JSU plans renovations of Hammond

by Jeana Miller
News writer

This summer, the University is planning to repair and renovate parts of Hammond Hall.

One major improvement on the building will be the replacement of part of the roof which has been leaking for some time. Inside the gallery, the University is planning to replace some floor and ceiling tiles, repaint walls, and install a state-of-the-art full-spectrum lighting system.

Charles Groover, Head of the Art Department, is happy the University is doing the renovations which the building has needed for quite a while. He is especially excited about the gallery because it is the most public area of the building.

"We have well over a thousand people who go through our gallery every year (and we want to) present our best face," he explained.

The faculty and staff in Hammond Hall plan to move out of the building in April, and work should begin in May and be completed sometime in August.

Administrative offices currently located in Hammond Hall will move to Daughtell Hall. Classes and faculty offices for May and Summer terms will move to Stone Center.

Groover thinks the repairs will improve the quality of education for art students. The new lighting system will provide even and color-corrected light for art classes. Groover remarked, "Any time... the facility (is) better the learning process and the teaching process is better."

Art major Carrie Willoughby thinks the Hammond Hall repairs are essential as long as the University doesn't cut programs.

“The environment (in which) a student gets an education is important, but the education is the most important thing,” she said.

The Hammond Hall repairs are just one of a series of routine maintenance projects the University is doing. Don Thacker, Acting Vice President of Administrative and Business Affairs, explains that about two years ago, the State Legislature allocated a small amount of bond money to the Universities.

With its part of the money JSU has been doing small repairs in campus buildings including some electrical upgrades in Ayers Hall, roof repairs on the Information Center, and a new air conditioning system for the International House.

The University is currently replacing part of the roof on Abercrombie, so it can be used in the future for offices. The University will use the remainder of the bond money to do the repairs in Hammond Hall and possibly some similar work in Ramsey Wood. Martin Hall will be the next building to receive major renovation.

JSU students love international cuisine fair

by Rachel Riddell
News writer

"The food was so fast, I am still hungry," said Suman Sitwali, former International Student Organization (ISO) President. Saturday night's International Taster's Fair was a success with food disappearing much quicker than people expected.

This year's ISO Taster's Fair was held at Anders Roundhouse where tasters were welcomed in many languages when they arrived. Malcolm Davidson, ISO President, was the MC for the fair. Students and volunteers dressed in colorful costumes from their native lands.

Many entrees representing Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America were available and the food was served quickly. There was also an open bar with a variety of non-alcoholic drinks. Some JSU students even spoke languages other than English.

The event was a success, and the ISO plans to host another one in the future.

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Spring breakers take more risks

by Colleen DeBaise
College Press Services

Menonomie, Wis. Students drink more, use more drugs and engage in riskier sex while on spring break than at their own campuses.

That's what two University of Wisconsin-Stout professors discovered after surveying 500 spring breakers on a Florida beach in 1995. Three out of four men and two out of five women reported being drunk every day, while a third of students said they used marijuana while on spring break, the professors said.

Also, men told the professors that they had more unprotected sex with new partners during break than they typically had at home. "Our findings are quite startling," said the survey authors, tourism professor Bharath Josiam and psychology professor Gorge L. Smeaton.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," said Howard Kalin, an Ohio State University senior. "The idea of spring break is based on partying. It makes a lot of sense."

Kalin spent his spring break on the beach in Jamaica. "I know me and my friends drank more than we normally do and used more drugs than we normally do," he said.

In their survey, the professors noted that alcohol and drug use are linked to a variety of negative consequences, from severe sunburn to car accidents to unwanted pregnancies. And, "with hundreds of thousands of people vacationing in one location, there is also a strong possibility of bringing back sexually transmitted diseases," Smeaton said.

But Kalin says the most students really aren't thinking about the consequences when they're away from campus.

"You don't have to worry about working. You have more free time," he said. "You can indulge a little bit more."

The Tasters’ Fair was the second event of International Week. The celebration began Friday night with a party at the International House. Sunday’s International Week event was a faculty/student volleyball game which was held on the Quad, behind Bibb Graves.

"Everybody was a winner. We had a great time," says Marlene Alvarez-Medina, IS0 Vice-President. International Week culminated Monday night with a panel discussion on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. The guest speaker, who was from the General Counsel of the Japanese Consulate in Atlanta, discussed Japanese/American relations. Student representatives from Paraguay, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Scotland also participated in the panel discussion, speaking briefly about their countries, culture, values, religions, and government systems.
Organizational News and Announcements

Kappa Alpha Psi has a provincial leadership conference coming up at the end of this month in Mobile, AL.

Alpha Xi Delta

Congratulations to our new sisters!! You’re all great! Congratulations to Nicole Tierney for being Sister of the Week. Congratulations to Amy Reaves for being New Member of the Week.

JSU Math Club

The JSU Math Club will have an organizational meeting Wednesday, April 9 at 3:30 p.m. in 309 Martin Hall to discuss activities for next year. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Dr. Dodd at 782-5512 or jdodd@jsucc.jsu.edu

Zeta Sigma Nu Mountain Bike Club

The Zeta Sigma Nu Mountain Bike Club meets every Wednesday night at 9:00 in the Roundhouse. If you would like more information on the JSU Mountain Bike Racing Team, call 435-0881.

RPG-Jacksonville

This April, RPG-Jacksonville will be sponsoring a game called Man-Hunt. For $5, players search the JSU campus looking for clues that lead them to the identity and location of our fugitive. The first to catch the fugitive win cash prizes.

Registration is this Thursday at 3 p.m. on the third floor of the TMB, Friday at 5 p.m., and Monday, April 7 at 5 p.m. The game will be held Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. You must pre-register to play. For more information call RPG-Jacksonville at 782-7074.

Announcements

• JSU’s Creative Writing Class announces its poetry reading Tuesday April 8, 1997 at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

• JSU will be hosting the State of Alabama Odyssey of the Mind competition on April 12, 1997. Volunteers are needed to help with various events throughout the day. Volunteers are also needed for April 11 to get ready for the competition. For more information contact Kathy Forster at 435-8604 or Gary Brown at 435-7057.

• The JSU Art Department presents an exhibition of art works curated for the Alabama Clay Conference from now until March 28, 1997. The Hammond Hall Gallery’s hours are M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

• Attention Veterans—Please come by the VA office, room 101, Bibb Hammond Hall Gallery’s hours are M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

• Verizon is a provincial sponsor of a game called Introduction to White Water Canoeing April 19, 1997 in front of Bibb Graves Hall. JSU will host at 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. There is a $35.00 fee plus $30 for water craft rental fee at $30 for each two man canoe.

• An Archeological Tour of Calhoun County will be at the Anniston Museum of Natural History from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. April 19, 1997. There is a fee of $3.00 per person. For more information or to register call Angela Morgan at (205) 782-5697.

• Gorge Yourself: A Deep Canyon Hike, which will be held on April 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be a vigorous day of hiking in Little River Canyon. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes should be worn on this excursion through some of the canyon’s most beautiful scenery. Participants should pack a lunch, snacks, and a liter of something to drink. The hike will be followed by a cookout. Pre-registration and $10 fee is required. Call Angela at 782-5697 or e-mail at lec@jsucc.jsu.edu for more information.

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The Floyds tear down the walls at Brothers

by Robert Ray

Self proclaiming lovers of Bon Jovi may not be what you expect to hear from a band coming to Jacksonville but the Floyds are an exception to norm. The four members of The Floyds–Butch Walker (vocals/guitar), Jayce Fincher (bass), Chrys Lloree (vocals/keys), and Mitch “Slug” Mclee (drums) hail from everywhere from Georgia to L.A. They came to J’ville to throw down at Brothers last Thursday. I was lucky enough to have then stop by 92J for biscuits, tea, and a little warm conversation.

Robert Ray: How did everything go the last time you played in town?
Butch Walker: The first time we played here it was surprising. We played to a lot more people than we played here it was surprising. We had a little response there.

Chrys Lloree: It’s completely out of context to what we sound like normally but we figured that we would throw it down and see what it would sound like. It came out so funny and cool that we decided to leave it and play it live.

Jayce Fincher: We cover our own stuff (laughs)...every night, really!

B.W.: We put a show that is rockin’ and it will throw you back. If you get involved you’ll have more fun than you’ve had all year.

R.R.: You are an original band and you do have a cover on your album. I have to say I love the intro. You flat out admit that you enjoy listening to Bon Jovi.

C.L.: It’s all about our roots baby. We have to pay tribute!

B.W.: We are all children of the 70’s and 80’s, we are all about roots! We thought putting a cover on the record would be funny. We didn’t expect to record the song though. It happened at the end of the recording session and we were all about four sheets into the wind

B.W.: The Floyds started out four years ago, but the three of us guys had been playing together for ten years, since high school. We knew Chrys from a solo thing she was doing out in L.A. so we all got together and moved back to Atlanta. We have been touring ever since, doing it our own way. The do-it-yourself way.

R.R.: When did your album come out?
C.L.: This latest album came out in January. We have been touring non-stop this year to promote it. We have a couple more months of touring to go, then we will take the summer off. We haven’t had a summer off in four years. We have been doing about 250 shows a year in over 30 states and we have passed the war on our bodies.

R.R.: How do you stay fresh and go on night after night?
B.W.: We showers a lot. We have a hard time getting enough sleep so we have become very disciplined to get enough sleep every night. By the time we get on stage and start playing, it’s too much fun. It turns into complete chaos! When people come out to see us play, that’s reason enough.

C.L.: We have all been touring forever. Your body gets use to it after a while.

B.W.: Do you enter new stuff during a show?

R.R.: We’re not scared to do anything. If somebody yells out “Freebird” we’ll do it until we train wrecks.

J.F.: We’ve been playing together so long we can just do stuff like that.

B.W.: We come across lookin’ pretty damn cool sometimes.

R.R.: How has the audience response been?
B.W.: The urban crowd is a little more stand-offish. The college crowds are always much more ready to get involved.

C.L.: Big city people are a lot more jaded. They would rather sit there and look cool. If they do we usually bash them.

J.F.: We like people to get into our faces as much as we’re in theirs!

Ear Candy: James, Humblegods, and Jungle Music

James
Whiplash
Tomato/Mercury ★★★
by Sam Dillon

While they may not sell us many albums as Oasis or have as much hype as Blur, James is still the best band to come over the Atlantic since Pink Floyd. With their new album, “Whiplash”, James really has a chance to take over the pop music market with their blend of pop tunes, Tim Booth’s wonderfully haunting vocals, and some drum-machine danceability thrown in.

Fans of James have always known that the band changes their sound like the wind but that every time that they release a new album you can bet off being surprised and pleased. “Whiplash” does not disappoint. From the open track “Tomorrow” to the beautifully crafted “Go To The Back” and on into the final track “Blue Pastures” James has released an album for the masses. This is by far one of the most enjoyable releases of the year so far. It’s not strange like Blur or pompous like Oasis. It’s just straight reverbed bass players around and he

Humble Gods
No Heroes
Hollywood Records ★★½
by Sam Dillon

Punk Rawk!!! Those two simple words sum up the major label debut by the Humble Gods better than anything else I could come up with. This isn’t that cookie-cutter crap that’s been forced down throats by MTV. This is adrenaline-pumped, fuel-for-fire, rebellion anthems. Songs like “Lied And Cheated,” “American Dream,” and a cover of the Tom Petty classic “American Girl” show how diverse and destructive this guys really are.

Pick this one up and watch Green Day die.

However, with all that said, there is one sad note to this record. It features the final recording of Humble Gods/Pennywise bassist Jason Tirkis. So anyone who has any love of punk traditions will definitely want to get this one because Tirkis was one of the best bass players around and he will be greatly missed.

Various
Jungle: Sound of the Underground SOUR/Columbia ★★★
by Thomas Webb

Providing a cross-sample of artists in the electronica sub-genre of jungle, this disc provides both an introduction to jungle for the uninitiated and an enjoyable sampler of the artists on the popular British label SOUR. The songs on this album are multi-layered, full of chunky beats and drum machines gone crazy. There are snippets of dialogue buried under the layers of fast-paced music, often reverberating to echo the music that surrounds it. The rhythm of most of the tracks changes often, keeping you guessing as to what will come next. This album certainly bears out this style. The songs are each a unique musical journey, but they mesh very well.

Overall, this is a great album, especially for those who are looking for an introduction to jungle. This is an innovative new musical form that one can only hope will blow up big in the U.S.

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Atlanta
The Masquerade
March 28 The Urge
March 29 Orange
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April 4 Nuro
Bettencourt
April 9 The Busines/Warzone

The Point
March 27 Bloodhound Gang/
Nertherdor
March 31 Railroad Jerk/
Speedball Baby

The Roxy
April 3 The Mighty
Mighty Bostones/
Pietasters/H2O
April 10 Big Head Todd
& The Monsters
April 14 Kula Shaker

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Brothers
March 27 Cool
Beans/Law of Nature
March 28 TBA
March 29 TBA
Acoustic Cafe
March 27 Fish
March 28 Distant
Cousins
March 29 Lee Rolfes
JSU sweeps Samford

by Shannon Fagan
Sports writer

Jax State opened the conference season with a three-game sweep of in-state rival Samford last weekend. The Gamecocks continued their winning ways with a 4-0 victory over Georgia Southern, Monday to improve their overall record to 21-6.

The Gamecocks opened the three game series against Samford, Friday in Birmingham. Jax State pitcher Bryan Williamson struck out 13 Bulldogs, allowing only three hits in nine innings as the Gamecocks rolled to a 6-3 victory. Wes Brooks led the JSU bats with three hits and two RBI. Clarence Prothro added two hits and two runs for the Gamecocks.

Mike Garner and Roby Brooks each hit home runs in the first game of Saturday’s double-header to lead JSU to a 7-6 win. Garner and Brooks finished with two runs each for the game.

Shortstop Bert Higgins went 2-3 driving in three runs for the Gamecocks. Lee Hinkson pitched six innings for Jax State, striking out five. J.R. Allen relieved Hinkson and pitched the rest of the way to earn his second save of the season.

Allen returned to the mound in the second game and earned his sixth victory of the season. 
See Baseball page 7

Lady Gamecocks improve to 6-2 in conference play

by Rebecca Matanic
Sports editor

Coach Jana McGinnis’ softball team improved to 6-2 in the TAAC and 17-7 overall with a 13-8, 6-1 sweep of the Centenary Ladies, Monday at University Field.

The Gamecocks jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning of the opening game. Centenary pitcher Robin Hill held Jax State scoreless for the next three innings.

Centenary scored its first two runs of the game in the fourth to cut the Gamecock lead to one. The Ladies tacked on four more runs in the fifth and drove JSU ace Rachel Riddell from the mound to take a 6-3 lead. “We made a lot of errors,” McGinnis said.

JSU responded in its half of the fifth with five runs. Trisha White led off the inning with a single. Rhonda Freeman followed with a single sending pinch runner Tiffany Cain to second. Christine Tucker added another single to load the bases for the Gamecocks.

Shortstop Julie Boland flew to center for the first out. Riddell came through with a single driving in Cain and Freeman to tie the game.

“Thank goodness our bats were going. Thank goodness we were scoring runs to make up for those errors,” McGinnis said of the Gamecock rally.

Jori Epler grounded out advancing the runners. Jennifer Harbison smashed a single driving in Tucker and Riddell. Harbison advanced to second on a Centenary overthrow to the plate. Jennifer Russo followed with another single, driving in Harbison and giving the Gamecocks a 8-6 advantage.

“I was very proud of the way our hitters responded,” McGinnis said.

Junior Julie Kish, who relieved Riddell in the fifth held the Ladies scoreless in the sixth. The Lady Gamecocks added insurance in the sixth with five more runs: Tucker started the JSU inning with a double. Boland, Riddell and Epler contributed singles. Harbison delivered the decisive blow with a two RBI triple.

Centenary, added two runs in the seventh on two hits and one Gamecock error.

Kish leads Gamecocks in 6-1 win

Even after nearly two innings of relief work in the first game; Kish had enough strength in her arm to go the distance in the night cap as the Lady Gamecocks shutdown the Centenary offense for a 6-1 win.

Kish struck out two, walked none and allowed only six hits in earning her seventh win.

“I can’t say enough about how Julie Kish has responded,” McGinnis said. “She finished (the first) game, she closed the game (first), and then she came back and pitched a full game allowing one run. That is a great job and we’re going to need that.”

The bats of Boland, Riddell, Epler and Harbison gave the Gamecocks an early three run lead. Boland and Epler each slappled singles in the first, Riddell doubled and Harbison added her second triple of the day, driving in a run.

“These are big wins for us. This team
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Williams hopes for more student involvement

by Rebecca Matanic
Sports editor

Jax State football coach Mike Williams has been a very busy man since taking the reins of the Gamecock football program. Despite spring practice, getting to know his team, setting down player rules and standards and implementing a new offense and defensive adjustments, Williams is also focused on student body involvement.

Williams says that although the season is months away, he and his coaching staff have many ideas to increase the fan base of the Gamecocks, including a possible tailgate area for students.

“I want all of the students to come back and be part of it,” Williams says. “We’ve got a great athletic program here. We’ve got a great band here. We’ve got every single thing that you would look for to be entertained on the weekend.”

Williams says that the program is making steps towards keeping students on campus over the weekends.

“We want to get the fraternities and sororities involved and have them challenge one another to see how many they can get to the games,” Williams says. “We will try to do something for them in the future. My plans are to assign a coach to a fraternity and a sorority and have them visit them.”

Williams added that he is also looking into musical entertainment to draw more fans. Even though he is focused on the JSU community’s involvement in Gamecock athletics, Williams knows the biggest draw is a winning team.

The Gamecocks are completing their 15 days of allowed spring practice. Williams says he has seen many positives, but a lack of depth concerns him the most.

“I think our players have accepted us as their new coaching staff, and they’ve shown us they’re willing to work and do the things we’ve asked them to do,” Williams says. “I think the thing that is the most positive right now is just our general attitude.”

“Obviously, the thing that I’m tremendously concerned about is depth, at every position.

Offensive line and defensive line are the two positions that I’m most concerned about at this time, but we don’t have depth at any of the positions that you would like to have.”

Williams plans to open up the Gamecock offense with increased passing. He says the defense will remain a 4-3, but he is adding wrinkles intended to confuse Jax State opponents.

“After practicing six days I’m convinced that we do have quarterbacks that can throw, receivers that can catch, as well as backs, and I think our offensive line is going to continue to improve and be great at protecting our quarterback,” Williams says.

“You’ll see our defense blitz a little bit more than they have in the past,” Williams says. “We’ll change coverages up a lot more in the secondary than they have in the past.

In general you’ll just see a lot more movement out of our defense.”

Williams and the coaching staff have also
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The Gamecock's Soledad Galindez returns in a recent match at JSU. The Gamecock men's and women's tennis teams host Berry College today at 1:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

The JSU's women's golf team finished fifth in the Gamecock classic this week at Silver Lakes Golf Course. Troy State University won the classic with a plus 52, 628. Jax State finished at 651. Erin Elias led the Gamecocks with a fifth place finish and a two-round score of 157. Vicki Hanks tied for sixth at 158. Marie Mattfolk finished tied for 17th place with a score of 166. Suzanne Westling of Troy State won the individual honors with a score of 147. The Lady Gamecocks are scheduled to compete in the TAAC Championships, Aprll 14-15.

Baseball
March 28 vs. Samford, 2 p.m.
March 29 vs. Samford, 12 & 2 p.m.
April 2 at Troy State, 6 p.m.
April 4 at S.E. Louisiana, 5 & 7 p.m.
April 5 at S.E. Louisiana 12 p.m.
April 8 at Tennessee Tech 5 p.m.
April 9 vs. Georgia State, 6 p.m.

Softball
March 28 vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 3 p.m.
April 7 vs. Samford, 3 p.m.
April 8 at Troy State, 3 p.m.
April 12 at Centenary, 2 p.m.

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March 27 vs. Berry College, 1:30 p.m.
March 31 at Central Florida, 1 p.m.
April 1 at Stetson University, 2:30 p.m.
April 4-5 at Alabama State Invitational,
Montgomery, Ala.
April 10-12 TAAC Tournament, Macon, Ga.
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son as the Gamecocks won 9-3. Wes Brooks and Ricky Collins homered for JSU. Brooks and Collins drove in three runs each to lead the Gamecock bats.

Gamecocks humble UAB

The Gamecocks routed the University of Alabama-Birmingham Blazers 7-0 in their first home night game of the season March 26. Jax State pitching held UAB to just five hits on the evening. Hinkson pitched the first five innings, before being relieved by Allen.

Second baseman Roby Brooks led off with a triple. Left fielder Dean Friery and center fielder Melvin Springs added two RBIs apiece. The Gamecocks slammed 14 hits for the game.

Austin Peay beats JSU

After an easy victory over the Blazers, the Gamecocks traveled to Clarksville, Tenn. to face Austin Peay. The Gamecocks led after six innings, then the roof caved in and Peay rallied for nine runs in the seventh on its way to a 11-9 victory. JSU was led by the Brooks’ brothers, who each went deep for the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks host Samford, Friday at 2 p.m. and again on Saturday for a double-header beginning at noon.

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(UAB) is a good little hitting team,” McGinnis said.

Jax State added three more runs in the fifth on hits by Riddell, Russo and Teri Moore and an error by Centenary.

The Ladies scored their only run of the game in the seventh, on two hits and one Gamecock error.

JSU down to two pitchers

Riddell and Kish will need to continue their strong pitching as JSU’s third pitcher, sophomore Renee LeGrande quit the team Saturday. LeGrande left the team for personal reasons.

Although LeGrande’s absence will require more mound work for Kish and Riddell, McGinnis says her team will continue to do well.

The Lady Gamecocks final regular season home game is April 7 against Samford at 3 p.m. If Jax State maintains its lead in the TAAC West Division, it will host the TAAC Tournament, April 24-26.

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implemented their academic philosophy. Williams says that the number one thing for one of his players to do at Jacksonville State is to earn his degree.

“We have several policies in place to help them get their degree. Number one we’ve mandated that they attend all their classes,” Williams says. “We’ve incorporated a study hall for any student that has a below 2.0 GPA, or any semester he makes below a 2.0 we’ll go with a study hall the remainder of that semester.”

The study halls are held four nights a week and supervised by members of the Gamecock coaching staff. Williams emphasized that the 90 minute sessions are produc-
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