Disability day planned at JSU

By Carol Maddox
News Writer

"The university has been very sensitive to the needs of the students," said Daniel Miller, director of Disabled Student Services. Disabled Student Services is planning a Disability Awareness Day on November 25. Select faculty and staff will sign up for a specific disability and then spend the day with a person with that disability.

"We hope it will increase awareness that first of all these students are people," says Miller, "and hopefully make their disability more real to the staff." One responsibility of the DSS center is wheelchair accessibility. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires all buildings built after 1974 to have at least one wheelchair accessible entrance. However, since most of the main buildings were built before 1974, DSS has had to make modifications to existing buildings or arrange the relocation of certain classes.

DSS must also consider whether or not a change would be beneficial to the school. For example, since Bibb Graves is considered a historic landmark, computer courses are offered in Merrill Hall instead of altering the building.

Changes to existing buildings include the new library ramp and the music building's electric doors.

"We also have a big problem with the sidewalks," says Miller. "The tree roots can move the pavement, especially in the spring." Other problems include sidewalk curbs, which are major challenges for those in wheelchairs, but which are needed by blind students to tell where the road is located.

University plans to move core classes around the quad

By Buffy Smith
News Writer

The University has come up with a way to improve traffic conditions at JSU.

"Part of the problem that we have is not so much that there's a lack of parking, we really have ample parking; the problem is that during the prime-time class changes everybody is on the street, in their car, at the same time, trying to go different places and it's real easy for the intersection at 204 and 21 to become jammed up," says Dr. David Watts, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs.

To solve this problem, the University has decided to move core-curriculum classes to the buildings around the quad.

"The master plan calls for a number of long-term changes," says Watts. "It calls to locate the basic freshman courses nearer the residence halls than where they are presently located."

The English and History Departments will be moved from Stone Center to Ramona Wood. In turn, the Education department will be moved to Stone Center. A new performing arts center will be built in the field of the central core of campus," says Watts. According to Watts, moving the English and History departments to the quad, will make it easier for students to walk to all their classes.

"That would create an environment where you would have most of the courses associated for freshman and sophomores right here in the central core of campus," Dr. David Watts behind the library, and Mason Hall will then be used as the Art department.

"That would create an environment where you would have most of the courses associated for Freshman and Sophomores right here in the quad," Watts says.

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Gong Show to raise AIDS awareness at Jax State

By Rachel Riddell
Managing Editor

The Student Activities Council will host a Gong Show in recognition of AIDS Awareness Week. Consuela Black, an SAC organizer, says the SAC plans to hand out condoms at the Gong Show to encourage those that are having sex, to do so safely, especially since Calhoun County has one of the highest HIV infected populations in the state.

The Gong Show was a game show that ran from 1976-1978 on daytime NBC. The game was simple. If an act didn't get gonged, they were then scored on a scale from one to ten. The contestant with the highest score won the grand prize.

"You don't have to be good at anything. You can win for being really bad.

—Greg Swindall

The Gong Show will be on November 12 in the Round House (unless there is a scheduling change) from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The SGA will present $100.00 and $50.00 to the top two organizations with the best overall show. This includes attendance, group appearance and the organizations act (or acts). All organizations and others are welcome to participate. Prizes will also be given for the top two outfits and the act to get gonged the fastest.

"You don't have to be good at anything," said Greg Swindall, SAC president. "You can win for being really bad."

The judges for the show won't be revealed until a later date. The deadline to sign up is November 12 at 4:30 p.m. For more information call the SGA office 782-5490.

A look into what AIDS is. AIDS is an acronym for ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME, a deadly disease of the immune system that is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus, also known as HIV. In most cases, HIV slowly attacks and destroys the immune system. When an infected person becomes available to diseases or other illnesses, that person could eventually die from the exposure of the illness. AIDS is the condition that occurs when the body is no longer capable of defending itself against these illnesses.

The largest form of transmission for HIV is heterosexual intercourse. Many infected individuals acquired HIV through blood transfusions from contaminated blood before screening procedures were available. Even though it is a transmissible, it isn't contagious. This means it can't be spread through sneezing, coughing, shaking hands or hugging (casual contact).
SGA allocations money running low  

By Thomas Webb  

News Editor  

Time may be running out for student organizations seeking allocations from the SGA.  

The SGA Senate Allocations Committee has awarded $1,570 of its $2,500-a-semester budget so far this semester. $1,120 of this amount has been approved in the last two weeks. And SGA Controller Dusty Kilgore says that another $280 of allocations are still pending.  

If the pending allocations are approved, the SGA will have $650 left in their allocations budget for the rest of the semester. The SGA Senate meeting on October 20 introduced a new way for allocations to be approved.  

The Allocations Committee used to approve the allocations alone before the passage of Student Bill 19. The bill, which passed on October 9, requires that the full Senate vote to approve or reject the recommendations of the committee.  

"We wanted to do that so they would feel like they have some empowerment, and they wouldn't feel so left out," SGA 1st Vice President Leanne Jordan said. "They didn't know how much money was being spent, or how much we had to start with, or why we gave it to these people."

All five allocations bills brought before the Senate so far have passed with no amendments.  

"Sometimes I just don't think the Senate sees the power that they hold," says Jordan. She feels the Senate does not fully understand what Bill 19 allows them to do.  

Allocations money comes from the SGA's general budget. The money for the general budget comes from the University. The Allocations Committee was budgeted $5000 for the 1997-1998 academic year, which is divided equally between the two semesters.  

"Sometimes I don't think the Senate sees the power that they hold."

—Leanne Jordan  

Higher education week brings candidates  

By Thomas Webb  

News Editor  

Candidates for governor, local representatives and senate seats will soon come to JSU if the SGA completes plans for a Higher Education Week.  

The SGA wants to bring these candidates to JSU to raise awareness on campus about issues facing higher education and encourage students to vote.  

The Senate formed a new committee on Monday to help organize Higher Education Week, and to promote the Higher Education Partnership.  

"This is kind of a temporary committee on this," Glover said during his report. "We've decided that we're going to have a Higher Education Week later on this year that the SGA is going to sponsor. [Lieutenant Governor] Don Siegleman, who's running for governor, is already committed to coming."

Byers said that candidates for both the House and Senate will be attending. The SGA is also trying to get the current governor to speak at JSU.  

"We're going to hope that [Governor] Bob James comes, and it's going to take a lot of help to pull that off," Glover said.  

The Higher Education Committee will also be responsible for membership drives for the Higher Education Partnership.  

"We will have people interested in the Higher Education Partnership," says SGA 1st Vice President Leanne Jordan.
Jacksonville police make city safe for trick-or-treaters

By Rachel Watkins
News Writer

There were six additional officers on duty during Halloween night to protect children from accidents in Jacksonville.

"There's going to be trick-or-treaters, as well as the high school football game, and the Halloween carnival. Rain is also predicted, so we'll be sending out extra officers." says Chief Thompson of the Jacksonville Police Department.

The largest concentration of officers were given duty in the neighborhoods where large numbers of young people would most likely be trick-or-treating, in order to make sure young people would not get hit by a car. Speeding was one of the main things the patrol officers were looking for. The number of patrols vary on a year-to-year basis, the chief explained, citing the fact that when Halloween falls on a school night there are comparatively fewer children out trick-or-treating.

Since Halloween was on Friday this year, there were more children prowling the streets for Charm Pops and Milky Way bars. Inevitably, the police were also on the lookout for the pranks of older children, such as the time-honored custom of egg-throwing as well as adorning houses in rolls and rolls of toilet paper that the adult population does not find quite so funny as the younger generation.

Unfortunately, the chief says that those sort of episodes are all too common in Jacksonville, whether students and our commuting students, says Watts "but it would enhance our freshman and sophomores, and it would mean less over-all traffic."

These plans are just in the beginning stages. "It's going to be a long, drawn-out process, and there's no set schedule right now," says Donald Thacker, Vice President of Business Affairs.

Thacker says the University cannot move forward with these plans until there is sufficient funding from the state. "Academic buildings in Alabama are supposed to be supported by the state," says Watts "We have received no funds for new academic buildings from the legislature in over ten years. That is the major domino that has yet to fall in order for us to bring the master plan into effect."

"It would enhance not only our graduate students and our commuting students, but it would enhance our freshman and sophomores, and it would mean less overall traffic."

—Dr. David Watts

The American Marketing Association would like to present guest speaker Brenda Boyd on Wednesday, November 12 at 12:30 in room 266 of the University's building on the JSU campus. Mrs. Boyd is the Director of Marketing of the Gadsden Branch of South Trust Bank. She will give insights on the marketing techniques of today in banking and the global economy. Any marketing major or minor is invited to attend what will surely be a learning experience.

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cated. The main areas are looked over constantly for obstructions such as tree limbs, but the less-traveled sections may be overlooked.

"If anyone notices a problem, such as a sticking door or a bad section of pavement," says Miller, "please let us know so we can correct it."

Students suffering with temporary disabilities can also use DSS. For those who have to use crutches, mats can be placed around entrances when it rains. This can helpful because wet crutches have a tendency to slide on slick floors.

"If students give us warning, then we try our best to help them out in any way we can," says Miller. "We don't give out electric cars, but we try to get needy students in touch with private sponsors."

Miller estimates that out of the ten percent of disabled students at JSU, only about two percent use DSS to its full potential.

Other available assistance includes temporary disabled parking stickers and access to key-controlled elevators.

DSS does not provide transportation to students. "We generally have to follow the 'do for one, do for everyone' rule," says Miller. "The University of Alabama and Auburn University have bus systems, but they are available to all students as well. This campus is simply not big enough to require a busing system."

Miller hopes that the Disability Awareness Day will raise sensitivity regarding disabled students.

"The general public should be aware of the obstacles a disabled student has to overcome," says Miller.

One suggestion is for students to refrain from parking in handicap spaces or crosswalks. It can be disorientating for a blind student to go across the walkway only to find a car parked there," says Miller.

"The most expensive ticket one can get at JSU is for parking in a handicap spot," says Miller. "In fact, the only time I can ever remember seeing a tow truck is when one disabled student failed to get a sticker and had parked in a handicap spot. Luckily, we caught the truck before it towed his car off."

Other activities on Disability Awareness Day include a luncheon between staff and participating students. Anyone wishing more information on DSS or Disability Awareness Day should call (205) 782-5093.

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Some people call me a sick individual, and this time around, they aren’t too far from the truth. Yes, kids, it’s that time of year where the bulk of our money is spent on cough drops, zinc tablets, and NyQuil. The cold and flu season is upon us, and I am the latest casualty.

And I want to know how to feel better.

It all starts innocently enough as a tickle at the back of the throat, which leads to minor coughing. The next morning, I notice it’s harder to breathe. Trying to get out of bed, I notice my head feels about twelve pounds heavier. Eight pounds in the nose alone. I blow my nose, a difficult feat at this point because I can’t breathe. This futile exercise takes about five minutes and two-thirds a box of tissues.

Then, at the end of a coughing fit, I cough up something that I haven’t seen since “The Exorcist.” A vile, viscous, brown-green globule roughly the size of a golf ball exits my mouth in a violent rush and plops into the toilet. (I’ll give you a moment while you’re all going “Eewwww!”)

After which, my mom knocks on the door. “Chris, are you all right in there?”

“Yeah, Mom, I’m fine. Just a slight case of death.” I say, attempting to humorize my condition.

That’s when I notice my voice. Somehow it became a cross between a bullfrog and a cheesegrater.

In my weakened state, I managed to take a nice, steamy shower that helped...for about ten minutes. I eat breakfast, I think. Doesn’t matter, my taste buds are dead at this point. I crawl into the car and go to school. There, I meet my comrades-in-arms, some of which are going through the same thing I am.

I guess it’s true. Misery loves company. I never realized how annoying healthy people can be. You see them, almost flaunting their so-called immortality in our faces. Their smiling, almost mocking, faces and cheerful disposition adds to my ever-mounting nausea. These are the people I want to just sneeze in their face, thereby initiating them into our misery.

(Okay, so I’m grouchy. Have you ever seen anyone thankful of being real sick?)

I make it through the day as a coughing, gasping, sneezing bag of ozone, wondering if the mortar down the street has a slab for me. On the way home, I think of all the home remedies my mom and grandmothers pushed on me.

One of them is the heating pad. That’s my mom’s favorite. Whatever hurts, put a heating pad on it. Sore throat? Heating pad. Acne? Heating pad. I could have my leg chopped off at the knee joint and Mom would go, “put a heating pad on it. You’ll feel better. Trust me.”

One I really like is the one-to-one-to-one recipe. This is used to loosen phlegm and mucus in the chest, make the inside of the body feel warm, and it puts the patient at ease. And it’s tasty, too. Take one part lemon juice, one part honey, and one part bourbon whisky, such as Jack Daniels. Take a tablespoon of this concoction every two hours. If you take enough of this, I don’t think you will care if you’re sick or not.

The one thing that is pushed, and I agree, is a lot of bedrest, drink plenty of fluids, and take aspirin.

There’s a lot talk about vitamin C. Some say it’s good for a cold, others say it’s worthless. Play it safe. Drink orange juice, grapefruit juice, any juice.

Chicken soup has vitamins and minerals, and it helps increase mucous flows in the body. Besides, it’s hot and delicious and it feels good eating it.

Try to keep your hands clean, too. Dirty hands are a surefire way to spread germs to your friends and family. Also, blow your nose in a tissue and throw it away to prevent the germs from going airborne.

A hot bath is good for loosening chest congestion. It helps to get out of reach, a hot shower is okay, but not as relaxing.

These days, zinc lozenges and Echinacea capsules are the rage in preventing colds. They don’t prevent colds, but they do slow the blow. They have been proven to boost the immune system, but only if you stay within the recommended dosage. Take too much, and you might endanger your immune system.

Aspirin and acetaminophen is good for those body aches and pains. Believe it or not, NyQuil has some acetaminophen in it. So take it, but only if you are going to bed. This stuff makes you drowsy. No, drowsy’s not a good word, comatose - that’s a good word.

I can’t stress this enough: Take the NyQuil in bed. If you take it in the kitchen, guess where you will wake up next. “NyQuil! The nighttime, sniffling, sneezing, coughing, aching, how did I get on-the-kitchen-floor medicine.”

Above all, rest. Get in your favorite pajamas, bundle up in bed, make sure the TV remote is in reach, and relax. Here’s hoping you haven’t used any of your skip days yet.

That’s all I can say right now. My brain feels like so much tapioca is sloshing around in my skull, and my sinuses are packed like a suitcase heading to Alaska. I can’t focus any of my thoughts, and I have two major tests coming up.

Gez, how many skip days do I have left?
Dear Mr. Hopkin,

The past several months The Chanticleer has run many articles about how all the students should walk to class and how student parking is such a problem. Well, I used to have problems finding places to park at Martin Hall and Merrill Building. However, in light of my efforts to help the parking problem, I don’t believe I will be walking to class anymore. Last week, as I was crossing the crosswalk in front of Merrill building, I was nearly struck by a car who raced past me while I was half way into the road. While the shock has long since subsided, I regret to say that as long as people race around in cars like some of the students on campus, I will not risk getting hurt just to help others. What that particular student did was uncalled for, and just plain stupid. And today, after reading the article about Paulette Parks, I doubt very seriously that there will be many walkers around campus...unless they don’t have a car. If anyone is going to try and diminish the parking problem, then people who continue to drive are going to have to make way for the people who walk.

Michal Waid

Dear Editor,

Let me begin by apologizing for any errors which may occur in this letter for I am not only not a student, but I am also not even human. I am in fact a bicycle. I have been pedaled around this campus off and on for many years now and I’ve decided it is time to speak my mind. Every year I hear them rant, rave, argue, and complain about the parking situations around this campus. And though my mind is small, and I am just a meager bike, I’m beginning to feel I’m better qualified to spend the money this school has than whoever has been.

My comrades in arms, or pedals I guess, talk amongst ourselves as we sit out in all sorts of weather, and I dare say that we know as much as the average student of the goings on of this campus. I must admit that we do not understand the human mind and also are sometimes sickened by your foolish actions. Maybe I’m biased, being a bike and all, but please tell me why this institution is spending millions of dollars to put bricks around a perfectly good building, while my compatriots and I sit out in the rain and cold? All we ask for is a decent bike stands next to campus buildings, and a covered stand at each of the dorms. We are not cars; rain makes us rust. Most people have neither the time nor the money to keep their bicycles in proper running condition, and even less, which I often feel is the case with he-who-rides-me, have enough knowledge to do the work themselves. Maybe one day the campus could become a friendly place for those fast campus...unless they don’t have a car. If anyone is going to try and diminish the parking problem, then people who continue to drive are going to have to make way for the people who walk.

The Mule, bicycle to Thomas Hobgood

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**What makes you feel safe walking at night here at JSU?**

---Compiled by Fritz

**I have pepper spray and I try to walk out with someone else. I always park under a light and where I can see in the front of my car.**

- Chrystal Day
  - Senior

**I feel pretty safe; UPD is always around campus!**

- Tasha Tanner
  - Sophomore

**Because I know that I can dial 5050 and they will be right there.**

- Daphne Holmes
  - Freshman

**The fact that I'm from New York and have seen far worse places than Jacksonville, AL.**

- Chris Fowler
  - Sophomore

**I feel safe that no one will hurt me. I am large enough no one will bother me.**

- Michael Bell
  - Freshman

**Knowing that I only live a block away.**

- Jay Bumgardner
  - Junior
As she gazed into the mirror, Sally realized that the kids at school weren't teasing... she was, indeed, a cow.

"Darn these cutbacks!"

“Ooooh, this is exciting! Our first practical application for the Internet! OK, should I do a search under ‘pythons,’ ‘snakes’ or ‘suffocation’?"

The year the SAT creators decided to mess with students' minds.

“Yeah, that's impossible! I know they're right, but they can't be!”

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"Darn these cutbacks!"
First in a series...
WLJS 91.9 FM, 92-J serves as host to several shows featuring eclectic music styles. For the next few weeks, we will highlight a particular show. This week: Hostile Rock

by Buffy Smith
Features Writer

Tuesday nights are wilder than ever on 92-J. Keith Tasker and Bill King bring you “Hostile Rock,” a show dedicated to four hours of hard rock and loud music.

“We try and have as much fun as humanly possible in a four hour show,” says Tasker.

“Hostile Rock,” started in 1993 and is 92-J’s longest airing night show.

“Since me and Bill got a hold of it about a year ago, we’ve kinda steered it in more of a positive outlook,” says Tasker. “We try to show the kids out there that you can have fun in life without drinking, smoking, promiscuous sex, and being violent to people.”

You’ll hear punk rock, hard core, industrial, straight-edge, and Christian hard core music on “Hostile Rock.” “The only genre we stay away from is death metal—which we affectionately call ‘Cookie Monster rock’ because it sounds like really fast guitars and drums with Cookie Monster singing,” says Tasker. “We try and play stuff for the message, instead of idiotic people ranting and raving about nothing.”

The show’s not only about music, the hosts go on the air and ramble for ten minutes about nothing. “We’ve had people call us and tell us that they were driving down the road and they just had to pull over and call us because they were laughing so hard they couldn’t drive,” says Tasker.

Every week on the show, Tasker and King do what they call their test drive. They play the new CD’s that they have for the week, and if it’s good it survives. If it’s bad they rip it out of the CD player and physically destroy it on the air.

“Every week something has to get broken—it’s a given,” says Tasker. “Even out of the five or six CD’s we get every week, if there’s nothing that’s really bad, we’ll take the worst one and we’ll break it because it’s our trademark now.”

Tasker says that about 95% of the music they play has a message behind it. “Hopefully the only thing people take away from my show is that not only is it good entertainment, it’s funny, it’s goofy, we break CD’s, we read poetry—we have one hell of a time in four hours—we are nuts. But there’s some education in there, there’s some positive outlooks on life, there’s some interesting philosophy,” says Tasker.

Keith and Bill watch CNN and read books all the time to learn the different philosophies out in the world. “Once a night we usually tell somebody to turn off the radio and pick up a book once in a while,” says Tasker.

Also, when Tasker and King play straight edge music, they try explain the messages behind the music.

“Our listenership has grown a lot,” says Tasker. “There’s a lot of people who tune in every week, and there’s some people who tune in every once and a while. I just hope that not only do we entertain them with some of the goofy stuff we say, or some of the music we play, but I also hope they walk away with it learning something. We do take it in a very tongue-in-cheek manner. There is a lot of humor and a lot of sarcasm, but underneath it all there’s a message. We’re not in it just to play the music we want to play for four hours. We’re in it to entertain and educate.”

You can experience “Hostile Rock” every Tuesday from 10 PM to 2 AM on 92-J. “I’d like people to listen to it at least once, just to hear,” says Tasker.

“I think that if someone would tune in they’d find something out there that they never knew existed and hopefully it could change their lives. At least tune in for half an hour and I guarantee something in the time span you’ll like. We’ll tear down your idols and give you some new ones.”

Keith Tasker and “Critical” Bill King (foreground) get their mojo going during their weekly test drive of current music. If it’s good, they keep it. If it’s bad, you see the results.
True West: a gift to the Drama Department

by Chris Colvard
Features Editor

It’s pretty cool the way some things seem to fall into place, like they were meant to happen.

In case in point: the idea to produce Sam Shepard’s “True West” for the 50th anniversary of JSU theatre.

It all started simple enough. JSU alum Scott Croley was talking with former student Eric Key about doing a show with fellow alum Phil Pyle.

“He (Key) has always been a Beckett fan, and I’ve always wanted to do something out of the amphitheatre,” said Croley. “So I said, ‘why don’t we do Waiting For Godot?”’

Key didn’t want to do “Godot” because “it’s not really my favorite play, and he thought it was. He then said, ‘Let’s do ‘The Dumbwaiter’!” and I said okay.

“Then I said, ‘Nah!’ because too many people knew the ending of that, it would not surprise anybody, and it would be pretty boring. So then, Phil said, ‘What about a Sam Shepard play?’ I said ‘Okay, we’ll do True West.”

Pyle’s request wasn’t without reason. He is a graduate student of contemporary drama at the University of Missouri and is doing his master’s thesis on Shepard and “True West” in particular. “Knowing the minimal people to work with, it seemed like the perfect thing to do.

“I’ve never really worked, at length, with Eric or Scott before—and it’s going very well. Rehearsals have gone for a couple of weeks, it’s been kind of sketchy, but probably the most confident I’ve ever been about pulling off a show.”

From the initial collaborations, they went ahead with the production “True West,” the first time that a Sam Shepard play had been shown on campus.

Key believes “True West” a good choice for the smaller Second Stage acting space. “I like intimate theatre, and you’re so distant. With this play here—you’re so foot away from the actors, so everything is right in everyone’s lap.”

Key has a lot of admiration for Shepard. “I think the guy’s brilliant. He’s a workaholic; he managed to write forty plays and stay married to his wife. Why he’s effective, I don’t know. I think he was disappointed that he had to wait a long time to see Godot out of the amphitheatre?‘

“He doesn’t answer that,” said Croley. “But he thought it was. He then said, ‘maybe the most confidenced I’ve ever been about pulling off a show.”

Key also believes “True West” is really about violence and adult language, and Shepard’s “Godot” is not really a play at all, just a collection of sketches.

“‘True West’ is a kid to watch all these Western movies… most of his plays deal with the same theme ‘where is the true west?’ because they’re not cowboys anymore, and they’re not heroes like they were portrayed in the movies. That’s been the one thing that’s missing out of his life that he has tried to answer for himself.

“He doesn’t answer it in this play, he doesn’t think he ever answers it, but he comes pretty close.”

At this point, Key turns to show the “soundtrack” of the play—selections by Tom Waits. “The reason I use Tom Waits is because he sings of wandering around, with no particular place to go,” explains Key. “He sings of people, almost derelict-like, with broken homes, broken hearts, and shattered dreams. The entire soundtrack is this because of what the play is really about.”

The only problems facing the production were a shortage of toasters and two of the supporting cast stepping down. Luckily, they were able to fill the gaps left by the actors. Another alum, Tim Phillips, was asked to fill in one of the parts. “The show has been having some cast changes, but I’m very happy to be a part of it…. I love Sam Shepard. I always wanted to be in one of his plays.”

Croley said “True West” was “our way of giving back to the theatre department.”

And what a gift it is.

“True West” opens tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the JSU Second Stage, Room 338 Stone Center, and will run Friday and Saturday at the same time. Admission is one dollar. Due to violence and adult language, parental guidance is suggested.

Scott Croley (left) and Phil Pyle rehearse a scene from Sam Shepard’s “True West.”
Tina has a Good luck to you anyway. Roxie responds loudly and a little "I'll Two minutes later, Andy calls. "Okay, but I think we should go "You know what you're doing, anything that stupid to hurt my "Famous words to live by, Tina. Six back. They enjoyed their moment of lock. "Tina, you okay? Because, I'm out! You won't regret it. Sheesh!!" "Is this really your number, or are talk and see what he's like when we "As time moves slowly, Andy points Tina to come over. It pays off. "Wow, I can't believe how crazy "The next evening Tina talks to whipped out his high school "He's so that occurred. "No, I haven't had a drink for three "The next day, Tina tells all. "What "As time moves slowly, Andy points "Give you putting me on?" "Good." "So, I see. Okay, enjoy it while the moment lasts. Let me know when you're ready to leave." Tina laughs as her roommate, Andy, tries to sneak in one more "Every time I utter those words, I usually end up doing something stupid. Good luck to you anyway. And don't wake me if you're really late." "I'll be fine. Really, I just want to talk and see what he's like when we are both sober." The next day, Tina tells all. "What a drip, man! I mean, every time I tried to answer any of his questions he would interrupt me or try to kiss me. He thinks he's all that. He even whipped out his high school yearbooks! I am so glad I went to talk to him. It made me realize what I got." "Good." "You know, but when you're drunk, things just aren't the same."
Samford hands Jax State its seventh setback

by Will Roe
Sports Writer

If there were a slogan that would fit this season’s JSU football team, it would probably be “if it’s not one thing, it would be another.”

At the start of the season, it was the offense that was making headlines and breaking records for yardage and points. The defense had a tough start to the season, though, and just about the time they started playing well, the offense fell into a slump. The team has yet to recover, and found itself losers on Saturday to Samford by the final of 17-14.

The Gamecocks have been held scoreless in the first half in each of their last three games, and that is getting them beat. Another factor has been the weather. In their last two games, JSU has had to endure driving rain and lightning delays in each game.

On Saturday, the game was delayed nearly an hour in the second quarter due to lightning. It was the third game this season that JSU has played in horrendous conditions, including the Parent’s Day bashing by McNeese State.

It was a scoreless defensive battle until late in the first quarter, when Samford’s Rashad Brewer scored on a 1-yard plunge. With Jarrod Cook’s extra point, the Bulldogs led 7-0. That was the score at halftime, due in part, to the field conditions at Seibert Stadium.

The Lady Gamecocks also defeated Jackson State by a score of 25-7. The Nimrods added to that reputation of being champions by defeating the intermurals, right after the storm that had rolled through. When the halftime break, JSU had just five first downs and 117 total yards.

The lone highlight perhaps in the game for JSU was when the Gamecocks used a little razzle-dazzle early in the second quarter, with a 45-yard pass play from wide-out Cedric Allen to quarterback Montressa Kirby.

Unfortunately, that drive ended at the Samford 25 on an incomplete pass on fourth down.

In the third quarter, the JSU offense woke up and began to take the momentum away from the Bulldogs. On the opening possession of the third quarter, Zevon Garth recovered a fumble by Samford quarterback Jake Rackley. The Gamecocks had the ball at the Bulldogs’ 19 yard line. JSU made Samford pay for their mistake, as Montressa Kirby found Joey Hamilton for a 12-yard touchdown strike, and with John Howard’s extra point, the game was all tied up at seven.

Later in the third quarter, JSU’s Amel Jackson scored his first touchdown of the season on a 30 yard run. John Howard added the point after, and JSU led 14-7. From that point on, Samford took control of the game in front of their home folks.

It didn’t take long for the Bulldogs to score in the fourth quarter. Rackley found a wide open John Pointer for a 50-yard touchdown pass, and with Cook’s extra point, the

Coming right at ya! Eurosious Parker returns a punt and avoids a would-be tackler. Samford defeated JSU by the final of 17-14.

Intermural sports hold football championships

by Russell Taylor
Sports writer

The men’s and women’s intermural teams held their football championships last Thursday.

For the men, the defending champ Nimrods crushed the Greek champs Alpha Xi Omega by the final of 45-7. Alpha Xi Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha Sororities provided the action for the women.

The men’s championship game went the way most people had expected it to go. With quarterback Jason Tidwell at the helm for the Nimrods, it’s hard to stop their passing attack.

Tidwell is a former pitcher for Jacksonville State. He made it all the way to Double-A ball on the Florida Marlin’s farm team. He returned to JSU and has shown considerable strength at the quarterback position.

The victory gave the Nimrods an automatic berth to the state championship series in Birmingham.

The Nimrods added to that reputation of being champions by defeating the intermurals, football champs from the University of Alabama to claim top prize in the state as flag football champs.

According to Eric Brasher, director of Intermural sports, this accomplishment is a first for JSU.

“A team from JSU has never won the state championship,” says Brasher.

The Nimrods will now compete in the West Regional in Pensacola, Florida.

“If they win that, they will travel to the Sugar Bowl for the national championships,” says Brasher.

The women last Thursday evening to determine a champion for the sororities. Alpha Xi Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha provided the action for this thriller of a game.

“It was a nerve-racking game because we went into three overtimes,” said Beth Bules, an Alpha Xi member.

According to Brasher, there hasn’t been an overtime in the playoffs, much less a triple overtime.

JSU Volleyball overpowers Centenary

by Shannon Fagan
Sports editor

The Lady Gamecocks improved their record to 22-10 over the weekend when they defeated Centenary and Jackson State. They were forced to a fourth game against Centenary, but prevailed in a match that took two hours and 32 minutes to complete.

Leading the way for the Lady Gamecocks was Melanie Linder. She posted 16 kills in the win. She was one of three Lady Gamecocks to reach double figures in kills.

The other two players were Amy Reaves and Lisa May. Each had 10 kills to help JSU claim the win.

Centenary was led by Kim Bolin and Robin Hill. Bolin had 15 kills on the afternoon and Hill came away with 13 kills.

Beth Bonner also helped Centenary’s cause by scoring double figures in digs.

The Lady Gamecocks also defeated Jackson State over the weekend. They made quick work of Jackson State by defeating them in three sets.

The wins improve Jacksonville State’s record on the season to 22-10. They are 5-1 in conference play and an impressive 17-9 record out of conference.

The Lady Gamecocks have won seven of their last eight games. They hope to continue their winning ways when they begin a three-game home stand.

Teams they will face include UT-Chattanooga, West Georgia, and Mercer. The games will be at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Amy Reaves goes for the ball.
Rifle team falls short to West Virginia

by Bob Helm
Sports writer

On Saturday, the perennial juggernauts of rifle came to town looking to shoot down the new kids on the block: the Gamecocks.

While West Virginia did win the shoulder-to-shoulder match against JSU, the Gamecocks proved to be a force to be reckoned within the rifle competition.

The final aggregate score of Saturday’s match was a close 957-915, in favor of the Mountaineers.

Coach Gerald DeBoy seemed to be pleased with the team’s effort. “I am happy with the overall result. West Virginia has been number one for a long time,” says DeBoy.

“Under the conditions, our team held up and shot with the consistency that we have held all season.”

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--Coach DeBoy

Shane Barnhart led JSU in small bore with a score of 1164. Lucinda Roddy scored highest on the team in air rifle with a 589.

While the loss dropped their Midwest American Rifle Conference record to 1-2, the Gamecocks’ overall record is still 2-2. Certainly, the Gamecocks will gain confidence from the loss and take a positive outlook.

The rifle team looks to rebound when they participate in the Walsh Invitational. It will be held November 15 at Xavier University.

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game was tied up at 14. Later in the quarter, the Bulldogs were able to score again. Samford took the ball at the JSU 48 and drove it 10 plays for 46 yards, capping it off with a Jarrod Cook 21-yard field goal. With 6:34 left in the game, Samford led 17-14. The Gamecocks never recovered, and lost the game by that final score.

It was the second straight game JSU had held their opponent to under 20 points, and that shows how far the defense has come from its poor start.

“The last two football games against two good offenses, we’ve played pretty well. I would like to see how well we would play on a dry track. They (the defense) played well,” commented coach Mike Williams following the game.

JSU’s team goal coming into the season was to not finish last in the league. That is very possible at this point. The Gamecocks are in seventh place in the Southland Football League right now, just ahead of last place Troy State.

The Trojans have fallen from grace, after being ranked 2nd in the nation earlier in the season. They have lost five of six games, mostly due to the severe injuries the team has suffered. JSU will meet Troy State in a rare Thursday night game on November 20.

From here, it is all conference games remaining on the schedule, including Saturday’s game at Northwestern State.

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Going into the last minute of the second half, it looked like Alpha Xi had the game wrapped up and ready to go on to victory with a 13-7 lead.

But, with one last drive, ZTA was able to push the ball into the endzone to tie the game up with 46 ticks on the clock. All ZTA had to do was put the ball into the endzone to seal the victory with the extra point attempt, but it was not to be the day of victory for the ZTA sorority.

In the first overtime, both teams failed to score on their first attempt to claim victory. The game was pushed into a second overtime. Alpha Xi scored first with a pass from Becky Nelson to Jessica Dallas to give them a 19-13 lead. They failed on their extra point attempt to leave room for worry on the sidelines for their coach, Shelby Shimpman.

ZTA soon answered with a score of their own to tie the score at 19. All they had to do was complete the extra point attempt, but fate was not on their side.

Alpha Xi put the ball in the end zone and completed the extra point attempt on their next drive to take a 26-19 lead. Once again, ZTA came back and scored, but this time Alpha Xi was able to

It feels wonderful to be the champs.”

-Jennifer Esce

hold ZTA and stop the extra point attempt.

The sisters of Alpha Xi were jubilant after the win. Jennifer Esce says, “It feels wonderful to be the champs.”

In the last five years of women’s competition, “this has been the most competitive sorority division we’ve had since we started,” Brasher says.

“That was the longest game,” said Nicole Tierney.

After the game, Eric Brasher summed up the evening.

“Sportsmanship was at its best. The level of play was the best ever. I would like to thank coach Mike Williams for letting us use the football field.”

Brasher said that Troy State wants to take on the top two teams from each group.
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