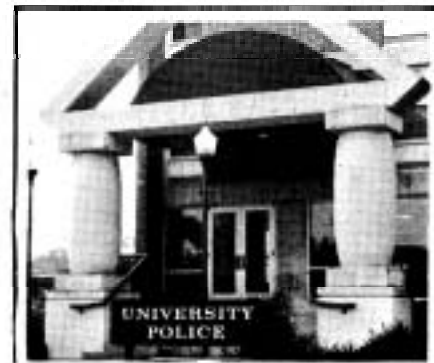


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IN THE News

SGA to expand campus phone book this fall

by Benjamin Cunningham

Chanticleer Editor in chief

JSU students will have a new way to keep in touch this fall. The SGA has taken over publication of the student phone directory and plans to expand it to better serve the University.

Matt Crandon, SGA First Vice President, says that the new directory will contain home and school addresses, as well as home and school telephone numbers for all students. Also included will be the numbers of academic departments and other important on-campus numbers. The previous versions contained only campus phone numbers for departments and offices and for students living in University housing.

Crandon, who got the project started, says there are two main reasons for the expanded edition. "We wanted to give students more comprehensive information than they got from the older, outdated versions." Crandon says the other main reason is the use he gets out of a similar publication he got from another school. "That book is about four or five years old, and I still use it to keep in touch with friends."

Students who don't want their information published, or those who want to update their information, should contact the Office of Admissions and Records by September 15, Crandon says.

According to Crandon, the SGA hopes to print enough copies for every student. The phone books will be available Oct. 1. Students can pick them up at the SGA offices on the 4th floor of the TMB.

Budget cuts force mergers, tuition increase

by Mai Martinez

Chanticleer News editor

This semester, students will notice some changes at JSU. The university merged several programs, consolidated some positions, eliminated others, and once again, raised tuition.

These changes come in response to recent budget cuts and loss in state appropriation, which forced the university to reevaluate some programs and administrative positions. "We absorbed \$2.4 million in reductions in the budget. That's the second year in a row that has happened to us. When that occurs, you either got to reduce spending and/or

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Another grand old lady lost.

Janna Waller

The charred remains of the former Sigma Phi Epsilon house sit on a lot in western Jacksonville. Arson is suspected in the June fire that set the century-old house ablaze, though no suspects have been apprehended. This is just the latest in a series of older homes in Jacksonville to be vandalized or burned.

New IDs to link students to bank accounts

University, AmSouth, and campus vendors cooperate for new conveniences

by Mai Martinez

Chanticleer News editor

A new student identification system which should be in place no later than the Spring semester may make life much easier for some students.

"We think it's something that will be a big convenience for the students," said Don Thacker, acting vice president for Administrative Business Affairs.

The new IDs will act as multipurpose debit cards. Students will be able to use the card at both on-campus and off-campus locations to pay for anything from tuition to a vending machine candy bar.

According to Joe Whitmore, Director of Institutional Analysis, the project is being funded by the vendors involved and AmSouth Bank, and will not require any additional money from the university or students.

The new card will carry the AmSouth logo and can be used at ATM machines if the cardholder has an account with the bank. Students are not, however, required to have an account with AmSouth in order to use the card. Machines will be set up where students can deposit money and have the amount encoded on the card. The students can then draw against the balance on the card.

"Our plan was to have the new ID up and running with the fall semester."

-Joe Whitmore

The university is working in conjunction with the vendors and AmSouth Bank to get the new system in place as soon as possible. "Our plan was to have the ID up and running with the fall semester, but it's going to be delayed for a little while. We had some printing problems and some logistic problems with the card," said Whitmore.

According to Whitmore and Thacker, the university has been interested in upgrading the current ID system for about a year, but wanted to be sure that everything was ready for the new card system.

Several universities around the country already have similar systems in place. "We looked at a lot of other institutions' cards. We visited campuses to see what their applications were. What we did was pick and choose the things we liked."

Whitmore and Thacker hope the combination of applications that worked well at different universities will provide JSU students with a card that is one step ahead of those found at other institutions.

In addition to its traditional applications, students can use the new ID in the same way they use other debit cards. Several business and restaurants already have the equipment in place to accept the new IDs, which will work much like the "swipe-out" systems use in Food World stores. The new ID, however, will be accepted in some places that do not presently accept debit cards, including Subway, McDonald's, and vending machines on campus.

Another benefit of the new IDs is parents can now deposit money directly into their student's account. This eliminates all the time spent mailing checks and the trouble students often encounter cashing the checks.

The new JSU ID is unique to this university, and has room for expansion should it become necessary or desired. One future application currently being considered is use of the new ID to improve security at residence halls. Students would have to swipe their ID at the door, and if they are not registered at that hall, would not gain access.

There are numerous other possible applications of the new ID, and both Thacker and Whitmore encourage students to respond. "We want to do what the students want and we would like for them to give us some feedback."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•The Chanticleer welcomes all volunteers to its regular staff meetings, Thursdays at 6:00 in the The Chanticleer offices, 180 Self Hall. Volunteers are needed for news, features, and sports writing, as well as photography, artwork and typing. Contact the Chanticleer at 782-5701.

CAMPUS CRIME DOCKET

- 8-23-96 Sherry Riggan reported harrassment at Mason Hall.
- 8-27-96 Shawn Giddy reported criminal mischief at Cole parking lot at Forney Ave. and Cole Dr. One front windshield was damaged.
- 8-29-96 Dorian Sammel William, 18, of #13 Pecan Drive, Selma, Al., was arrested at Salls Hall and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.
- 8-29-96 Michael Mark Lampkin, 30, of #40 510 Forney Dr., Jacksonville, Al., was arrested in the Campus Inn parking lot and charged with public intoxication.
- 8-29-96 JSU reported public intoxication at Forney Ave. and Campus Inn.

New DUI regulations target minors

The fall semester has arrived, and along with it comes the usual seasons, football season, soccer season, and of course a favorite among JSU students-party season.

The seasons may be the same, but for those players partaking in the party season-especially those who should be sitting on the bench- the rules just got harder.

An amendment, concerning minors driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, was added to the existing DUI law. The law now "prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under the age of 21 years who has .02 percent or more by weight of alcohol in his or her blood(BAC)." The current BAC for a person who is 21-years-old or older is .08 percent.

According to Sgt. Rick Tubbs, Deputy Director of Public Safety, the .02 percent BAC is the equivalent of drinking one beer, even if the person waits 30 minutes before driving. Sgt. Tubbs said the amendment means minors caught driving with a .02 BAC will now be charged with DUI, instead of with consumption of alcohol.

The amendment went into effect in May, and is currently being enforced. So players beware, or you may find yourself permanently benched.

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Congress, Clinton, pass minimum wage increase

by College Press Service

WASHINGTON- Expect a slightly fatter paycheck from that mall job, thanks to passage of the first minimum-wage increase in five years.

Effective Oct. 1, workers taking home \$4.25 an hour will make \$4.75. That rate will jump to \$5.15 an hour on Sept. 1, 1997.

The bill, passed by President Clinton on Aug. 20, is the first minimum-wage increase in five years. Lawmakers say the minimum wage had dropped to a 40-year low when adjusted for inflation.

"At its heart, this bill does reaffirm our most profoundly American values-offering opportunity to all,

demanding responsibility from all, and coming together as a community," Clinton said as he signed the bill at an outdoor White House ceremony.

About 10 million Americans, typically unskilled workers in small business or restaurants, earn minimum wage. According to U.S. Department of Labor statistics, nearly 70 percent are adults age 20 or over.

However, waiters and waitresses take note: The minimum-wage measure partly excludes workers who receive tips. Their employers will have to pay the minimum of \$2.13 an hour, the same as before. Employers provide more only if employees don't collect enough tips

to earn the new minimum rate.

Also, workers under 20 may receive a "training wage." That holds the hourly rate at \$4.25 an hour during the first 90 days on the job.

The legislation, officially called the "Small Business Jobs Protection Act," included roughly \$22 billion worth of tax cuts over 10 years, aimed mostly at small businesses.

Political experts agreed that the tax breaks helped lead to the bill's passage in the Republican-controlled houses of Congress.

Conservatives had argued that raising the minimum wage could cut jobs, hurt small businesses and eventually raise consumer prices.

Republicans approve education platform

by College Press Service

The following is an excerpt from a final draft of the 1996 Republican Party platform on improving education.

"Our formula is as simple as it is sweeping: the federal government has no constitutional authority to be involved in school curricula or to control jobs in the work place. That is why we will abolish the Department of Education, end federal meddling in our schools, and promote family choice at all levels of learning. We therefore call for prompt repeal of the Goals 2000 program and the School-To-Work Act of 1994, which put new federal controls, as well as unfunded mandates, on the States. We further urge that federal attempts to impose outcome or performance-based education on local schools be ended.

"America's families find themselves on a college treadmill: the more they work to pay tuition, the faster it seems to increase. Tuition

has escalated far in excess of inflation, in defiance of market factors, and shows no sign of slowing down. Billions of dollars are wasted on regulations, paperwork, and "political correctness," which impedes the ability of the faculty to teach. We call for a national reassessment of the economics of higher education, to stop the treadmill and restore fiscal accountability to higher education.

"Congressional Republicans budgeted a 50 percent increase in student loans while fighting Bill Clinton's intrusion of Big Government into their financing. Heeding the outcry from the nation's campuses, we will end the Clinton Administration's perverse direct lending program. We support proposals to assist families to prepare for the financial strains of higher education, like the American Dream Savings Account, passed by congressional Republicans but vetoed.

"To protect the nation's colleges and universities against intolerance,

we will work with independent educators to create alternatives to ideological accrediting bodies. We believe meeting the higher education needs of America will require new, public and private institutions that are flexible, able to apply new technologies, willing to provide access to all those who need it, cost-effective and that place no burden on the American taxpayer.

"...As a first step in reforming government, we support elimination of the Departments of Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Education, and Energy, and the elimination, defunding or privatization of agencies which are obsolete, redundant, of limited value, or too regional in focus.

"Examples of agencies we seek to defund or to privatize are the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and the Legal Services Corporation..."

San Diego grad student kills professors

by College Press Service

SAN DIEGO- A San Diego State University engineering student is accused of fatally shooting three professors as they waited to hear the defense of his master's thesis.

Fred Martin Davidson, 36, walked into an Aug. 15 meeting with the professors, pulled out a semi-automatic weapon and fired 20 rounds, stopping once to reload, police and witnesses said. All three professors were shot multiple times and pronounced dead on the scene, police said.

Campus police arrived at the Engineering Building after gunshots were heard and said they found Davidson in the hallway with a handgun.

Killed were Chen Liang, 32, assistant professor of mechanical engineering; D. Preston Lowery, 44, associate professor of mechanical engineering; and Constantinos Lyrantzis, 36, associate professor of aerospace engineering.

San Diego State president Stephen L. Weber called the professors "three of our brightest and most promising teachers. Our fallen colleagues...devoted their all-too-short lives to the noble work of education."

Cutbacks, from page 1
 increase tuition," said JSU President Harold McGee.

McGee added that the mergers and consolidations were also necessary to ensure employee pay raises in October. "In the 90's, we have had payroll freezes for our employees for four of the six years. What happens with that is you start losing people. Your good employees who are skilled people, leave their jobs".

McGee said the University had a large number of retirements over the summer. According to Dr. Aman, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, many professors and administrators took advantage of retirement incentives offered by the State Retirement System for Educators which had a window of opportunity that expired at the end of the summer.

The University was able to take advantage of vacancies left by the retirements by not refilling them immediately. In many cases, the responsibilities were transferred to remaining faculty and administrators. JSU also eliminated other positions, including Vice President of Student Affairs, Dean of Students, and Gadsden Director.

According to a university statement, no one lost a job in the reorganization.

The decisions on which positions and programs to either merge or eliminate were reached after the university completed a thorough program review. The review was initiated in the summer of 1994 to find money in the budget that could be redistributed, but became available to handle the recent budget cuts.

McGee said although students will notice a "slow-down" in responses and services, priority was given to enrollment and student services. "We made a genuine effort to protect their (the students) interests. All we did was to merge administrative structures. Everything else stays the same. We kept all the student support services in place."

At this point, no majors or departments have been eliminated. However, several colleges and departments have been merged. The mergers combined smaller departments and colleges with larger ones, with one department head or dean instead of two.

"We've done all the adjusting you can do without causing major pain, but if they cut us again, we'll start seeing program cuts," said McGee.

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Vandals strike former athletic dorm as football team moves out

by Mai Martinez

Chanticleer News editor

More than three months have passed since the vandalism of Salls Hall was first brought to the attention of the University Police Department, but still, no charges have been filed.

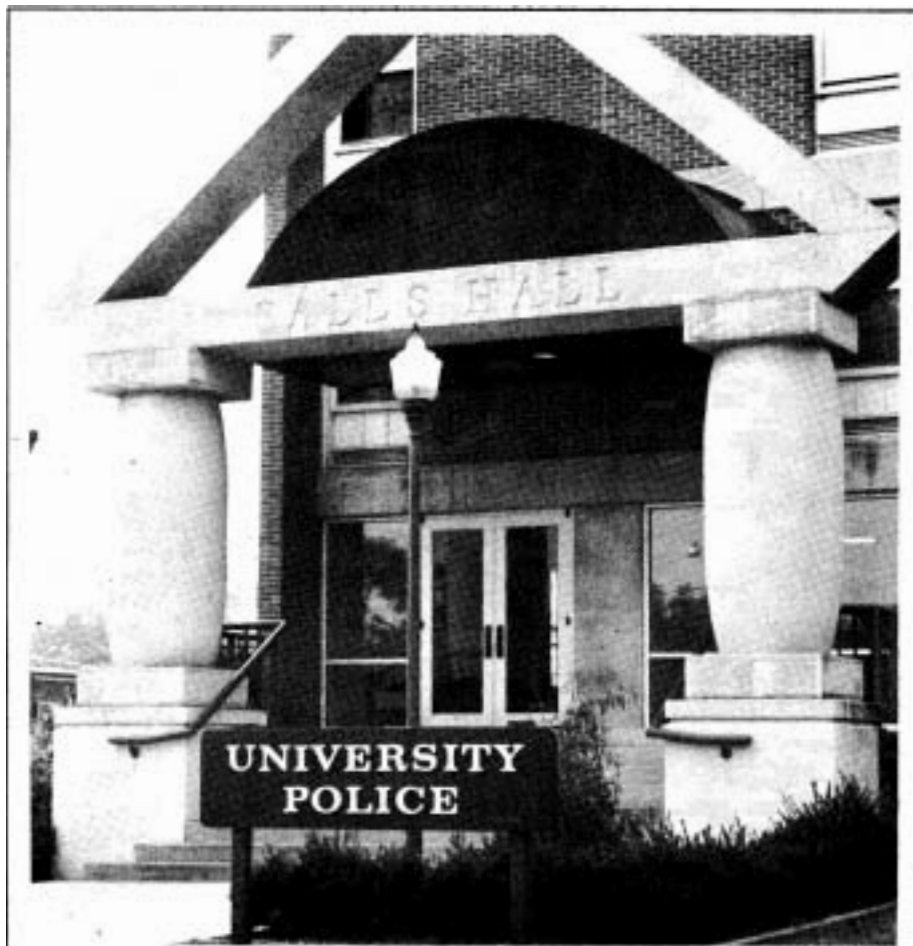
When contacted by The Chanticleer about the investigation, Sgt. Rick Tubbs of UPD said, "We are not ready at this point to release any information."

He added that UPD is currently interviewing former residents and that the incident was still under investigation. Tubbs said he would not comment on an ongoing investigation.

He did say the vandalism was first noticed on May 31, which was the last day the student athletes had to move out of the residence hall. Sgt. Tubbs also said there had been prior reports of minor vandalism at the residence hall.

Earlier this summer, the Anniston Star reported that the vandals left no room untouched, and damage included "fire alarm and exit signs ripped from ceilings and walls, fire extinguishers stolen, holes kicked in walls, and profane messages written on the walls to college officials."

According to the Star, "one theory held by (Jerry) Cole (JSU Athletic Director) and other JSU officials is that the damage was in response to a new nation-wide NCAA rule disbanding athletic dorms at the beginning of the 1996-97 school year."



Janna Walker

Salls Hall, formerly the home of the JSU football team, now houses the campus police. The building was vandalized this summer after the football team moved out.

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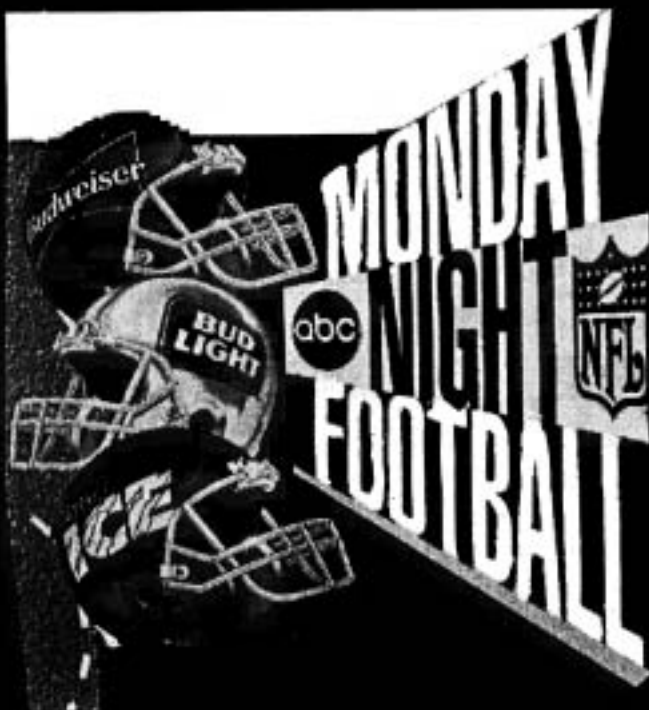
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ISSUE OF THE WEEK

Tobacco censorship: *Does it have a place in the village?*

It doesn't just take a village, it takes censorship of a camel named Joe to prevent teenagers from smoking.

According to one of the Clinton administration's latest initiatives, Joe Camel, the Marlboro Man and NASCAR racing are responsible for tobacco use among teenagers. President Clinton's tobacco legislation implies that advertisements are more responsible for teenage smoking than the family values he's preaching. Rather than addressing the real issues of why anyone, adult or teenager, smokes President Clinton has decided that censorship will prevent teenagers from lighting a Marlboro or chewing a Skoal Bandit.

During the Democratic Convention, Hillary Rodham Clinton once again hammered home the idea that, "it takes a village" to raise a child, and her husband echoed her sentiments in his acceptance speech.

"It takes a family. It takes teachers. It takes clergy. It takes business people. It takes community leaders. It takes those who protect our health and safety. It takes all of us. Yes, it takes a village," Mrs. Clinton said. What she neglected to say is that it takes censorship.

It takes censorship of any magazine whose 18 and under readership is greater than 15 percent under the legislation President Clinton recently signed. What does this mean? It means that magazines like Time, Newsweek, Discover, and U.S. News and World Report can continue to count on advertising dollars from Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man, while Rolling Stone, Sports Illustrated, and other magazines with a greater teenage audience must seek out new advertisers.

It is certainly not fair, not to mention probably unconstitutional, to allow Time to run advertisements that Rolling Stone cannot. Besides that, Joe Camel's previous space in Rolling Stone just might be replaced by a few Clydesdales from Budweiser.

If we censor tobacco advertising even further than it already has been, then it follows that alcohol is next. After tobacco and alcohol we could keep censoring until the entire supermarket is declared harmful to our health because of studies that say eggs contain too much cholesterol, and cheese has caused cancer in rats. Censorship has a domino effect and it can become absurd quickly.

It can become absurd quickly enough to think that teenagers begin smoking or chewing tobacco because their favorite NASCAR driver has a Skoal label stuck on his car. Following this logic adult tennis superstars Steffi Graf and Monica Seles should be three pack-a-day chain-smokers because Virginia Slims sponsored the women's tennis tour when they were teenagers helping them both to become multi-millionaires.

Smoking and chewing tobacco are common sense issues. Yes, they are bad. And despite Bob Dole's best efforts to convince us otherwise they are addictive. Instead of censoring advertisements of nicotine, the executive branch of our government and the Food and Drug Administration can better spend our tax dollars in education, not censorship and enforcement. More and more research has concluded that smoking is not only dangerous to the smoker, but also to those around the smoker. Accordingly, many U.S. cities and towns have enacted clean air laws. Education and parental responsibility are the answers to this problem, not federal censorship.

Besides, did President Clinton sign this absurd legislation with or without his cigar?

New year brings new things to the Chanticleer, but some traditions remain

Welcome back to Jacksonville State, and welcome to the first issue of this edition of The Chanticleer.

This year should prove to be a little different at the student newspaper. A few interesting changes have shaken a thing or two up around here.

For starters, two of our senior staff members from last year, managing editor Tim Lockette and editor in chief Emily Wester are spending a semester in China, through JSU's exchange program with Wuhan University. As of last report, despite losing their luggage in Shanghai, they were doing just fine.

Their absence, however, has left us with some holes to fill on the editorial board, since Tim had been selected to take over as editor in chief this fall. Instead that position has fallen to me for the moment, and it's been up to me to locate people to fill the emptied editorial desks around here. I've put together what I



Benjamin Cunningham
Editor in chief

think will turn out to be a super staff, and I hope you'll agree with me.

More and more these days the world is turning to the Internet for news and information. Jacksonville State will soon have that luxury, as The Chanticleer will begin online publication at our very own Web site within the next couple of weeks. You'll be able to find the same content on the Web that you see in our news, views, features, and sports sections, as well as e-mail letters to the editor, and a host of other technological

advantages.

Despite all these changes, a few things will remain the same. We will attempt to provide the University with the same balanced, fair, and accurate coverage that has been a tradition at this newspaper for years.

As always The Chanticleer is listening. If you have a concern you feel needs to be addressed, please feel free to write a letter to the editor to make your voice heard. You can send your letters free of charge through campus mail to The Chanticleer, 180 Self Hall, or e-mail us at newspaper@student-mail.jsu.edu.

And as always, we're in need of help. If you'd like to volunteer your time to help produce stories, photography or artwork please come by one of our staff meetings. They're held in The Chanticleer offices, 180 Self Hall, on Thursdays at 6:00 pm.



Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A welcome from the SGA President

Dear Chanticleer Editor,

As President of the Student Government Association I would like to welcome the entire student body back to campus. It has been an exciting and eventful summer not only for the SGA, but for our University.

We have been working hard to plan activities and events for students as well as remain the outspoken liaison between the student body and the university administration. Our primary mission is to help build a better life for the students of JSU. We want your input into how to improve the university and we encourage every student to speak out and

question not only student leaders, but faculty members and administrators.

From the Student Senate meetings every Monday night at 6 p.m. in the TMB auditorium to Tuesday night movies sponsored by the Student Activities Council, there is something for everyone. It's all right here on our campus and it's up to you to speak up and get involved in the decisions that directly affect you as a student. Go Gamecocks!

Bob Boyle
SGA President

Forum is our readers' column. Our policy for letters to the editor should be kept in mind when working on submissions.

- The Chanticleer will not print letters which are longer than 300 words.
- The Chanticleer will not print letters which are libelous and/or defamatory.
- The Chanticleer reserves the right to edit letters for space and grammar as well as style.
- There will be at least two weeks between publication of letters from the same person and will publish rebuttals no later than two weeks after the publication of the article, editorial or letter in question.
- The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission.
- Deadline for submissions is noon Monday before the preferred publication date.
- Submissions may be brought to the Chanticleer office, sent through campus mail to 180 Self Hall, or e-mailed to newspaper@student-mail.jsu.edu. All submissions must include a name, phone number, and student number for JSU students.



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VIEWPOINTS

Do you think JSU is the friendliest campus in the South? Why or why not?

--compiled by Janna Waller



"Yes, probably due to the smaller, more intimate atmosphere of JSU. You see the same people every day and you don't want to piss them off."

-John Jacobs
Graduate Student

"Yes, because they have friendly people and great faculty workers and since I decided to go here that makes it all good."



-Kareem Williams
Junior



"I don't know about the rest of the South, but the way I was welcomed here at JSU being a foreigner is simply flattering, and turned the accusation of Americans being prejudiced into a lie"

-Yula Hildman
Sophomore

"JSU is the friendliest campus in the South because I came from a community in Germany, where the people could care less if they who you are, but the people at JSU welcome you with a smile."



-Latorya Gilmore
Sophomore



"I think JSU is very friendly because the teachers have an interest in the students' well being, and it is also very easy to make new friends."

-Aleasia Ward
Senior

Evil mothers serenade the Masquerade

by Bill King

Chanticleer Features editor

I arrived at the Masquerade somewhere around 10:15 Georgia time just in time to catch the last 30 seconds of the opening band, 16 Volt. About half an hour later, Bile crept onto the stage and though I hadn't liked much of what I heard from them previously, I enjoyed their set. They came across looking as though they had either just survived a horrible plane crash or escaped from the depths of Hell. The whole thing reminded me of being in a spook house on Halloween, complete with black-lights to reveal the iridescent goo covering the band and their equipment, fake fog, and to top it all off, three T.V. screens full of horror movie clips and subliminal messages. Their sound was a strange mix of industrial synth-core and death metal and surprisingly enough they pulled it off rather well.

Finally after another 30 minute set change, the band everyone was waiting for took the stage: the infamous Evil Mothers. Screaming accusations, calling names, and pointing his finger, lead singer Curse Mackey went straight for the jugular. Curse and the boys tore through songs about a world full of pimps, prostitutes, junkies, killers, religious satire and bizzarre sex. They played favorites from their first two albums, "Crossdresser" and "Pitchfoks and Perverts" as well as some new stuff from their latest release "I Love Fur."

About three-quarters of the way through the set, the bass player brought out two huge steel barrels and a bunch of sticks as the members of 16 Volt and Bile filed out from backstage. The bands then all joined together



in a superb percussion-only song that lasted a good eight to ten minutes. By the end of the song the crowd was in a frenzy. They played a few more songs including a nifty Pigface cover and then sadly, it was over. I was so impressed that I spent the next two weeks looking for their latest effort, but for some reason no one carries it. So, if you ever get the chance, do yourself a favor and try not to miss them again.

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Lady Gamecocks take TAAC title

by Rebecca Matanic

Chanticleer Sports editor

Competing in just their first season at the NCAA Division I level, the Jacksonville Lady Gamecock softball team not only captured the Trans America Athletic Conference crown, but also earned a berth in the NCAA tournament. The Gamecocks finished an impressive 46-11 in their initial Division I campaign. Their quest for a NCAA national championship ended with a 2-0 loss to the number one ranked University of Washington and an 8-0 defeat against Indiana University.

“When we met last fall, Coach (Jana) McGinnis set the team goal of making the conference tournament,” said returning pitcher and third baseman Rachel Riddell. “Once we won the Western Division of the TAAC, our goal was to win the conference tournament.”

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Gamecocks to attack by air this season

by Rebecca Matanic

Chanticleer Sports editor

Head Football Coach Bill Burgess led the Gamecocks to an impressive 7-4 record in his first season coaching at the NCAA Division I-AA level. Entering the 1996 season the Gamecocks hope to improve upon last year's success. However, the road will be tough as the Gamecocks will face their toughest schedule ever, including three Southland Football League games.

Optimism resounds as the Gamecocks return 16 starters to this year's squad. Experience will be helpful as offensive coordinator Charles Kelly installs the I-formation into the Gamecock offensive attack. The I-formation should lead to a stronger passing attack from sophomore quarterback Montressa Kirby. If Kirby fails the Gamecocks have depth at quarterback with redshirt freshman Brooks Barron or sophomore Jedarius Isaac to call upon.

The JSU running game will once again fall into the capable hands of junior tailback Amel Jackson, 5' 7", 180 lbs. Jackson led the Gamecocks with 657



No. 13 Jennifer Harbinson

yards rushing, 153 carries and scoring last season. The JSU rushing attack has lost Jason Reynolds to graduation and Anton Whitt and Lewis Battle to academic problems. However, the Gamecocks will still have depth at running back thanks to junior fullback's Monaletto Irby and Gabe Walton. Junior halfback Demetrick Thomas is also expected to lead the rushing charge.

The JSU receivers cause the most concern to the coaching staff offensively. Although the Gamecocks feel they can count on sophomore Patrick Plott to make big plays, coach Kelly realizes the team needs some younger players to step up for the passing game to be successful.

Coach Kelly believes that the offensive line is the strength of the JSU attack. With experience and 6' 4", 297-pound guard Jason Haas anchoring the line the Gamecocks should have the blocks to spring the rushing game and the protection to give Kirby time to throw downfield.

Defensively, coordinator Roland Houston has reason for optimism as the Gamecocks return 9 of 11 starters to a squad that transitioned to a 4-3 defensive scheme. The 4-3 alignment was successful for the Gamecocks as they allowed 1,000 fewer passing yards and grabbed 17 interceptions.

Senior David Mahaffey, 6' 1" 270-

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Gamecock baseball wins division, bows out early in TAAC tourney

by Rebecca Matanic

Chanticleer Sports editor

The Jacksonville State University Gamecock baseball team finished a promising season with two in the May 1996 Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament. The Gamecocks won the regular season TAAC western division crown, but were unable to take advantage of their number two seed in the TAAC Tournament dropping consecutive games to lower seeds Florida Atlantic University 11-7 and Florida International University 10-8.

The Gamecocks concluded the 1996 campaign with a 33-18 mark. The Gamecocks led the TAAC in batting average, slugging percentage and fielding percentage. JSU also led the TAAC offensively averaging 6.94 runs per game. Although Gamecock pitchers ranked eighth in the conference in earned run average, pitcher Bryan Williamson's 2.39 ERA placed him 19th nationally. First baseman Mike Garner of the Gamecocks led the TAAC in doubles with 22 and finished second in the conference with a .686 slugging percentage. Garner was

SPORTS SHORTS

Cross country teams pin hopes on freshmen, transfers

Head coach Dick Bell's men's and women's cross country teams begin their second season Saturday at the University of Tennessee-Chanooga Invitational.

Last season Bell's teams finished near the bottom of the Trans America Athletic Conference. However, Bell is optimistic that recruits will strengthen this year's teams and move them at least to the middle of the TAAC Conference standings.

Of the 17 men on the cross country roster, only 5' 8" runner Daniel Dean is a senior. Emily Wester is the lone senior on the women's squad.

Bell is hopeful that 5' 4" sophomore Leslie Gardner, who competed as a freshman in the NAIA Nationals as a freshman at the University of Mobile last year and 5' 9" junior Tracy Clifton from Gadsden Community College will elevate the women's team.

For the men, Bell is relying on University of Mobile transfer Dana Cronin, a sophomore, to lift the team. Expectations are also high for 6' 0", freshman Shawn Griffin, also from Mobile. Griffin was named All-State in cross country all four years of high school.

The cross country team's first home meet is homecoming day, October 5, when they host the JSU Invitational.

The Lady Gamecock volleyball started their 96 season by winning three of four matches in University of Alabama-Birmingham Invitational, August 30 and 31 at

Sandlin leads Lady Gamecocks to 3-1 finish in UAB volleyball tourney

by Rebecca Matanic

Chanticleer Sports editor

the UAB Arena in Birmingham.

Despite only dropping a five game match to South Alabama, 16-14, 9-15, 13-15, 16-14, 11-15 the Lady Gamecocks finished third in the four team tournament. A tie breaking formula determined the order of finish of the top three teams in the invitational, each of which lost just one match. South Alabama took top honors, while UAB was second and Samford fourth.

JSU's senior, outside hitter, Amanda Sandlin was selected to the All-Tournament Team. Sandlin led the Gamecock offensive attack with 48 kills in the four matches. She also contributed 31 digs and four blocks on defense.

Junior, Kim Carney a 5-8 outside hitter was second in kills with 46. Defensively, Carney had 47 digs and six blocks. Freshman Kelly Rhinehart led the Gamecock defense with 57 digs.

Lady Gamecocks topple opponents, take title

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Riddell, a community college transfer from Illinois, said she was initially nervous about joining JSU's softball team.

"When I first got here, I was just concerned about surviving the practices," she said. Once she settled in though, Riddell realized that not only was she ready to make the transition from community college softball to Division I, but so were the Lady Gamecocks.

"Last season was a dream come true for everybody, especially for coach (Mc Ginnis)," Riddell said.

Although the Lady Gamecocks opened their '96 season in February with 10 consecutive wins, Riddell said that she feels a road trip to Louisiana and Florida in which the team won 11 games in a row was the turning point of the season.

"We beat Southeastern Louisiana and Centenary on their home fields. That is tough to do. After that we went to Florida for the Orlando Rebel Spring Games," she said. "We went undefeated in Florida. I think that's where things really came together for us."

The Lady Gamecock's success last season was not only due to talent and dedication, but also team chemistry. Riddell said the team had great chemistry.

"I really felt my teammates were like sisters last year," she said.

Besides their conference crown and NCAA Tournament appearance, the Lady Gamecocks also were able to meet softball Olympic gold medalists Dot Richardson and Lisa Fernandez after a doubleheader split with the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

"I think it is long overdue for fast pitch softball to get recognition," she said referring to the enthusiasm and support the U.S. women's team received at the Olympics.

Riddell hopes some of that same enthusiasm will spill over to the Lady Gamecocks in their 1997 season. However, the Gamecocks have a big pitching void to fill with the loss of pitching ace and TAAC Player of the Year Ann Shelton. Shelton led the pitching staff with a 28-8 record and 0.71 ERA, while also earning academic All-District honors with a 3.59 grade point average in her Special Education major.

Although Shelton's loss will be felt, the Lady Gamecocks will rely on Riddell, 11-3, with a 1.96 ERA in 1996, junior Julie Kish and sophomore Renee LeGrande to fill Shelton's void. The Lady Gamecocks will also have the pitching arm of Jamie Miller, a junior college transfer from Illinois

to bolster their rotation.

"I hope we can shoulder the load of losing Ann," Riddell said. "The battery (pitcher and catcher) has to work together. I feel lucky to have such great defenders behind us," she said.

Along with solid defensive play from returning infielders and outfielders, the Lady Gamecocks have some of their leading hitters returning for the 1997 season. Senior Jennifer Russo, batted .345 last season with 32 RBI's while splitting time between first base and catcher. Riddell hit at a .321 clip while driving in 21 runs. Center fielder Rhonda Freeman contributed 20 RBIs with a .256 batting average.

"I think there are high expectations because of what we did last year," Riddell said. "I think everybody in the conference will be looking out for us. They're going to want to take the TAAC crown back from us."

The Lady Gamecock's success in the 1996 season not only leads to higher expectations for their second year at the Division I level, but also pressure. While Riddell said that the team was happy to earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament they were not content to simply make an appearance against Washington and Indiana.

"It was a real emotional year," she said. "We were sad

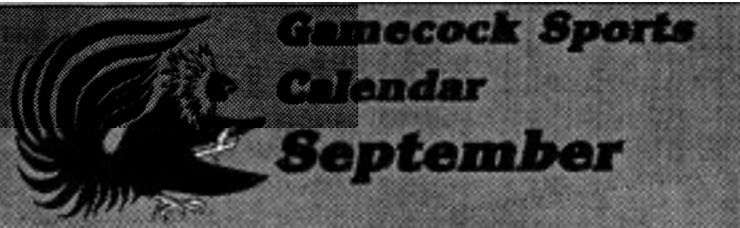
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pounds and an All-American candidate and NFL prospect will once again lead the defensive line and the Gamecock pass rush. Juniors DeRamus Houston and Warren Blair should also make life difficult for opposing quarterbacks.

Senior Sidney Tyus will anchor an experienced linebacker

corps. The secondary might just be the Gamecock's strongest defensive unit as three of four starters are returning including cornerbacks Tony Gordon and Chris Stewart.

The Gamecocks kick off their 1996 season at home against West Georgia, Saturday at 7 p.m. JSU defeated the West Georgia Braves 25-22 last season.



Gamecock Sports Calendar September

- 5 - Soccer vs. Mercer, Home, 3:00 P.M.
- 6 - Volleyball at Furman Invitational, Greenville, S.C.
- 7 - Football vs. West Georgia, Home 7:00 P.M.
- JSU Adidas Invitational Soccer Tournament
Tusculum vs. Huntingdon, 12:00 P.M.
JSU vs. UAH, 2:00 P.M.
- Cross Country at UTC Invitational, Chattanooga, Tenn., 5:00 P.M.
- 8 - JSU Adidas Invitational
UAH vs. Tusculum, 12:00 P.M.
JSU vs. Huntingdon, 2:00 P.M.
- 11 - Soccer vs. MTSU, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 4:00 P.M.
- Volleyball vs. UNA, Florence, 7:00 P.M.
- 13 - Soccer vs. UAB, Home, 7:00 P.M.
- 14 - Football vs. Nicholls State, Thibodaux, La., 7:00 P.M.
- Volleyball vs. Georgia State, Atlanta, TBA
- Cross Country at Georgia State Invitational, Atlanta, 8:30 A.M.
- 15 - Soccer vs. Centenary, Shreveport, La., 2:00 P.M.
- 17 - Soccer vs. SE Louisiana, Hammond, La., 2:00 P.M.
- 20 - Volleyball at Stetson Invitational, DeLand, Fla.
- 21 - Football vs. UAB, Birmingham, 6:00 P.M.
- Soccer vs. LSU, Mobile, 12:00 P.M.
- Cross Country at Camel Invitational, Buies Creek, N.C.
- 22 - Soccer vs. New Mexico, Mobile, 12:00 P.M.
- 24 - Volleyball vs. UTC, Home, 6:30 P.M.
- 27 - Soccer vs. Mercer, Macon, Ga., 3:00 P.M.
- 28 - Football vs. SW Missouri, Springfield, Mo., 7:00 P.M.
- Volleyball vs. Mercer, Macon, Ga., TBA
- 30 - Soccer vs. Georgia State, Home, 4:00 P.M.

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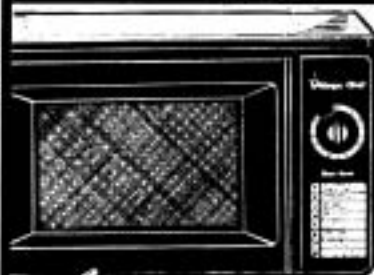
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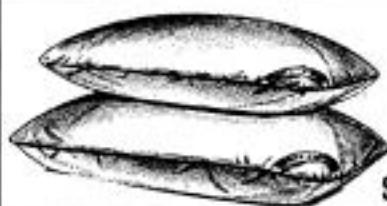


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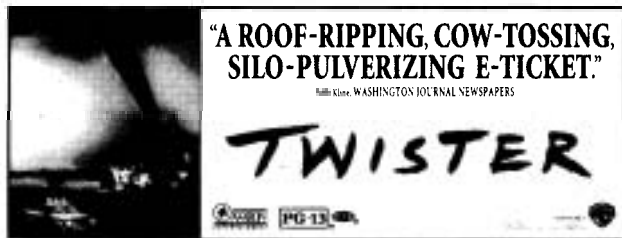
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