Animals run wild on campus

by Thomas Webb
News Editor

When Housekeeping brought him two wild kittens, International House Director Grindley Curren knew they would need medical attention right away.

They [Housekeeping] had noticed these kittens that had a wild mom. They told me about them, and I said, "Well, if you can catch them give them to me," and they did," Curren said. "We got them straight to the vet, and one of them had one eye. I think we'll be able to save that.

The other kitten, however, was completely blind. The kittens, according to Curren, had an eye infection which could easily have been treated if they had been born in a home. Their sight problems made the two kittens very dependent on each other.

"What was kind of touching about the whole deal was that the totally blind one was so dependent on the other one," Curren said. "They're a perfect pair. They do things together, and the partially sighted one took care of the blind one."

Curren took care of the two kittens for about a week before they were placed together. One reason that Curren devoted his time to taking care of the kittens is his intense love of animals.

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Fake ID’s and free tickets

by Scott Hopsin and Buffy Smith
Editor-in-Chief and News Writer

Athletic Director, says that information about the tickets was given to the Anniston Star.

She says someone called the Star and left a message on their answering machine, inquiring why the Anniston Star hadn't written a story about the investigation.

This tape was turned over to Jerry Cole, and he played it at a staff meeting in front of coaches and staff.

When asked about the tape from the Anniston Star, Cole said, "We had a staff meeting, and that was one thing that was discussed, and I think probably that wasn't a problem, that was a matter of trying to enlighten people, or their policy.

Jerry Cole refused to say what the TAAC investigation was about. "I'm supposed to be enlightened, not sure that I can tell you what it's about because of personalities involved and about because we cannot imply things because everybody seems to be afraid about employees," says Cole. "Let's of this looming threat of being..."

Anonymous sources say that TAAC refused to comment, due to "to inform people, so that rely so much on rumors."

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According to an anonymous source, Osbourne's husband, Johnny, was accused of giving the information to the Anniston Star. The source states that Johnny Osbourne volunteered for a lie detector test, but it was not necessary.

Parker, who worked at JSU's ticket office, declined to comment. He was Ken Patterson, Sports Editor of the released from his job making student Anniston Star, said he didn't give a IDs, though he is still in the Assistant tape to Cole. "I gave no tape to Jerry Golf Coach.

According to the JSU bookstore, it would have used it. Also, Patterson has taken over making student IDs.

Cole says, "There's a study that goes through..."

"There's no tape to my knowledge. Through it's really cut backs and The Anniston Star did not hand over a where you can economize people and tape to anyone."

positions you can do without and Bob Cole says, "I've got a tape, but I was caught up in that, but he's still didn't get it from the Anniston Star."

He refused to tell where the tape came from, or what it said. "It concerns personalities," says Cole. TAAC investigations, Cole said "His "and we don't discuss personalities.," coaching part didn't, no."

Marilyn Osbourne, former Assistant Athletic Director, says that information about the tickets was given to the Anniston Star.
SGA Senate: “We’re not done yet.”

by Thomas Webb
News Editor

After thirty-eight bills, four resolutions, two concerts, a hypnotist and a Gong Show, members of the SGA senate feel they have had a major impact on life at JSU.

“We’ve done some great things as an SGA this semester,” SGA President Chris Glover said at this week’s meeting. “The way they’re going to do graduation from now on is going to be changed. We also had a great hand in forming the food court that will be put in this building. We’ve also done a lot of work: we’ve had the largest concert that this school has ever had.”

This semester the SGA has passed resolutions supporting a new food court in the TMB, and having students march in and out at graduation. This year’s Senate has also tried to bring more entertainment to JSU this year.

“As far as entertainment-wise, the school has been so-called apathetic in the past. I don’t know if it was the school, or the lack of events,” SGA 2nd Vice President Gregg Swindall said. “This semester has probably been one of the most packed semesters as far as events, as far as quality movies, not one concert, but two concerts, a hypnotism show, a gong show, and several other events that have occurred during the year. And the fact is, that was one semester.”

The Senate itself has been more active than last year’s, passing 10 bills more than last year’s senate had by this time last year. Part of this increase was a result of bills dealing with allocations. This year the rules of the Senate have changed so the whole body of the Senate voted on allocations, rather than leaving their approval solely up to the Allocations Committee.

“The Senate has also tried to get more people involved on campus,” Jordan said. “This year has seen an increase in turnout at many SGA-sponsored events. Jordan says this rise in involvement has been reflected in the attitude of this year’s senators.”

“Interests like people are just more motivated this time,” Jordan said. “I don’t know really what the difference is, to be honest, but, on campus I’ve seen more involvement in everything really. I haven’t had to throw people off the Senate for missing a bunch of meetings.”

Swindall said he has also noticed a difference from last year’s Senate.

“I was on the Senate last year, and I’ve noticed that we’ve taken more action,” Swindall said. “We’ve tried to make a statement on campus that we’re going to be involved, that what we do really does matter, and that we’re representing the students well.”

The Senate also has plans to continue this trend through the rest of the year. Casino Night, another blood drive, and possibly another concert are in the works for next semester.

“We’re in the process of working on another concert,” Swindall said. “It will be a college band. Right now I really can’t divulge anything.”

Glover said that more on-campus events could help raise the university’s visibility for prospective students.

“The thing is we’re not done, and if students would just realize if there’s something that you want, come to us!”
—Gregg Swindall

SGA Senate President Leanne Jordan talks after a meeting Fritz issue with the city of Jacksonville, according to Swindall, trying to get the city to paint lines on Mountain Street.

“I think the city is looking down on the University, and is not helping us with that,” Swindall said. “So our safety committee has taken it into their own hands. We’re going to stand up against the city, and say ‘This is what we want.’ We’re tired of people getting tickets for weaving when there are no lines. As far as the whole Senate, we’re standing up, and we’re showing what we’re made of.”

Despite all the senate has done this semester, members think there is still room for improvement. SGA senator Ryan Kruzinski thinks his fellow senators should be more vocal about what they want.

“I do think that there are a lot of people who don’t give their opinion and just kind of go with the flow,” Kruzinski says. “Each one of us is an individual, and I think that we have the right to exercise that individuality. And I think that we should a little more than we have. However, we have made great strides, as far as I’m concerned, and as far as I know from other SGA’s.”

Swindall said that students should approach the SGA with ideas for events they want to see on campus.

“The thing is we’re not done, and if students would just realize if there’s something that you want, come to us,” Swindall said. “We’ll do the best we can to get it done. And the fact is, students have showed concern, and we are doing things, and things will continue to be done. Come to us and we’ll show...
Inhale smoothly: stress and finals
by Rachel Riddell
Managing Editor

What can Jacksonville State students, along with everyone else, do to prepare and relax at this stressful time of the year? Bob Boyle says, "If I can, I get away from it (stress). I'll go to a restaurant around here, like Cooter Brown's or Huddle House. This time of the year is the least stressful time of the semester because I study throughout the whole semester and avoid cramming."

All lives are full of demands that effect us at different levels. As a result, some symptoms start to show up, such as anxiety, depression, and other negative mood states often expressing anger, or irritability. Some physical tension can be felt with stomach cramps, headaches.

"I pull all nighters, take lots of caffeine, eat less, smoke lots of cigarettes," says Ryan Kowinski.

Sometimes it's necessary to use relaxation techniques. A recent issue of "Self-Help & Psychology Magazine," suggested some ways to relax. For example in the technique called breathing-up:

- Lie in a comfortable position allowing you to breathe freely and deeply through your mouth. If you prefer, tilt your head back slightly.
- Place your finger tips in the little pits under each collar-bone. Inhale smoothly and fully to feel your finger tips move.
- Each out breath must be an act of relaxation. You must be very conscious of this fact and focus on this aspect. Breathing fully is a challenge, and at first it might be difficult to do it smoothly; don't worry, keep practicing. You'll know when you are doing it right because each out breath will take you deeper and deeper into the relaxation experience.

Coping with stress at this time of the year is much easier if you anticipate it and employ a few more techniques to reduce its effect upon you.

-Don't eat too much sugar. The immediate effect of too much sweet stuff will take a heavy toll on your mood.
-Try to avoid too many alcoholic beverages.
-Take long naps. Don't miss out on that much needed sleep.
-Keep moving. Go for a brisk walk after dinner; dance to your favorite tunes.
-Make time for a placid night. Quiet moments alone can give you great peace of mind. (Tips courtesy of http://www.healthnet/-/themes/Holiday/)"

"The key to all of this is to keep stress from overwhelming you. Plan ahead, rest and eat well. Take care of your body and emotional well-being. You can survive it all if you try."

Faculty members lose their senses
by Buffy Smith
News Writer

Last Tuesday, twelve JSU faculty and staff members volunteered to have a disability for a few hours in JSU's Disability Awareness Day.

From 9 A.M. until 12 P.M. these JSU employees conducted their normal daily activities with a disability. The goal of the awareness day was to enlighten people of the challenges that JSU's disabled students undergo everyday.

"One of the things we were hoping for was for the faculty to realize what a challenge it is for some students just to get to class everyday," says Janet White of Disabled Student Services.

Each faculty/staff member that chose to participate was assigned to the disability of their choice, although, according to White, many of them wrote back saying they would have whatever disability they were assigned.

Student mentors were assigned to the participants who had the same disability. These disabled students met with the participants before Disability Awareness Day and discussed with them the limitations they have due to their disability.

"I learned a lot," says Rufus Kinney. JSU English Professor who volunteered to be blindfolded for the cause. "I was totally dependant on my wife. It was the first time I can remember shattering my mouth."

Dr. Cusimano, Assistant Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs was also blind for a day. She says, "Everything I tried to do was different, difficult—answering the phone, using the computer, walking to the water fountain, sitting through a meeting. Everything was a challenge."

Cusimano said that he learned "renewed appreciation for those who live with their disability on a daily basis. I could take the blindfold off."

There are over 150 disabled students at Jax State. JSU's Disabled Student Services provides support for these students. "Our mission is academic support," says Janet White. Some of the services provided by DSS are interpreters and note-takers for the deaf and blind.

DSS started having Disability Awareness Day five years ago. They try something new every year. According to White, in past years the awareness day involved the entire campus. Obstacle courses and guest speakers were provided. However, this year DSS wanted a more individually focused event. Plans for the events of next year's Disability Awareness Day have not been made yet.
Grindley Curren feeds one of the blind kittens.

JSU students attend International Congress

by Rachel Riddell
Managing Editor

Marlene Alvarez-Medina, Malcolm Davidson, and KC Rajendra of Jacksonville State University were among the 112 international students from seven southeastern states selected to attend the Congress for International Students on Global Development held at The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia November 14-15 1997.

US Ambassador Gordon Streep, Director of Global Development Initiatives at The Carter Center, opened the Congress with the comment, "Never before has the Carter Center hosted such a diverse group with such an impressive variety of backgrounds."

During the two day Congress the international students spoke with Carter Center staff on ways to further development projects in their home countries. The students also networked with each other and Carter Center staff.

The Carter Center, in Atlanta, Georgia, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy institute founded by former US President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, 1982. The Center is dedicated to fighting disease, hunger, poverty, conflict, and oppression through collaborative initiatives in the areas of democratization and development, global health, and urban revitalization.

The occasion for the Congress was the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of NAFSA: Association of International Educators. NAFSA is the largest professional membership association in the world for individuals and educational institutions engaged in the advancement of effective international educational exchange. NAFSA will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1998.

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These stray kittens are just an example of a greater problem on campus, and in the local community, according to Curren. He says that Calhoun County has a large population of strays. The solution, Curren says, is getting people to have their pets spayed or neutered.

"In the long run that's going to solve our problem," Curren says. "That's one of our main thrusts in the League for Animal Welfare: the low-cost spay-neuter program. I think we fix five to six hundred animals a year. Think what would happen if we didn't do that - God knows how many [strays] would be wandering around."

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City Council puts the heat on citizens

by Donna Huff
News Writer

Those of you who are pinching pennies to buy Christmas gifts may want to add a new coat to your Christmas list. The Jacksonville City Council voted in favor of a five-percent increase in gas rates at its November 24 meeting and customers will see this increase on their December bill.

Jacksonville State University, the city's biggest customer, will also be paying this increase according to Michael Rinker, Utility Office supervisor for Jacksonville. JSU paid the city almost $140,000 last year, but only heats about 20 percent of campus with gas, said Jim McArthur, director of JSU’s Physical Plant. In the Water Works, Gas and Sewer Board's recommendation, rates will increase, but the minimum bill of $4.50 will not go up. This is the first increase in more than 13 years, Rinker says, and the minimum bill will still be below the charge of the Alabama Gas Corporation.

Jacksonville paid $4.15 per thousand cubic feet for gas in October of this year compared to $3.21 in October of 1992. The additional money from the gas increase will go into the general budget according to Councilmen. The city council also voted in favor of awarding the bid for the new Water Works, Gas and Sewer Department facility to Goodgame Welding and Construction of Pell City.

This new facility, however, will be a utility building only, and the office will not move from its current location at city hall.

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The Christmas parade will be Thursday evening, December 4 through downtown Jacksonville.

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This is not meant to be a lecture. We get enough lectures from instructors and from home.

Alright, I realize it's not a good idea to burn a candle at both ends. I know that I am doing it anyway, and I'm not alone. Stress is not something that's restricted to you. There are three lists of things to accomplish everyday. It just happens that those grey hairs that keep popping in view on top of my head.

This is just to let you know how any college experience can be so much more fulfilling. College is a time when you make or break yourself. More often, both are accomplished. I know that I am grateful for the people I have met by being involved at Jax State, and the friendships that have developed with many of them.

There are many ways to be involved with Jax State. I don't think it would be fair to try to even mention every campus activity, but I'll try to find a few.

You wouldn't be reading this at all if I wasn't active in the student media. This is helpful for my major and resume. This is high on the stress scale when it comes to deadlines, but hey, I wouldn't change it for the world. I live for the excitement when there's a need to have it done, right now.

And you know, there is a lot of teamwork that goes on in most groups, clubs, and activities. I know being a part of Lady Gamecock athletics and athletics at others colleges, has helped me deal with most anyone and most crunch time situations.

It's the little things that make the biggest difference, for example: just showing someone how to turn on a computer; letting someone know that their shoe lace is untied; sharing information on topics you need help with (tutoring); a goofy grin to change a grouch into a more reasonable person.

There are just too many little things that go without notice, and you have to learn to accept that and be a silent angel at times. Like most times, it's great for building character. Believe me, my butt has been saved by character more times than I'd like to admit.

Right now, I am preparing to graduate. As long as I live to see the end of this week without any major problems, I am going to go. Scary thing is, I don't know where I'll be by then. But that's okay. Life will be boring if it were entirely predictable.

Since I won't be a student here next semester, that means I won't be writing here either. (Quitting seems so loud, it's rude.) I just thought it would be nice to leave some words of sarcastic advice to help someone through their college journey.

Remember, you hear someone taking a shower in the dorm, walk over to the commode, and flush a few times, they'll appreciate it. I know I do. And that alarm clock, very important, turn it on to go off every weekend you're away so that your neighbors (in the dorm or apartment buildings) have to deal with an alarm blaring away for hours at a time. Even better, set it for the middle of the night.

Make sure, that by midterm, you have reached the limit of cuts for all of your classes. This way, when you are really sick and miserable, you can pass the germs to everyone on campus (don't tell me there aren't people that do this).

And when you can't find a way to tell someone (a good person) how stupid you feel for acting like an idiot, by all means avoid them for the rest of the semester.

That's enough advice. There are a few more things that need to be said.

I really would like to thank everyone that has supported me in my college years. There are the roommates from the states of Wisconsin, Florida, Alabama, and Illinois, I thank you all for your friendship and not killing me for my messy side of the room. Softball coaches, if it weren't for you I wouldn't have had a chance to play a sport that I love (intercollegiately), or received my education at a great price.

All of my instructors, without you, I would not be needing to write this. All of my family deserves a thank you, they did a great job at helping me with everything. Above all, the numerous friends that have made me smile and have shown me what life is all about, almost. Thank you again. Au revoir, mes amis.

Isn't it strange how much difference a year can make? You experience so many things, and grow so much because of them. You really don't notice how much you've changed until you go back to the people and places you grew up around.

Going home for the holidays after you've moved out on your own really gives a perspective on how things really are. Most people go through that stage where they think they know everything, and think their parents have just rolled off the potato wagon. You think to yourself that everything they do must be directed towards the aim of making your life miserable - after all, you're the center of the universe, aren't you?

Curfew, allowances, and strict discipline for misbehavior make you think that your parents are horrible ogres. But after you get away from home and have to start supporting yourself, you begin to realize what your parents were trying to teach you all along: self-reliance.

But when you're still in the house with your parent's you can't see beyond the day-to-day arguments and battles, and realize just how smart your parents are.

So it comes as a surprise when you see your family again, and come upon the realization that maybe your parents knew what they were doing all along. You can see that those years of yard work and dishwashing weren't really their way of making you into their source of slave labor; they were just trying to give you a work ethic so you wouldn't fall flat on your face upon entering the job market.

And a good long separation really is best for both sides. Sure you miss having all the bills paid, never having to worry about losing your job, and having the security of familiar things around you. But nothing compares to the feeling of being out on your own, knowing that you don't have to answer to anyone but yourself. And there is the pride you feel at being able to support yourself.

What do the parents get out of it? Well, beyond the plummeting costs of their monthly telephone, electric, water and grocery bills, they get to spend some time alone together. Especially if you're the last child out of the house. And they get to turn your old bedroom into the pool hall they've always wanted.

It really does seem like something changes in both of you while you're separated. They stop worrying quite as much about you. By the time you're in college they've either done a good job raising you, or its just too late to do anything about it.

And you begin to realize that they're not really half as bad as you remembered. They're actually pretty cool people when you stop to think about it. Who else would have put up with your tantrums and your whining?

Having you away for a while probably lowers the parents out a bit too... even the most irritating child is tolerable in small doses. You know they didn't mean to be so frustrating; they were young once, too.

And so you find that you've reached a comfortable zone with your family, and you're able to accept them for what they are, and know that they'll do the same.

Its nothing really earth-shattering - countless people have been through the same thing before - but it's still a good feeling to be at peace with your family, and finally be able to see how much you love them.
In response to Mr. Vance’s letter of 13 November 1997 regarding parking:

I agree with Mr. Vance’s idea that we are the paying customers, but JSU does not agree with us. On a similar subject, take attendance policies. I have heard some teachers on defending the attendance policy say, “Well, we have to come, so you have to come.” This is faulty reasoning. We are not PAID to come, we PAY to come. If college is supposed to build responsibility, how will bringing us to come to class work? If we pay, shouldn’t we be responsible enough to come or not? We can vote and die for our country, but we’re not old enough to make our own decisions.

Students who can pass without showing up to class should be rewarded, not punished. If they can’t, then they’ll fail without the help of the attendance policy. An attendance policy is as absurd as putting a screen door on a submarine. No real college has one. Responsible adults must attend there. Think of what kind of message you’re sending students, JSU—“Well, if you look at age, you’re adults, but we don’t go by that here.” If anyone can think of a reason to have attendance policies, I’d love to hear it.

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During finals, I don’t know. After finals I’ll be celebrating with my good friend Jack!

Micah Cushing
Senior

I throw my books up against the wall and watch movies and play on the computer.

Rebecca Washington
Freshman

I will take a bubble bath, light some candles, and listen to my favorite slow jams.

Misty Mitchell
Freshman

Give up studying and go out. “BEER!!!!!!”

Chad Gainey
Graduate Student

I’ll probably watch sportscenter and just kick back.

Douglas Benefield
Junior

Make my boyfriend cook me dinner and feed me cheesecake

Tanya Cole
Junior

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Right and middle left: The crews of WLJS can only hope that you enjoy listening to their shows as much as they enjoyed providing you your live airwave entertainment.

Right and middle right: If the airwave entertainment wasn't enough for you, then maybe you found some of the local entertainment like the Cool Beans CD party at Brothers [Middle right] or the now famous Open Mic Night at the Acoustic Cafe [Right].
Right: part of the campus went medieval during parents day. The local chapter of the SCA dressed up, fought it out, and let parents day participants shoot arrows at them. What more could you ask for?

Middle right: this was the year that fraternity row was dedicated as the Paul Carpenter Village. Paul Carpenter was the man with the vision that made this site of buildings a physical reality.

Middle left and right: the JSU Gamecock Cheerleaders gave us their all for both football and basketball teams. Here they are at the first pep rally of the season and at Midnight Madness.
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ANSWERS

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 FEATURES

Freddy Clements
JSU drama teacher is a man in perpetual motion

By Scott Hopkin
Contributing Editor

"Nobody comes to visit me in the evening unless they want to make an evening of it. I'll put on the fancy coffee and they can't shut me up."

Freddy Clements is one of the more unusual, and nicest, persons you can meet. Not only is he recognized as an excellent instructor, both by the students and by the faculty, he is one of the renowned experts on period women's underwear on the eastern seaboard.

"I think he is a very talented man," says Dr. Steve Whitton, JSU English professor and regular actor and director. "I've also seen him work around students. I think he's a really, really good teacher with students. I think [he] probably cares about them too."

Clements teaches more than eight classes over the course of a year, some of which he doesn't charge to the university. "Its okay," he says, "the second level [classes] are the ones who are really interested."

He also occasionally takes a few students with him when he works during the summer, in order to get experience in theater away from the university.

Clements says he is constantly teaching, even when he was working professionally. When he decided that education was the field in which he wanted to earn his living, he and his parents briefly sought: they felt he was making a mistake, mostly because of their own personal experience. Clement's parents, both musicians and both former teachers, had a very bad experience involving two drunks, a high school student and a choral trip. They eventually worked out their differences; they insisted that he never teach "twelve and under."

Clements doesn't regret his field change. "I realized I've always been a teacher," says Clements. He says he always would stop when he was working when he or someone else discovered a new thing.

Clements is already working on the JSU production "Pirates of Penzance" as well as working on an opera for Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In addition to the classes he teaches, "when I'm doing a show, I'm doing a full time job," says Clements.

Clements focuses on preparation, especially in researching costume designs. "I usually use every show as an excuse to buy a new book," says Clements. However, he says that he gets most of his research done through looking at "real garments just rotting in attics," as well as going to museums and looking at their textile collection.

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Music lovers, be prepared for a rock'n'country experience. **Come On Over** is Shania Twain's follow-up to *The Woman In Me*, and it is packed with sixteen great songs. Some of the songs have attitude, but Shania also shows her softer side.

Currently climbing the charts is "Love Gets Me Every Time" (or the "goldarn gone and done it" song). This song has a toe-tapping beat that made me want to get up and dance the first time I heard it. And if you've ever fallen in love at the most inopportune time, you can definitely identify with it.

"Don't Be Stupid (You Know I Love You)" is her latest single release. The only way I know how to describe it is a love song with an attitude. The music is great—a mixture of drums, guitar, and a little fiddle thrown in. I'm sure it will be making its own trip up the charts.

"From This Moment On", her duet with Bryan White, has wedding song of the year written all over it. And this song has versatility. I predict that it will make an appearance on the pop charts as well.

"Man! I Feel Like A Woman!" and "Whatever You Do! Don't!" are songs with a very sexy sound, aided by Twain's touch-me-not vocal quality. And men everywhere need to take notes from "If You Wanna Touch Her, Ask!" This song outlines the true way to a woman's heart.

"You're Still The One" and "I Won't Leave You Lonely" are both love songs with a slower beat and a romantic sound. She shows her emotional side, then swings right back into feminism with "That Don't Impress Me Much".

In my opinion, **Come On Over** is Shania Twain's best work yet. Clements from page 11 pretty it was [on them]." Besides working with the actors, Clements works with the director and producer to envision their play, so that he can make the costumes match. One of his favorite cohorts to work with is Whitton, who has worked with Clements with whom he arrived at JSU. "We communicate real easily," says Clements. Clements says that he has worked with Whitton in six plus performances at with wildflowers from the Virginia area, which makes him strong background in theater which he says helps to communicate what he is feeling.

Clements plans on staying in Jacksonville until he retires. "Probably much to my mother's dismay," he says, shaking his head ruefully. He says that this part of Alabama has attracted a lot of people from the Virginia area, his birth state. Clements hurt. "He's brilliant," says Frank Soukey, a student of Freddy Soukey who Whitton says this area has been seeded

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Last second shot in overtime gives JSU a 2-3 mark

by Shannon Fagan

The basketball season has opened up full swing for the Gamecocks. So far on the young season, Jax State is 2-3.

Last Tuesday, the Gamecocks captured their second win of the young season against Louisiana State. The game was tied at the end of regulation, but a last second shot by Jay Knowlton in overtime gave JSU an 82-80 win.

Knowlton finished the game with 33 points. He also had 10 rebounds on the evening.

Other Gamecocks in double figures were Derrell Johnson with 26 points and Alex Beason with 10 points.

Alabama State was led by Jonathan Gilbert's 28 points. Corey Williams wasn't far behind, scoring 21 points on the night.

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Jax State rifle team shoots down their competition

by Shannon Fagan

On November 21-23, the Gamecock rifle team hosted the Gamecock Rifle Invitational. Competing teams included Texas-Paso, Tennessee Technological University, the University of Memphis, Mercer University, and Austin Peay.

The competition was composed of two parts: the smallbore team rifle competition and the air rifle competition. Jacksonville State finished in first place overall with an aggregate score of 6117.

In the smallbore rifle competition, Jacksonville State was led by Shane Barnhart. He achieved a prone shooting score of 397, a standing score of 372, and a kneeling score of 396.

In the second quarter, the Trojans put together a four-play, 55-yard drive that resulted in Jones' second touchdown run. He bulldozed his way in from two-yards out. The point-after was good, increasing Troy's lead 14-0.

The Trojans continued to pour it on later in the quarter. After a Gamecock punt, Andy Swafford returned 69 yards for a touchdown. The extra point made it 21-0.

Troy State scored once again in the quarter on a 74-yard drive that resulsed in Jones' third touchdown run of the evening. The Gamecocks couldn't establish any type of scoring drive and trailed by 21-0.

In the third quarter, the onslaught continued. Jones found his way into the end zone once again. This time, he rumbled in from one-yard out. The point-after made it an overwhelming 35-0 lead.

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Troy State demolishes Gamecocks in season-ender

by Shannon Fagan

Jacksonville State traveled to Troy on Thursday, November 20 to face their in-state nemesis, the Troy State Trojans. The Gamecocks were destroyed by the Trojans, losing by the final of 49-0.

"They've got a really good football team. I give Troy a lot of credit," said coach Mike Williams after the loss.

For Williams, this was his first opportunity as a head coach to go up against his alma mater. He was hoping for a different result, however.

"It hurts. I think we took a couple of steps back tonight. Our younger players now have a better understanding of this rivalry," Williams said.

The Trojans wasted little time in taking control. Running back Phillip Jones ran wild against the Gamecock defense all night long.

Jones tied a school record on the evening for most touchdowns in a game with four scoring runs.

His first touchdown scamper came in the first quarter. Jones dashed 21-yards for Troy's first score of the evening. Lawrence Tynes' extra point made it 7-0 Troy State.

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Lady Gamecocks battle Southern Miss to the wire

by Bob Helm
Sports Writer

The Lady Gamecocks officially tipped off their basketball season against Alabama State on Monday, November 24th, and walked away losing by the final of 74-62.

Despite nearly equal shooting and rebounding, Jacksonville State allowed Alabama State to get to the free-throw line 25 times in the second half.

The Lady Gamecocks only reached the free-throw line six times. This proved to be the difference as Alabama State took advantage.

They made 17 of their shots from the foul line. The damage was done mostly by forward Felecia Arrington. She hit eight of her 11 free-throws as well.

JSU was led in scoring and rebounding by senior center Melissa Harden. She scored 16 points and grabbed seven boards.

Freshman Minnie McElrath chipped in with 11 points. She also had four rebounds in only 21 minutes of play.

Last Friday, while most of us were still digesting leftovers from Thanksgiving, the Lady Gamecocks went to the Southern Miss Lady Eagle Classic in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

JSU did not win the tourney, but they went 1-1 and were able to win the consolation game.

In the first game against the host team, Southern Miss, the Lady Gamecocks battled to the wire. With less than two seconds on the clock, Southern Miss scored to win, for the loser would go home winless.

After a close, low scoring first half, the Lady Gamecocks held a two-point lead. Coach Austin's team came out swinging in the second half en route to a nineteen point win, 76-57.


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The consolation game pitted the Lady Gamecocks against Mercer in a game both teams wanted to win, for the loser would go home winless.

The Lady Gamecocks defense forced 21 turnovers and had 14 steals. If JSU wasn't pressuring defensively, they poured it on offensively.

They shot 18 of 35 from the second half, including a sizzling 7 of 14 from three-point land.

Once again, Melissa Harden was the scoring leader for JSU. Harden scored 22 points on 71% shooting. For her effort, Melissa was named to the All-Tournament Squad.

Senior Suzanne Shirley was second in scoring with 12, hitting 4 of 7 from behind the arc. Sophomore Tanya Simmons chipped in with 10 points in only 17 minutes.

The Lady Gamecocks returned to the friendly confines of home on Monday evening. They hosted Belmont University.

The game was close throughout, but in the end Belmont came away with a 69-63 win.

Jacksonville State was led by center Betsy Trau. Trau scored 17 points on the night and grabbed seven rebounds.

Suzan Shirley came off the bench to score 16 points and Melissa Harden stripped the nets for 13 points, but Belmont kept hanging around. At the end of the first period of play, they held a 32-31 advantage.

Cold shooting in the second period spelled doom for the Lady Gamecocks. Jacksonville State only hit seven shots the rest of the way, enabling Belmont to take charge.

Belmont was led in scoring by center Abbey Benton. She scored 15 points and pulled down 15 rebounds.

Jessica Matson chipped in with 10 points as Belmont escaped with the win.

The Lady Gamecocks are back home December 10 in a rematch against Alabama State. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Pete Mathews Coliseum.
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