gamecocks' win was 65-52. Photo courtesy of James Harbins / JSUFan.com
GAMECOCK BRIEFS

- Alina Bocioc, a multi-event specialist, won her first collegiate pentathlon Friday at the JRF Multi Event Challenge in Clemson, South Carolina. She tallied 3693 points throughout the competition. Just one week before her performance at Clemson, Bocioc, a freshman from Bucharest, Romania, broke the school record in the high jump competition by more than two inches.

- Amber Wiley and Crystal Estes also broke school track and field records two weekends ago at the Niswonger Invitational. Wiley, a freshman from North Bend, Oregon, broke the pole-throwing record by six inches. A native of Harvey, Illinois, Estes broke both the school’s shot put and weight throw records.

- Sarah Caine, a junior from Alberta, Canada, finished with the highest individual performance of the weekend with an eighth-place effort in the mile-run with a time of 5:27.54.

- The Jacksonville State rifle team tied for second place at the Roger Withrow Invitational over the weekend, which was hosted by Murray State University. The Gamecocks finished with 4604 points, just five points behind champions West Virginia.

- Last week, the Jacksonville State softball team was

Men’s hoops unable to hold leads

Gamecocks fall to brink of OVC elimination after crucial home losses

By Jered Staub
Sports Editor

The JSU men’s basketball team has learned how to start strong, but a lack of consistency and rebounding led to three OVC losses in the past week. JSU (4-17, 2-11 OVC) fell further out of the OVC conference tournament picture and will move to the rear of the conference if unable to beat Eastern Illinois Thursday night.

The Gamecocks got out to early leads against both Austin Peay and UT-Martin, but could hold neither lead even to halftime.

The Gamecocks used the support from its biggest crowd of the season to jump on the league leaders 24-13 halfway through the opening half, but then went cold.

Wesley, who capitalized on a rare four-point play on his way to 11 first half points, felt the extra energy of playing on ESPN-U helped the team get off to a quick start.

“We’re on TV, we’re hyped and it helped us a lot because we had to bring our A-game,” Wesley said. “But then they starting executing – rebounding, knocking down shots – and we started missing a lot of shots.”

Wesley and Nick Murphy provided most of the early spark for the Gamecocks — they scored 15 of JSU’s first 18 points.

“Told (J.J.) we’ve got to step up big as freshman and get the team off to a good start,” Murphy said. “But Austin Peay they’re a good team, and they just chipped away slowly and we started to get our heads down.”

The Gamecocks scored only three points in over eight minutes, and Austin Peay slowly cut into the lead with a balanced attack that saw five players score in double figures.

The Governors eventually grabbed a 33-29 lead at the break on the strength of a 20-3 run, and JSU was never able to get closer in the second half.

After the Austin Peay game, Wesley said the game against Martin was a must-win. Unfortunately for JSU, another long scoring drought and a poor rebounding effort led to an 81-70 win by Martin.

Coach Mike LaPlante and the Gamecocks were concentrating on stopping Martin’s Lester Hudson, who entered the game leading the nation in scoring. But it was Gerald Robinson who made the coach miserable.

“We came into the game saying let (Robinson) shoot threes – he’s shooting like 19 percent in OVC play – and don’t let Hudson get open looks,” LaPlante said. “But, he hits those threes early, and that helps to settle the team down. But where he really killed us was with his rebounding.”

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formerly played semi-pro rugby, has been working with the team for a couple years, since he found out JSU had a rugby team.

“I came out and watched them, and asked if I could help out,” Trowse said. “Three years ago we were losing 88-3 and 86-0, but we’ve been getting better.

The experienced team – which will be losing ten players at the end of this semester – has become a contender in Division III.

Last year, JSU made it to the quarterfinals of the D-III championship before losing to Wake Forest. This season has seen even more improvement.

The Gamecocks closed the 2007 calendar year by becoming champions of the Battleship Tournament in Mobile. After beating West Florida and Louisiana – Loyola, the Gamecocks defeated Tulane 26-12 in the final.

“They played the best game I’ve seen them play as a team in that final win over Tulane,” Trowse said. “We’ve got some good leadership here, and we hope that will help us this year.”

Stekettee, a senior full back, had a field day against Mississippi State, scoring twice on tries – which are worth five points each – and three times on conversions, which are worth two points.

JSU built a 31-0 halftime lead and was on the verge of shutting out the Bulldogs before a late score by David Tomasin.

The Gamecocks will try to build on that performance as they travel to Tennessee Tech this weekend for a league match.

Trowse said former football players are natural fits for rugby, but that it doesn’t always work that way. He feels that the four main aspects of a quality rugby player are speed, fitness, the ability to learn and the ability to control temper.

“High schools reject rugby because they say it would interfere with football, when actually football came from rugby,” Trowse said. “Rugby can make any football player better. If you can play rugby, you can play anything.”

The crowd that did turn out for the Saturday match of the gates and trailed by as many as 24 before rallying.

Murphy led the Gamecocks with 20, but JSU had no answer for Reiley Ervin, who ended the night with 19.

JSU will play Eastern Illinois at 7:30 tonight at Pete Mathews Coliseum in a matchup of last place OVC teams.

Rugby: Gets spring season off to flying start with blowout of Miss St
points behind champions West Virginia.

Last week, the Jacksonville State softball team was picked to finish second in the OVC for the 2008 season. Votes were taken among the league's head coaches.

= JSU All-American outfielder Clay Whittemore was featured online by Ping!Baseball last weekend.

Whittemore, a senior from Cullman, Alabama, led the conference in hits and RBI last season and was named OVC Player of the Year.

Two players from UT-Martin received Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week honors for their performances against JSU and Samford last week.

Gerald Robinson and Crystal Fuller both earned the honors largely because of impressive performances at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Robinson is averaging only 13.6 points and 8.5 rebounds per game this season, but scored 26 points and grabbed 19 rebounds against JSU. Fuller scored 35 points in the Skyhawks’ loss to JSU. The senior is averaging 16.3 ppg on the year and 18.0 ppg in conference play.

Lester Hudson, the nation’s leading scorer with 26.9 ppg, earned OVC Newcomer of the Week for the fourth time in the past five weeks. Hudson scored 20 points and grabbed 12 boards against the Gamecocks.

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Langley was named Quality of Life award finalist in the 2008 Miss America Pageant.

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