Hispanic show does well

by Rachel Watkins
News writer

Hispanic Heritage Month drew to a close on Tuesday night with the Talent Show and Taste Festival, which highlighted culture from all parts of the Hispanic realm. Displays of native dress, examples of dance, as well as music were just three attractions that awaited audience members in the third floor auditorium of the TMFB.

The evening’s entertainment was kicked off by MC John, who introduced a piece of opera called “Bella Victoria,” performed by David Zaula, and the opera was followed by a Colombian duo, Diana and Giovanni, who performed a dance from their country. The presentation of the trophies from the soccer tournament held on the 5th of this month were presented to the team captains. Marlena Alvarez-Medina was next, and explained the historic and cultural significance of the costume of her native country, Guatemala. The largest part of the evening was devoted to the dance group, Ritmo y Cultural, made up mostly of Hispanic dancers from the Aniston area. The group performed a total of eight dances, with native dances from Spain, Puerto Rico, Panama, and Cuba, to name a few.

Jorge Gonzalez, the President of the Hispanic-American Organization that brought Ritmo y Cultural to the talent show, explained that part of the purpose of the group is “to keep the Hispanic community that have come to this country abreast of their culture.”

Audience members were of two categories. There was the category of people who came to get a taste of Latin culture through their arts, and there was the category of people who came to cheer on a friend or family member in their artistic endeavor.

Mike Porter, a student, says that he attended the talent show for two reasons, “My friend is in the show, and for the food.”

The 126-seat auditorium was about half full. One reason for the low attendance of students to the affair might have to do with the fact that the fliers went up around campus Friday. Some students may not have had enough time to plan to attend the show. The talent show itself was planned in under two weeks.

After the talent show, food was provided by Marriott Food Services and Acapulco Also, a few dishes were prepared by the students. Along with the refreshments, music was provided by Hispanic DJ Joe Figueroa. Figueroa, a graduate student, hosted the final event of the evening, in which the auditorium turned was into a dance floor to celebrate the end of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Phone directories limit content

by Thomas Webb
Interim News Editor

It might be a bit harder this year to find out the phone number of that cute person in the seat next to you in Biology lab. The mysterious stranger in the hallway might just have to remain nothing more than an attractive face. The reason? This fall’s student phone directory will not list those students who live off campus.

The much slimmer current edition also excludes home phone numbers and addresses of those who live on campus, and will be available only to those who reside in dorms. These changes were made in response to complaints that last fall’s directory violated their privacy. Many students were concerned that the directories of the past could be used by those who would like to harass or victimize them.

“When I was in office last year, and we sent out the phone directory - the campus directory - we received numerous, numerous complaints about handing out other people’s directory information,” said former SGA President Bob Boyle, who was in office when the more comprehensive student directory was published.

According to Elaine Roberts, Manager of University Telecommunications, the SGA has helped in the past compiling the directory with off-campus numbers and addresses. The phone center had sole responsibility this year for producing the directory, since the SGA says it didn’t have the time to help.

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The Talent Show was the final event of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Rotc ceremony

Cathy Higgins
News writer

Thirty-four students were recognized for outstanding achievements in a ceremony held Tuesday afternoon at Rowe Hall. Twice a year the university’s ROTC program recognizes its cadets with awards and certificates.

At the end of the ceremony, the cadets expressed their appreciation for two JSU employees. These cadets presented military personnel technicians Linda Bright and Ellen Witherspoon with floral bouquets. “They means a lot to us as mother figures,” says Bright.

Basic ROTC courses are open to all students. But according to JSU Military Science guidelines, students must meet eligibility requirements for the advanced program. Students need to have a 2.0 GPA, be close to junior status, and meet physical requirements to be eligible for commissioning.

According to MS information, once cadets move to their second year, they can branch out into areas of studies such as Airborne and Air Assault. “For me, that means I get to jump out of airplanes,” says Cadet Carlos Fulk.

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UNC Student Falls Four Stories From Dorm Window
By College Press Service

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—A University of North Carolina sophomore fell four stories out of a dorm window Oct. 2 after drinking beer with friends, police said.

James Haskell Bumgardner II, 18, suffered back injuries but is expected to make a full recovery, according to UNC officials.

Three students who were with Bumgardner told police that they were drinking beer inside the dorm room before the accident happened. At about 4 a.m., they climbed out of a fourth-floor bathroom window into a ledge to smoke a cigarette, police said.

When Bumgardner tried to climb back inside, he slipped, fell off the ledge onto a small tree, and then hit the ground.

Another Fraternity Goes Dry
By College Press Service
LEXINGTON, Ky.—Days after a pledge at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology died of alcohol poisoning, Phi Gamma Delta announced it will ban alcoholic beverages at all 125 of its chapters.

"Alcohol has too much influence on today’s college students and our members. We must take action against it," said Douglas Dittrick, president of Phi Gamma Delta’s governing board.

Scott Krueger, 18, died Sept. 30. Two days earlier, he had been taken to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in a coma after he was found in his basement room at the Phi Gamma Delta house, surrounded by vomit and empty liquor bottles.

Yale Students Admits Faking Transcripts
By College Press Service
NEW HAVEN, Conn.—A student who admits altering his transcripts and forging letters of recommendation to get into Yale University will not serve jail time if he repays some financial aid money.

Jon Grammer, 26, pleaded guilty to larceny charges Oct. 6, said his attorney, Norm Pattis. Under a plea agreement, Grammer will pay Yale University $100 a month for each of the next five years—a fraction of the $61,745 he received in financial aid, grants and loans, Pattis said.

Without the plea agreement, Grammer could have faced up to 20 years in prison.

SGA suggests dorm improvements

by Thomas Webb
Interim News Editor

Homecoming came one step closer Monday, with the appointment of the Elections Clerk and Committee. The Committee and Clerk will be responsible for overseeing the counting of ballots in next week’s Homecoming Court elections.

Elected by the SGA, this committee consists of three SGA senators and three student justices, who will be responsible for ensuring the security of the ballots that will elect the Homecoming Queen and her Court. The bills that appointed the clerk and committee passed unanimously.

Seldom a point of much contention, these appointments were based mainly on the nominees desire to serve. There was no debate about the bills.

"The people that are on here [the committee] are participating because they are interested," said Marriot, the University’s food service provider, is looking into making some major changes in the way it will serve the campus.

SGA Senate President Leanne Jordan during the meeting, "I asked for people who were interested, so I think that’s pretty much enough said."

The committee will be called into use next week when the Homecoming elections are held. Voting will take place on Wednesday, October 22 and Thursday, October 23 on the 4th floor TMB from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free cable, longer visitation, and more vending machines were among the ideas brought up by the Residence Life Committee to improve the lives of students in dorms. The committee also suggested having dorm guards run visitation in dorms, extending the hours at Houston Cole Library, and having Stephenson opened longer.

Concern was expressed over the amount of lighting behind Sparkman Hall and at the Library parking lot. One student said she didn’t feel safe at night at those locations, and the others at the committee meeting agreed that it should be looked into. Members of the committee were sent to the various offices concerned with these areas in order to discuss the viability of their ideas.

Students could have more choices for on-campus according to one companion who attended a meeting where Marriot voiced some of its ideas for the near future.

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J’ville high school affects JSU

by Buffy Smith
News writer

The new Jacksonville High School will mean changes for students at JSU.
This summer, the state will move the traffic light that is on Pelham Road, coming out of the high school, to the corner of 204 and Weaver Road, coming out of the new high school. The state highway department feels that there are too many traffic lights on Pelham Road near the University.

“When classes change as JSU, that extra light causes traffic to back up at JSU,” says Messer.
The class of 1999 will be the first graduating class in the new school.

“We’ll be moving in late Spring, early Summer,” says Messer. The students will be moved in by Fall.
The city council also announced in meeting Tuesday night that the old high school and band room buildings will be torn down and replaced by landscaping. “This will make things look a bit more environmentally friendly,” says Mr. Leonard Messer, Superintendent of the Jacksonville City school system.

In 1929, the city could no longer afford to keep up the school system. JSU, along with the state board of education, bought the Jacksonville high school buildings and land for a sum of around $50,000. The school was legally under the Jax State board of trustees but the board allowed the school to run itself, except for major renovation matters.

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After the main building was built in 1946, a well sprung under it which caused moisture problems. Also, the sand used in the mortar was unclean, which caused mortar to crumble. Due to these problems, it would cost more money to renovate the high school than to build a new one.

Historically, schools are built as cheap as they can be but in the long run they cost you more,” says Messer.

The new Jacksonville High school will prove to be a state of the art school. Maintenance and housekeeping will be easier because very little carpet will be used throughout the school system. The wiring used in the school is above building code requirements; and the lighting is very efficient.

Through the new heating system in the high school, the principal will be able to dial the school through a computer modem and adjust the temperature of the high school from home. In most schools, heating has to be adjusted a day in advance.

According to Messer, this new system will prevent someone from having to go up to the school in the middle of the night to adjust the heating when there is bad weather in the forecast.
The city plans to build a practice field for the school this year. A football field will be built when the city can come up with the money. At the moment, the high school has to pay rent and a clean up fee to the sum of $1,000 each game at Paul Snow Stadium.
Thirty-four ROTC students were awarded for outstanding achievements in a ceremony Tuesday, October 14. The winners were honored for scholarships, completion of camps, and completion to the next level in the ROTC Program.

First year students are: Jamey L. Broach, Bryan C. Gray, Yu K. Hu and Michael C. Suarez.

Students completing the second year are: Jamie D. Allen, Chris T. Brown, Claudia Castillo, Joe Fialyou, Carlos G. Fiol, Loren V. Fleming, Isolda L. J. Gardner, Mark D. Hall, Christopher D. Harris, Jennifer Hogan, Ellis C. Monk, Manuel F. Ramirez and Brian J. Wallace, Jr.

Third year students include: Martin F. Abel, Jonathan Crosson, Michael F. Dole, Randy E. Griffiths, Demetrius McClellan, Jerry R. Mize, Alfredo M. Suarez and Peter L. Williams.

Fourth year students are: Thomas K. Bardwell, Eric Heath, Leila Honeycutt, Victor R. Satterlund, Victoria M. Scragg and Mary Totherow.

Willie Lynch graduated to Second lieutenant status.

Fiol is pleased with the ROTC program at JSU. “Of all the ones I know, it’s the best around,” he says.

Fiol also believes his training at JSU will be beneficial when he graduates. “You automatically become a second lieutenant,” he says. “You can’t get a better deal than that.”

He explains that ROTC training at JSU gives students essential leadership skills. “It also gives you an extra edge,” he adds. “You almost always get a job after you finish your military commitment.”

According to Lt. Col. Marshall Merris, ROTC students don’t necessarily have to go into the military upon graduation. “They have the option to be in the Reserves,” he says. This means they only serve in the military one weekend a month for the duration of their commitment.

For anyone interested in the ROTC program, they may request additional information from the Military Science Department at 782-5601.
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Not long ago I was required to take a drug test as part of a job application. Then I was required to take it again, because my first sample didn’t contain sufficient amounts of some sort of chemical which proves that it really is urine. A friend told me, “You don’t eat enough red meat, that’s your problem.” So I went down to Winn-Dixie, and guess what I found?

Free food.

I’m not kidding. They’ve got wiener down there in packages which read: “Oscar Mayer FREE Hot Dogs.” Nowhere on the package does it say “Fat-Free,” “Cholesterol-Free.” The freedom of these hot dogs is not tied down by the usual commercial qualifiers: these are flat-out free franks.

Of course, “free” is a word with multiple meanings, so you may be asking yourself if these are liberated wiener. I can assure you that they are not. They are vacuum-sealed together in Zip-loc bags of four—little pink nuclear families of franks. Each wiener is exactly like the next. Each is 5 3/4 inches long—a nice intimidating length. These hot dogs are not just unfree, they’re impressively well-regimented and customer-friendly. This is the kind of wiener you want to hire for a middle-management position.

So this leads us to the other “free,” the “free” which could furnish your next cookout at absolutely no charge. You know, the “take-it-or-leave it” free of kind of free. It’s not so absurd to suppose that people would want to give food away for free. Folks give away student newspapers, government cheese, and Bibles for free. Sometimes they give away whole canals. What’s a wiener or two between friends, in a college town?

Still, before you head down to Winn-Dixie and abscond with hundreds of links, be aware that there is yet another kind of “free” looming on the horizon, a new, 21st-Century meaning of the word. This is “free” as pure sound—the sound, if you like, of a lot of hot wind. I’m talking about “freedom” as an abstract quality possessed by certain manufactured objects—the kind of “freedom” you get from wearing the right panty shills, driving the right car, and watching the right TV programs. The aforementioned weenies may well be every bit as “free” in this respect as any skateboard or pair of Nike shoes. It’s hard to tell.

“Free,” in this case, may even mean that you absolutely must buy these hot dogs. In other words, this could be the politician’s “free,” which really means “my way or the highway.” This is the “freedom” of Roy Moore and Fob James, a freedom which has nothing to do with the Bill of Rights. Under this kind of freedom, you’re free to buy these hot dogs, or you’re free to move to some other state where they don’t have hot dogs. You’re free to move to some country like Somalia where they don’t have hot dogs, and see how you like it. Ellen Degeneres is perfectly free to prefer peaches to wiener, and we’re perfectly free to roast her at the stake for it.

Now, those are some pretty scary hot dogs. There’s no telling what they really mean. And they really exist. You can go down to Winn-Dixie and see them: “FREE Hot Dogs.” If you feel really brave, you might try and challenge the manager to let you have them for free, as advertised. Then you’ll find out what “free” really means—then you’ll find out whether we’re liberated people or just a bunch of regimented wenecies.

People are having the wrong kind of sex. I don’t mean the hetero/homo-sexual sex conflict either. No, the sex I’m worrying about affects Bi’s, Gays, and Straights—safe sex.

Regardless of what your preference is, you’ve got to be careful when you’re with somebody, if not for your partner’s sake, then for yours. College age students are at the highest risk of STDs of any age group.

I’m not going to go off on a soap box on how people should abstain from having sex. Abstaining is the safest thing to do, with a monogamous relationship running a close second, but it would be hypocritical of me to preach it. Instead, I am going to let you know what you can do to protect yourself.

Women, don’t rely on the guys to always provide protection. Keeping a condom in your purse or someplace handy but not too warm would prevent a lot of “have risky sex or calm down, it’s too risky” situations. Condoms break down in heat, which includes prolonged body heat, such as heat trapped in wallets, as well as heat found in cars. The glove box is not a good place to keep condoms.

If you’re about to have sex for the first time with someone, there are a few things you can do to keep yourself safe. If you think your partner could have some sort of sexually transmitted disease, talk with them about it. If you notice any sores, particular redness, bumps or discharges, you might want to stop things for a moment and ask. Keep in mind that a lot of STDs are symptomless, so there may not be any physical symptoms. If in doubt, don’t; it’s safer.

There’s a lot of other forms of self protection besides condoms, especially for pregnancy. Depo-provera is a shot given every three months which prevents ovulation. The drug can, over a long period of time, eliminate monthly periods. It also can induce weight changes and pregnancy symptoms. Shots are expensive. A more available and less expensive option is the use of spermicide.

There are several options available. Foam, which is the most effective spermicide, and the sponge, which acts both as a barrier and a spermicide, are not meant to be stand-alone birth control; these are back-ups to condom use, and to the extremely paranoid, the pill as well.

Condoms are rated in theory at a 98% effectiveness against pregnancy, and are by far the most widely known birth control method available. Fertility awareness, timing sex for a woman’s infertile days, is far too risky, especially for college age women. Not only does counting on that alone leave STDs a major possibility, fertility awareness is highly inaccurate for women in their twenties or women in college due to stress. Stress can upset the ovulation cycle, which is what fertility awareness is based on.

Another more expensive process is Norplant, which are sticks implanted in the inner arm, which prevent pregnancy for five years. As a downside, Norplant’s side effects include menstrual bleeding, headache, nausea, appetite changes, hair growth/loss and enlargement of the ovaries and fallopian tubes.

The most fool-hardy method of birth control is the pull-out method, also known as Coitus Interruptus/Instant Parents. This is the least effective means of preventing pregnancy, partially due to the reliance on self-control, mostly because men release a certain amount of sperm during the sexual act. If you lack money, go to the Infirmary. The last I checked, they’re handing out free condoms on request.

Sex is a lot of fun, but you need to be careful. If you’d like to learn more about STD dangers, or pregnancy prevention, talk with the staff at the Infirmary or look at http://wso.williams.edu/peerh/safe-sex/ and http://sunsite.unc.edu/ASHA/
We would like to thank the JSU Campus Police Department for their help and to let the people of JSU know what a good job they are doing. We had a vandalism involving a student at our laundry mat, the person was identified within hours for an arrest. Thanks to all of you who took the time to help us. Keep up the good work.

Jon & Jan’s Washertaria

Do you practice safe sex, and, if so, what do you use?
--Compiled by Fritz

“I feel the best way to practice safe sex is to not have sex at all.”
Ryan Bontrager, Junior

“Maybe it is gonna be selfish but I prefer my partner to use the pill.”
Levent Tasig, Graduate

“According to my opinion; both partners have to take care. I mean, my partner has to use the pill and I have to use the condom.”
Ugur Tonsug, Freshman

“My method of safe sex is to wait until I’m married.”
Maro Gullardo, Junior

“I practice abstinence, and reserve myself to the glory of God, until I enter into marriage.”
Masa Gumiro, Sophmore

“If I was having sex, I am single right now (hint, hint), I would use a condom if one was around. If not, I’d just pull-out.”
Keith Tasker, Senior

“Only a fool has unprotected sex. In today’s society, it’s literally playing Russian roulette with your life.”
Carol Maddox, Sophmore
Features

Homecoming Queen top ten selected

by Cathy Higgins

In the beginning, there were thirty-two candidates hoping to win the title of JSU Homecoming Queen. After the Homecoming Queen Pageant last week, the field was narrowed to ten.

The event marked the start of the JSU Homecoming festivities. Last Thursday, Leon Cole Auditorium was standing room only, filled with friends and family of those competing as well as those just looking for something to do.

The theme of the pageant was “Phantom of the Opera”, keeping with the “Halloween Homecoming” theme. For the opening and closing of the ceremony, the contestants wore masks to match their evening gowns.

“The ceremony lasted about forty-five minutes. ‘I like it because it was quick and to the point,’ says Susan Wise, sister of contestant of LaToya Wise.

Since the contest was brief, none of the audience members became restless, or diverted attention of other spectators. Instead, the audience was almost debating, with groups and individuals hollering encouragement for their favorite competitor.

With the first elimination process finished, the students will get their chance to vote. Elections for the top five will be held today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the fourth floor of the Theron Montgomery Building.

“The results will be announced as soon as ballots are counted,” says Ananda Witherspoon, Student Government Association Director of Publicity.

The top ten Homecoming Queen contestants and sponsors are: Aimee Brock, Delta Chi Fraternity; Debbie Chan, International House; Keri Cooper, SODA; Amber Cox, University Police Department; Susan Draney, Zeta Tau Alpha; Five Ann Horton, Alpha Xi Delta; Amy Kelly, Alpha Xi Delta; Kim Kuykendal, Phi Mu; Jessica Smith, Delta Zeta; Angela Woodward, Faith Outreach Campus Ministry.

After the top five are chosen, students will then vote for Homecoming Queen. Voting will take place at the fourth floor of the Montgomery Building. October 22-23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During the halftime proceedings of the Homecoming game, SGA president Chris Glover will crown the queen. According to Witherspoon, waiting until halftime adds to the excitement.

“I think it’s the build-up that makes more people want to come to the game,” she says.

Witherspoon expects a large turnout for the elections. She believes people in organizations, as well as many independent students will vote for Homecoming Queen.

“We’ve got a wide variety of people in the top ten,” she says, “and I think it’ll be great.”

Witherspoon is encouraged by the student support for Homecoming Week. She adds that many of the campus organizations are getting into the spirit of competition with yard displays, door decorations, and, of course, floats for the parade.

“Through I’ve done a great job,” Whitherspoon says.

She also feels that overall, school spirit is up this year. “The SGA started off with a bang,” she says. “We just got the word out for students to get involved, and they did.”

JSU Cheerleader Captain, Keith Bates also attributes student support to JSU’s new football coach, Mike Williams. “With the new coach coming in, I think it’s going to be a productive year,” he says. “It’s time for a change.”

Groover artwork displayed in Hammond

by Phil Attinger

Features writer

The Hammond Hall Art Gallery now has recent works by M. E. Groover on display. Her works span a period from 1995 to 1997, many of them inspired by a trip Groover took to the Southwest in 1995.

The Art Department held an opening reception October 7, with many students, faculty, and area residents in attendance. The show fit the Autumn night, since most of the works are ablaze with color.

On October 9, Groover held a lecture in the Hammond Hall Gallery to discuss her show with interested patrons and students. She describes herself as more on the conservative end of the artistic spectrum. One wouldn’t know it from her oil paintings, watercolors, and pastel works, which are all very energetic. She states in her press release that we “live in a world which is overwhelmed by environmental, social, and aesthetic ills. Many artists chose to explore these issues in their work. My work, while not entirely ignoring the reality of the world we occupy, usually concentrates on the fragments that create interesting visual phenomena.”

In describing her work, Groover states that while she might seem an expressionist or abstract artist, she is neither one. “Nor am I a Southern landscape painter (or one who) paints quaint or picturesque scenes. I am given more to energy.” For her landscape scenes, Groover refrains from representing any manmade features or human figures. As she says in her statement, “It is no accident that many of my paintings ignore man’s presence. When figurative images do enter the landscape, these reflect man’s unbreakable tie to the natural world.”

Groover confesses that she loves vibrant color in her works: “I don’t think I realized how flamboyant I am (with color) until I saw the show up on the wall.” She points out that in “Flooded Canyon”, she included a very blue sky. This is rare for a show where most of her skies are painted in purples, greens, and yellows.

Like many artists, Groover does do some of her works in a series of paintings, but ends up with individual works anyway. She explains that this is done to counter the paintings seeming to assert their own personalities, insisting to be works on their own merits.

As to assigning meaning to her works, Groover doesn’t, since she sees her work differently from everyone else. “The viewer imprints emotions—sad, lonely, quiet, or restful—what ever you see.”

Groover claims that having a comfortable studio helps the creative process. She describes her studio as a room about fifteen feet square with her canvas suspended on the wall instead of an easel. She explains that she works standing up.

M. E. Groover (right) discusses one of her works with art student Mario Gallardo.

M. E. Groover shows one of her many landscape portraits currently on display in Hammond Hall.

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For more information on the Student Activities Office at 782-5469 or the SGA Hotline at 782-5699.
Golden Dragon opens its doors

by Scott Hopkin
Contributing stomach

Sitting in a Chinese restaurant has always been an experience for me. I like the sounds of plates clattering together, of wood thunking slightly off of dishes, and the faint smells of oil and fried foods. I especially like the chance to try out strange and exotic foods, so that my digestive system can hate me later, like a lot of people, I love to eat things that won’t agree with me (which is probably left over from stone age politics, but that is another story).

When I heard that a new Chinese restaurant had opened up in Jacksonville, I jumped at the excuse to stuff my face and pretend to have a legitimate reason for doing so. I’ve got some mixed feelings about the place, but as a whole, it seems pretty nice. The food is fair, the decorations are at least a nod towards Chinese decor, and the carpets seem a nice addition to the bare floors Dave had when he rented the space.

What struck me was the variety of foods offered and the price. I’ve been in a lot of Chinese restaurants in my life, and I’d normally expect to pay close to twelve dollars to get a full meal and some hot tea for my digestion. Yet I managed to order Mu Goo Gai Pan, soup, and as much tea as I wanted for less than seven dollars.

Matching the low cost in wonder is the variety. The Golden Dragon offers more dishes in one place than I’ve ever seen before, including a lot of dishes I’ve never heard of before.

I regret sticking with something I’d tried before, even though I wanted to be able to compare how their cooking matched with previous restaurants I’d been to before.

I’ll probably go back another time to sample some of the stranger items on their menu, and maybe the bar that they are so proud of.

Our waiter constantly boasted about their buffet bar, which seemed nice enough. One of the people I was with went ahead and tried the bar, with very mixed reactions. Like any bar, several of the dishes were near empty, and it looked pretty plain that the bar hadn’t been freshened in a while. She said that the rice she got was hard, and several items were getting cool. I had to send back my soup to get rewarmed, which they did very willingly.

Despite that, however, I’m going to go ahead and say that despite the minor food difficulties, which are probably a result of coming in an hour before closing, the restaurant as a whole seems decent. I’m going to go back and try the place during the afternoon and see how it goes, even though my digestion may not like me for it.

Wonderful Beef with a touch of Honey

Mariah Carey

“Honey,” Mariah Carey’s effervescent latest single, sets the tone for her new album Butterfly. Nostalgia-inducing samples and guest rappers Mase and the Lox lend a warmth and charm missing from her previous attempt at street credibility. Here, Carey is trying to prove that she can be both a pop princess and a funky R&B diva.

The surprising thing? It works.

The harmonies go down smooth as “Honey,” drawing you into her latest musical voyage.

The album that follows lives up to the promise of “Honey” for the most part, though it has some remarkably disappointing moments along the way. “The Beautiful Ones” turns Prince’s song into a shushy ballad that would make even Celine Dion cringe. And some songs, like “Fourth of July,” “Whenever You Call,” and “Outside,” sound like leftovers from previous albums. These, however, are the exception rather than the rule.

The gospel-tinged grandeur of “Butterfly” lifts off on the power of its almost overwhelming choruses, and Carey’s surprising restraint, which holds off her bombast until the song’s bridge, when she lets loose with all the lung power she can muster.

“My All” seems to be about Butterfly’s influence on modern music, with gently-plucked guitars and flowing melodies.

Showing more genuine emotion than usual for Carey, “Close My Eyes” oozes regret for a childhood lost, perhaps a reflection of her entering the adult world straight out of high school. Musically these songs don’t break new ground for her, but they stand as gems of pop music.

Slow-burn grooves carry “The Root,” a smooth recoup of a summertime love affair. Kraayze Bone and Wish Bone of Bone-Thugs’ N’ Harmony guest on “Breakdown,” which has (gasp!) Mariah rapping in the background. More overtly sexual anything she has previously recorded, “Babydoll” benefits from guest lyricist Missy Elliott.

As an artist, Carey seems to be at a crossroads here, trying to balance her need to maintain her vast pop audience, while also expressing her love for R&B and rap music, so it’s no surprise if this Butterfly never quite takes off. If the musical promise shown in this album comes to full maturity, however, it should be an interesting flight.

—Thomas Webb

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PAPER CHAMPION MUSIC

I like to describe Ska music as “the marching band got the funk.” I found that on Wonderful Beef, the new CD from Pain.

I first heard Pain in Bother’s Bar almost four years ago. At that time they had a seven or eight person band with guitars, keyboards and bass, but still seemed to be finding a sound. Wonderful Beef is now their second CD, and the sound has certainly gelled with time.

One of my song picks would be “In A Band!”, a youthful rant about wanting to join the proverbial circus and avoid the bland nine-to-five world. Musically, it fits Pain’s apparent style, which is fast on the lyrics and the beat in short outbursts of song—a sort of “drive-by-singing.”

All of the cuts on this CD are Pain, i.e. no covers. Two were from the first CD, however. The band re-recorded “Gabin” and “The Man Upstairs” for what I must say is a crisper result.

One does get the feeling that the band took a while to find the right settings on the pre-amps, but the garage band feel adds something to their lyrical style, with subjects ranging from bathroom graffiti to the inevitable trudge into old age to homicidal children. It’s not for the faint of heart, or slow of dancing feet.

The only exception to the drive-by singing is a ballad—and I’m not making this up —about a seven-inch tall cowboy. Some might find this a little bit campy. Still, the band has clear and obvious influences from They Might Be Giants and Dead Milkmen, who showed that camp could be classic. I just don’t remember They Might Be Giants using Flugelhorns, kazoo, banjos, or a jaw harp. The year’s not over yet.

I don’t find Wonderful Beef to be a life-altering experience, but I like it.

—Phil Attinger
"So Bongo, as our big winner you get your choice of a brand-new state-of-the-art toaster oven, or an apposable thumb."

As the result of a linguistic fluke, Dracula experienced the worst night of his life.

"Whoa, head-rush."

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17. Seagirt region
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19. Distance measure
20. New inhabitants of a region
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33. Celestial body
35. Cat's cry
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41. Beer
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60. Coin
61. Flag and Arbor
62. Church part
63. Lana or "Superman"

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1. Lane of
2. Church part
3. Disney or
4. Kind of pony
5. Rise
6. Job
7. Children
8. Scrap of food
9. Kind of mirror
10. Rubber or Portland
11. Mr. Skinner
12. Unmatched thing
13. Bonds
21. Connect
23. Party giver
25. Knight's protection
26. Get lost!
27. Coeur d'—
28. LP material
29. Skin openings
30. Picture
31. At no time
32. Pitchers
34. Yields by treaty
35. Snubbed
36. Took place
40. Blue-pencil
41. Lantern
43. Expresses a belief
44. Throws
46. Throb
47. Writer Grey
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49. Grandma
50. Sandler
51. Musical passage
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Influence. "They're the only reason I came," says Allen, a graduate student at Jacksonville State University Southeast. "I'm proud of it, and I want other people to be proud of it too."

The four-man band also had their self-titled debut album available during the show. Compact discs were on sale for $10. The band hopes the CD will get them noticed by record companies.

"We've been playing at Vandy's, Georgia, and all over the Southeast," says Connor. "Now we've got a commodity, and hopefully it will do some work for us."

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Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon: Round Six

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Ricki Lake in "Serial Mom" with
Kathleen Turner
Kathleen Turner in "Patty's
Honor" with Jack Nicholson
Jack Nicholson in "A Few Good
Men" with...Kevin Bacon

TRICKY PICK OF THE WEEK
Richard Alledge wins the Footloose
soundtrack with Burr Caruth.
It turns out that ol' Burr had appeared
in western movies back in the forties.
The links were difficult, but do-able.

Dose in five:
Burr Caruth in "The Phantom
Cowboy" with Don Barry
Don Barry in "Orca" with Richard
Harris
Richard Harris in "Patriot Games"
with Harrison Ford
Harrison Ford in "Raiders Of The
Lost Ark" with Karen Allen
Karen Allen in "Animal House"
with Kevin Bacon

UNDER MANDATE FROM THE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF...WE NEED A WINNER NEXT
WEEK!

So, in keeping with the homecoming
themes, to win the big Kevin Bacon
Prize Package, here's all you have to
do: link any eight actors in the cult
film "Rocky Horror Picture Show"
to Kevin Bacon in six movies or less,
and you win. The deadline is noon
Tuesday, October 21. Fairies will
be judged on creativity and brevity.
The only stipulation: you cannot use
"Rocky Horror" itself.

As a reminder, here is the Prize
Package:
• The Kevin Bacon video library
• Animal House, Friday the 13th,
Footloose, Murder In The First,
Tremors, Queens Logic,
Flatliners, Planes Trains And
Automobiles, A Few Good Men,
Apollo 13, and Balto
• The soundtrack to Footloose (your
choice: cassette or CD)
• Two pounds of bacon (Koshers is
offered)

This time the challenge is yours.
There will be a winner.

Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon: The
Rocky Horror Round.

Don’t dream it, solve it.
JSU Soccer team earns TAAC tournament berth

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

History was made on Sunday as the Lady Gamecocks captured their first ever TAAC Tournament bid. The Lady Gamecocks defeated Troy State by a score of 7-0.

"We played really well against Troy State. It was one of our best games of the year," said coach Lisa Howe about her team’s effort.

Amy Buchanan led the charge for the Lady Gamecocks. She scored two goals on the afternoon. Buchanan is now the Jacksonville State record holder in several categories. She has 23 points this season and 49 points over her career. She has scored nine goals this season, increasing her goal total to 20.

Andrea Poole also had a great game for the Lady Gamecocks. She added one goal and one assist for the team. So far this season, Poole has put up some impressive numbers.

She has 20 points this season, ranking her second on the team behind Buchanan. She has also scored a game-winning goal this season.

As for making their first TAAC Tournament, Howe admits it is special. "I told them no matter how many times we qualify for the tournament, they will always be the first team that ever made it there. It feels great."

The goal-keeping duo of Daphne Baier and Emily Bryan have kept the pressure on opponents this season. Between them, they have four shutouts. Baier has played in nine games so far, starting in eight of them. Bryan has played in 11 games and started in seven. Baier has put in 600 minutes while Bryan has trudged for over 760 minutes. They will have to continue their good work if the Lady Gamecocks are to go far into the tournament.

"Once you get to the tournament, anything can happen. We're a much better team this year," admits Howe.

Last season, the Lady Gamecocks didn’t have much to play for at the end of the year. This year is a totally different story. "What’s great is for the past two years we were just going through the motions. There wasn’t that much to play for. Now, with the tournament, the team is training at a higher intensity level," says Howe.

Even though the Gamecocks have clinched a berth, the remainder of the regular season is still important. The games will be against SEC opponents and will be a good measuring stick for the team.

"Three of our last five games are against SEC opponents. These games will show us how far along we are and where we’ll have to go. They will be great preparation for the tournament," Howe claims.

The Lady Gamecocks get back into action on Friday when they host McNeese State. Game time will be at 4 p.m.

Jax State mangled by Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks

by Shannon Fagan
Sports editor

Jacksonville State traveled to Nacogdoches, Texas on Saturday to face Stephen F. Austin. The Gamecocks were hopeful of getting their second win of the season. Unfortunately, the Gamecocks were manhandled by the Lumberjacks by the final of 41-15.

The numbers put up by the Lumberjacks were staggering. They scored 41 points on 400 yards rushing and had 602 total offensive yards. Surprisingly, the Gamecocks were in the game until the second half.

They only trailed 13-0 at halftime.

"It hurts. Up until the second half, our kids played better," said coach Mike Williams after the game.

The Lumberjacks took control in the first quarter. Quarterback Peyton Jones took to the air and found his receiver Michael Ricks. Ricks blasted 55 yards down the field for the touchdown. The extra point made it 7-0. Jacksonville State couldn’t establish a scoring drive and trailed after the first quarter.

Stephen F. Austin lit up the scoreboard again in the second quarter. Kicker Ryan Smith booted a 53-yard field goal to increase the lead 10-0. Later in the quarter, Smith attempted another field goal. The 37-yarder sailed through the uprights, giving the Lumberjacks a 13-0 halftime lead.

The Lumberjacks distanced themselves further from the Gamecocks early in the third quarter. Running back Kalron Coleman scampered into the end zone from two yards out to give Stephen F. Austin a 19-0 lead. The try for two failed, but the Gamecocks were still ultimately at 19-0.

"Once you get to the tournament, anything can happen," says Howe.

The Lumberjacks exploded for 22 points in the fourth quarter. Running back Isaiah Stoker bulldozed his way through Gamecock defenders for a 20 yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion made it 27-7.

Stoker wasn’t finished. He scored another touchdown for the Lumberjacks on a 39 yard run. The extra point made it 34-7.

Stephen F. Austin scored their final touchdown of the game on a four-play, 53 yard drive. Running back Derr Blaylock dashed 52 yards to the end zone. The extra point was good, giving the Lumberjacks an overwhelming 41-7 lead.

The Gamecocks scored late off of running back Herman Bell’s 32 yard run for a touch.
Midnight Madness returns to Pete Mathews Coliseum

by Shannon Fagan
Sports editor

Bring out the backboards and put up the nets; basketball season will soon be here. With Midnight Madness tomorrow night, we'll get our first look at the 1997-98 Gamecocks. This season looks to be tough, but head coach Bill Jones will have his team ready.

Although the Gamecocks lost a lot of players to graduation, two starters will return this season. Senior forward Jay Knowlton and senior point guard Jamaal Hickman look to lead the team this season. Knowlton was the top three-point shooter last season. He started 26 games and averaged 13.6 points per game. Hickman averaged 3.8 points and was second in steals last season with 27.

Several non-starters from last year will return as well. Derrell Johnson, Bryan Taylor, Wes Fowler, and Jeff Bellamy hope to step it up for the Gamecocks this season.

Jones was busy this off-season trying to increase the Gamecocks' depth. Jacksonville State signed six players in the off-season to help fill the voids left by graduating seniors. The Gamecocks landed two-time Class 5A “Player of the Year” Alex Beason from Albertville High School. Beason is expected to make an impact with the Gamecocks this season.

David Ash comes to the Gamecocks from Ranger (Texas).

Gamecock Jay Knowlton
Junior College. He averaged 14.2 points per game and eight rebounds last season as a center.

Nibia White played at Otero Junior College in Colorado last season. He rocked the rim for over 13 points per game. White also averaged over five rebounds and dished out over three assists per game last season.

Mike Nañzinger comes over from Illinois Central Community College. He is considered to be a great defensive player. He averaged over 12 points a game last year.

After being redshirted last season, Jeremy Wilson looks to get some playing time. He is a 6-4 guard from Jacksonville.

The schedule for the Gamecocks this season is one of the toughest in school history. They open up play in an exhibition game on November 11 against VASDA. Jacksonville State has road dates with Alabama on November 24 and against Auburn on December 16. They have home-and-home dates with Georgia Southern, Alabama State, and Tennessee Tech.

The Gamecocks open up TAAC play on January 3 at Florida International. They host in-state rival Troy State on January 29 and Samford on February 14. JSU finishes their season at home on February 21 against Georgia State.

Last season, the Gamecocks were 10-17 (6-7 in TAAC play). They finished second in the Western Division. If they are going to improve, the Gamecocks will need more consistent play and have to avoid injuries. It’s too early to tell about this season, but look for coach Jones to be ready.

Lady Gamecock roundball to start on November 6th

by Will Roe
Sports writer

After a 15-14 season a year ago, coach Dana Austin is ready to lead her Lady Gamecocks back into action as basketball season approaches. It will be a hard task to match what last season's team accomplished. The Lady Gamecocks finished second to Florida International in the regular season, and then made it all the way to the conference championship game in the TAAC.

If the Lady Gamecocks had won that game, they would have made their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. It was not to be, and now the Lady Gamecocks find themselves trying to replace some key players from a season ago.

Jax State returns just two of their five starters from last season. Shenea Whaley returns to her point guard position after averaging 9.8 points and 3.4 assists per game a year ago. She was named to the


Jacksonville State volleyball’s bright spot: Amy Reaves

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

We're all leaders in our own way. I think that's why we're having a better season this year," says Gamecock volleyball member Amy Reaves about her team.

One of the brightest spots for this year’s Gamecock volleyball team has been the junior middle hitter from Weaver. She has started for the Lady Gamecocks since her freshman year in 1995. Even though she is a veteran of the team, Reaves doesn’t feel like she’s the leader of the squad.

Her numbers are impressive to say the least. Last season, she played in all 35 Lady Gamecock matches last season. She led the team in service aces and finished second on the team with 273 kills. Reaves also holds Jacksonville State’s Division I career record for service aces with 141.

Amy graduated from Weaver High School where she was a multi-sport player. Along with volleyball, she played softball, basketball, ran track, and was a cheerleader. While at Weaver, she was a 1994 All-State selection and helped lead the team to a state championship.

Reaves helped Weaver to finish fourth in the state volleyball tournament her senior year. She made an instant impact her freshman year as a Lady Gamecock. Reaves led the team in service aces and blocks. She placed third on the team in digs and kills. As for making her mark in the TAAC, Reaves finished fourth in the conference in blocks and service aces.

This season, there have been a changes for the team. Coach Jose Rivera has brought about a new philosophy in his first year.

"I'm really excited about his style of coaching. We enjoy practices now and that's a first for me. It's a higher level of play. There's a lot of new and different techniques that I've never seen. He's trying to bring us up to the next level," says Reaves.

With all of the excitement and optimism going on, Reaves would like for the team to get more exposure.

"I just wish we had more fans. If people would come out, they would see how exciting our team is," Reaves says.

As for goals this season, Reaves has one in particular in mind. "I hope we win the TAAC Tournament and finish first in our division. That's all of our players' dreams."
Gamecock Briefs

Volleyball
• The Lady Gamecocks went 3-1 for this week with wins over Troy State (3-2), Samford (3-2), and Belmont (3-0). They lost to Arkansas State 3-0.

Rifle
• The rifle team will travel to Lexington, Kentucky this Saturday to face the Kentucky Wildcats.

Cross Country
• Luis Delfín finished seventh in the Jacksonville State Invitational.

Golf
• Jacksonville State will host the Amoco Ultimate / Young Oil Women’s Intercollegiate Golf Tournament on October 19 at Silver Lakes.

Tennis
• The tennis team played in the 1997 Southern Collegiate Championships at the University of Georgia this weekend. In the Division III Doubles, JSU’s Cardewas/Demars played to the Quarterfinal Round, where they were defeated by Jacoba/Rasmussen from the University of Tennessee.

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“I know our kids don’t want to lose.
-- Head Coach Mike Williams

down. The two-point conversion was successful, but it was too late as the Gamecocks lost by 26 points.

“We’re beat up and banged up, but I know that’s no excuse. I know our kids don’t want to lose. We’re just not giving ourselves a chance. Hopefully, that will change in the future,” said Williams.

Jacksonville State gets a very much needed week off. They return to action when they host Nicholls State at Paul Snow Stadium on Homecoming weekend. Kickoff will be at 4 p.m. on October 25.

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### Last Week's Scores

- **Stephen F. Austin**: 41 vs **Jacksonville State**: 15
- **Nicholls State**: 29 vs **Southwest Texas**: 28
- **Troy State**: 13 vs **Sam Houston State**: 10
- **McNeese State**: 50 vs **Northwestern State**: 7

### Gamecock Calendar

- **Basketball**: Midnight Madness October 17 11 p.m.
- **Cross Country**: at UT-Chattanooga October 18 TBA
- **Soccer**: McNeese State October 17 4 p.m.
- **Mississippi State**: October 21 4 p.m.
- **Volleyball**: at Georgia State October 18 TBA

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