

THE CHANTICLEER



JSU student charged for hit and run on Trustee Circle

By Angel Weaver and Caryn Pearson
News Writers

As Paulette Parks walked across the parking lot on University Circle on Wednesday, October 22, she was allegedly struck by a vehicle coming from the stop sign at the intersection of Trustee and University Circles.

According to Parks, she was crossing the parking lot on her way to Hammond Hall when she noticed a red car coming toward her from the right side.

"I tried to speed up and get out of his way, but I knew he was going to hit me," says Parks. According to Parks, the car struck her in the right side, but failed to stop.

A woman who witnessed the incident stopped and asked if she could help. Parks says they went down the hill in front of the Theron Montgomery Building and found the driver exiting the vehicle

in front of Stephenson Hall.

"It was instant recognition when he saw me," says Parks. She said he repeatedly denied that he had seen her, but did not deny that he had hit her. "Then he said he was sorry and asked me to forgive him."

The driver was unavailable for comment.

The driver, a student at JSU, was officially charged with failure to stop at the scene of an accident and render aid. He is scheduled to appear in Jacksonville City Court on November 17.

Parks says she is bothered by the fact that he did not stop to offer assistance. "Even though I was not seriously injured, he didn't know that."

Parks says her right arm is still sore where she tried to catch herself in the fall, and her right knee did hurt for a few days. However, her injuries are very minor. "I was lucky," she said.

Some students have not been as lucky, as was

the case last year. A student attempting to cross the street in front of Brewer Hall was struck by a speeding vehicle that failed to stop at the crosswalk. According to Rick Tubbs at the University Police Department, this student suffered very serious injuries.

According to Tubbs, students do need to be more careful. However, very few incidents of this nature occur on campus.

"This is not an epidemic," he says. He feels that incidents such as this can be avoided if motorists adhere to the speed limits and act more responsibly, but that it is not a big problem on campus.

Parks disagrees. "There are so many people who don't obey the speed limits in that area," she says. Parks says she has seen many cars speed past her without looking.

"I think we all need to be more careful and more aware of our fellow students, especially those who are walking."



Paulette Parks after the accident.

Fritz

Retro Club and Cafe: Trying to attract a new crowd

By Rachel Riddell
Managing Editor

Something different and new is trying to make its way into Jacksonville. Retro Club and Cafe, though it won't have its grand opening until the beginning of spring semester in early January, already promises to supply college students with new entertainment.

The place plans to have a totally different atmosphere than that of The Quad, the night

club that previously held residency where Retro Club and Cafe is to be located.

The Retro club is making some major physical changes.

"We want to give them (college students) another reason to stay on the weekend," said Paul Bohannon, manager. He says he also wants the club to appeal to all types of college students, and especially attract a more mature and intellectual clientele.

Larry Farris, owner of Retro, has prior club experience from the Atlanta area and will try to bring that to Jacksonville.

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—Paul Bohannon

Marble floors, brass railings, and carpet will take the place of the drab, black surroundings left by The Quad.

The ceiling will change from rafters to a new look which will accommodate Retro's acoustic capabilities and lighting design.

Tables will be placed around the railings and televisions will be placed around the club for all to view from where they are situated.

A dance floor will still be a main feature to Retro's atmosphere. Making a designated parking lot for easier access is also a high priority. The cafe part will have a lunch menu featuring foods similar to others in Jacksonville. Finger foods, burgers, fries and such is just an example of what their

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SGA resolution supports planned TMB Food Court

By Thomas Webb
News Editor

Students will find a new \$15 fee attached to their JSU I.D. next fall if Marriot completes plans to build a food court in the TMB. This fee will come as a result of Student Resolution 3, which was passed at this week's SGA Meeting.

An earlier resolution was postponed a few weeks ago due to concerns that the food court might not be located in the TMB.

"We just wanted to hold on a little bit longer," Glover said last week, "We never doubted them; we just wanted to be sure."

The resolution says that fee is necessary to help make the food court a success. It also

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states that the fee will only be added if the food court is located in the TMB.

Students will be able to spend the \$15 on meals at the food court.

The Senate also passed Bills 23-27. Bill 23 had been tabled last week, but passed unanimously this week. The bill gave Delta Sigma Theta \$295 to help put on their "Mr. Debonair" Pageant.

Bills 25, 26, and 27 were also allocations, which gave \$200 each to Sigma Gamma Rho, AITP, and the Chamber Singers. All three bills passed unanimously.

Bill 24 started some debate among the senators. A bill to appoint Marcus Smith to fill a vacancy in the Senate, the bill was to be tabled for one week. The rules were suspended in a contested vote, and the bill was voted upon and passed.

SGA Senator Christian LeBlanc disagreed with Senate President Leanne Jordan's deci-

sion to go ahead with the vote.

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"Christian told me 'Please do it the way we used to - keep them tabled so people can have time to think about it,'" Jordan said, "Fine. I had it tabled... They voted to suspend the rules, which means they didn't want it tabled, and we had the vote... if there is a motion you have to vote on it."

Campus Crime Docket

- Jennifer Huntington Vice reported harassing communications at Sparkman Hall on or between 10-18 and 10-27.
- Kelly Mason Merchal, 35, of Sumter South Carolina was arrested for DUI on 10-28 near highway 21 and Roebuck Waters Street.
- Kerry Donnelly Nave, 18, of Irondale, AL was arrested for DUI near Coffee Street and Indian Springs Apartments on 10-25.
- Roy Lee McDaniel Jr., 25, of Jasper, AL was arrested for an open container on 10-25.
- Gregory Lynn Majors, 26, of Birmingham, AL was arrested for an open container on 10-25.
- Matias Camozzi reported theft of property, a moutian bike worth \$125.00, at Ayers Hall on 10-24.
- Martha Bryant Parks reported accidents involving death or personal injury on Trustee Circle on 10-22.
- Xiaolan Tang reported criminal mischief in the third degree at North Parking Lot of Campus Inn on 10-23. There were scratches on the car reported at \$249.00 in damages.
- Katie Claudette Morrison reported harassing communications at Sparkman Hall on 10-24.
- Raymond Earl Poore reported harassment at Martin Hall on 10-23.
- Regina L. Pullman, 34, of Anaheim, CA was arrested for DUI at Pete Mathews Coliseum on 10-22.
- UPD reported theft of property at Sparkman Hall on 10-22.
- Lauren C. Weinman reported theft of property at Sparkman Hall on 10-22.
- JSU reported two counts of disorderly misconduct at Pete Mathews Coliseum on 10-22.
- Micheal Lynn Freeman, 45, of Bristol, VA, was arrested for an open container at Cole Library on 10-22.
- Amy Rebecca Scarborough reported theft of services, long distance calls, at Curtis Hall on 10-22.

Announcements

Miss Jacksonville State University Scholarship Pageant interest/information meeting Wednesday November 57 p.m. 3rd floor TMB. Any young lady age 17-24 and a student at JSU is eligible to be a contestant. For more information contact Terry Casey at 782-5490 SGA office.

A "History of Christianity" program, the first in a series of six, will be offered for free for JSU international students and other interested persons at Covenant Lutheran Church, 406 Pelham Road North, Sunday evening, November 2, 1997 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information about the program, call 435-8678. JSU will present an exhibition of art works by the faculty of the Art Department in the Hammond Hall Gallery from November 4-26. There will be an opening reception on November 4 from 7-9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Steve Loucks at 782-5708.

There will be a choral concert this Sunday, November 2, at 3 pm in Leone Cole Auditorium, featuring JSU A Capella Choir, Chamber Singers, Encore!, and DeArmanville's 3rd & 4th Grade Chorus

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Writers bowl attracts students to JSU

By Cathy Higgins
 News writer

Approximately 250 senior high students came to compete in JSU's Second Annual Writers' Bowl.

"That's over twice as many than attended last year," says Dr. Steven Whitton, JSU English professor, and co-chair of the event.

The tournament took place on Wednesday, October 22 in the Gamecock Center. According to Whitton, the all day event was held in the Gamecock Center because so many students participated, and even then it was standing room only.

"If it keeps growing," says Whitton, "next year we may have to hold it in Leone Cole (Auditorium)."

Dr. Randall Davis, a member of the Writers' Bowl committee, also believes the program is a success.

"Last year twenty schools came, and that was good for a first year," he says. "This year we expected thirty teams to participate and we had thirty-five."

The Writers Bowl is open to all senior high students who are interested in writing.

"There are no other eligibility requirements except to love writing," says Whitton.

According to Davis, the program

had three competitions. In the morning students competed in the drama category.

"Students were given a scenario and ninety minutes to come up with a written play about it," he says.

Teams competed in the fiction writing category in the afternoon. According to Whitton, this particular category contained a Halloween theme.

"The teams were given an amount of time to write a horror story," he says.

In the Essay Competition, forty-one students submitted essays prior to the competition. "That saved the

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—Dr. Steven Whitton

judges from rushing to read all of them in one day," he says.

This year the University provided a Holocaust Workshop for teachers. According to Davis, teachers that accompanied students were left with nothing to do last year.

"So we decided to give them

something that would help them in the classroom," he says. "We hope to offer more subjects in future competitions."

The last event of the day was an awards ceremony, which took place at 3 p.m. "We tried to get the judging done early because we knew some schools came from far away," says Davis.

Both Whitton and Davis hope the Writers' Bowl will boost recruitment. "It gives students an opportunity to learn about the university without feeling overwhelmed," says Davis.

Whitton adds that the student response was higher than they anticipated. "They asked for catalogs, which we didn't expect," he says. "We must have given away twenty or thirty."

Whitton is also pleased with the overall turnout of this year's event. "We made it a tournament to give the students a spirit of competition," he says. "This was also a way for high school students to learn about our English program."

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Higher Education Partnership seeks support

By Thomas Webb
 News Editor

"In the past, higher education never had to worry about getting cut, until Fob James became governor," says SGA President Chris Glover. The policies of the James Administration toward higher education made the creation of the Higher Education Partnership necessary, Glover said.

The Higher Education Partnership was founded in February to address concerns about budget cuts for state-funded universities. Based in Montgomery, the Partnership's membership includes 15 public colleges and universities in the state. Faculty members and students across the state have paid the group's yearly membership fee to show their support for the Partnership's actions.

"We [the University] have always gotten money just because of our reputation," said Glover after last week's SGA Senate meeting, "But now, with Fob James being governor, we're no longer getting that money because of our reputation, and we're going to have to fight for it."

Involvement among students at JSU in the Partnership has been low, ac-

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— Chris Glover

ording to Glover. One reason cited by senators for lack of widespread student membership at JSU was a lack of information about the group.

Many SGA senators spoke up in support of the partnership after last week's Senate meeting, including SGA senator Kimberly Collier. Collier suggested that the SGA should sponsor membership drives in the TMB, and around campus.

"Most people don't know about it, and us just putting it up somewhere isn't good enough," said Collier, "I think students need to be very aware of what's going on if they don't want tuition just constantly raising. I think we should stop it."

Glover feels students should be aware of what the Partnership is doing on behalf of higher education because budget cuts affect students directly. Glover says whenever the University gets less money from the state, the

university must make it up in other ways, including budget cuts and tuition increases.

"It directly affects your pocketbook now... if he [Gov. James] gets elected again, it's going to get worse... he says he is going to take it as a mandate from the people," says Glover.

The University has lost large percentages of their state money in recent years, which has forced the administration to raise tuition by \$50 a semester for several years in a row.

"They've raped Higher Education in Montgomery," Glover says about the budget cuts.

Glover says that one of the most important things that students can do is get involved. "It's something that students should really, really come behind, because it's something they can really put their hands on to help themselves in the future," says Glover.

Applications to join the Partnership are available at the SGA offices, and at other locations on campus.

"It's time now to stand and fight. It's not time to wear these 'Whup Fob' stickers anymore," Glover says, "It's time to get people voting for somebody besides him."

Jax State programming team travels to North Carolina

By Carol Maddox
News Writer

The Programming team will be representing JSU at the Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges held at Lenoir -Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina. The students are under the supervision of Dr. Guillermo Francia, III. Dr. Francia said, "The level of interest [at this university] is far more superior than at other universities." This is based on the fact that most competing colleges have only one team while JSU has three. The three teams

will be competing on November 8 to defend their win in last year's competition. The teams will be competing against such colleges as Mercer University, The University of Maryland, and Louisiana State.

Each team will be given six or seven problems and given three hours to come up with a program.

Teams 1 and 3 will be competing in C++ and Team 3 will be competing in Pascal programming languages.

The students are more excited about competing against the other universities than themselves. The team members are used to competing

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against each other in the classroom and feel comfortable about the competition. Dr. Francia said, "This is intense, but friendly competition."

One of the students said, "We're mainly competing for bragging rites. Competing against the other teams doesn't bother me because we com-

pete in the classroom all the time." Another team member said, "This competition has helped to create friendships among the teammates. It is all about improving yourself."

This is Dr. Francia's second year heading the team and says that he is looking forward to the competition. He also stated that he would like to see more support from the faculty, staff, and other students.

The students will have the choice of either being driven by a faculty member or providing their own transportation to the competition. All other expenses are being paid for by the Computer Science department.

Funding for this event has proved difficult. Last year the teams were sponsored by the Computer Science Department, the SGA, and the Vice President of Academic Affairs. However, due to budget changes this year's teams are finding outside support harder to come by.

The teams were selected from the top three winners at the JSU programming competition held last month. The members are as follows: Team 1- Nathan Hodge, Craig Smith, Joshua Cooley. Team 2- Matt Smiley, Thomas Bates, Jeremy Mayfield. Team 3- Andy Kennedy, Said Belemlih, Giovanni Vargas.

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kitchen will cook.

They plan to serve coffee and cappuccino as well. For the night life part of their plan, beer (including extensive imports), wine (coolers), wine based frozen drinks, and cigars are to be available to those of legal age.

Bands, D.J.'s, and a "monster sound system" (probably the largest in a club in the state of Alabama) are to be a big investment to the clubs success. They will also have a full working recording studio (all computer controlled and directly to CD) on premises in order to record bands and/or D.J.'s performances. The club plans to be open at least six

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—Scott Brazelton

days of the week and divide the days up into themes and have contests for everyone.

They plan to start charging cover (18 to get in, 21 to drink) around 9 p.m. "We want people to get going in Jacksonville a little earlier in town because of the curfew (2 a.m.)," said Bohannon.

In December, Retro hopes to hold a sneak week for the students and town. It would be a time for the club to hand out comment

cards and get a feeling from the students on what they like and don't like.

"We want to help the 8,000 students find a new place that they will enjoy," said Scott Brazelton, Entertainment Manager.

Retro has hopes of a big name band for its grand opening in January of 1998. If there are any questions regarding Retro Club and Cafe, call 435-4444 for more information.

Organizations

Tau Kappa Epsilon: Tau Kappa Epsilon and 92J will begin their annual Adopt-an-angel Program for the Salvation Army the first week of November. For more information on how you can make someone's Christmas one to remember, just contact Russell Taylor of TKE at 782-2400.

Jacksonville Church of Christ is hosting a devotional on Monday, November 3 at 7 p.m. come join us for a free meal, singing, and a bible study. A white elephant party will wind up the evening. The Jacksonville Christian Student Center is located north of Self Hall on Hwy-204. For more information, call 435-9356.

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Chanticleer Editorial

Rachel Riddell

Committing a deadly sin

Here is the problem. Somehow I have caught a highly developed form of senioritis. What is senioritis? No, its not an actual physical illness. It may make you sluggish; this is what prevents you from attending 100% of your classes. It makes you think that missing this one class won't hurt you that much...not today, anyway. You can worry about it tomorrow.

Senioritis can rub off onto juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. So, beware of its affects. You, too, could be dragged down into this state of sloth.

Hi, my name is Rachel, and I procrastinate.

Really, I do. When was the last time you read an editorial by me?

Well, the reasoning behind that is totally different. But, all you really need to do is ask my professors. I walk into class tardy most times. (No, its not parking that is a problem.)

After transferring from two other schools, I am finally on track to graduate this December (knock on wood).

But now that I am in my last semester of college, I feel the need to cling to school. It's not the work I enjoy. I enjoy getting to be an active student.

After completing my fourth season in college softball last spring, I am now able to spread myself in all directions before I walk across the stage or the platform to shake Dr. McGee's hand.

I believe its pretty safe to say that I am dreading this graduation deal. I have two older sisters that are just way too excited to see their baby sister graduate. Every other day my parents keep asking, "So, what day is graduation this December? Are you sure? Let us know, okay?" Now, when I am just finding an enjoyable groove, its almost time to say

good-bye. Not yet! Midterms are past us and its all down hill. I have projects, papers, and the big job hunt staring me in my face and at a very rapid pace, too.

There is a running joke at the Chanticleer between Scott Hopkin and myself: I say there's no such thing as Wednesday, there's no such thing as Wednesday, while at the same time I close my eyes and click my heels (Tuesday nights are long layout nights, sometimes we don't leave here until UPD unlocks the building for Wednesday morning classes). What does this have to do with putting things off until the next day, you ask? Honestly, this

is how to say it. There are really six days in a week to me now; maybe less. The days are coming to a close. Weeks are melting into months. What can I do except accept the fact that I must kick my rear into high gear and move on to what life has in store for me.

If there is a person that can tell me how to get rid of senioritis without graduating, let me know.

You know what will be the kicker? Two days from graduation, I will be notified that I missed a whole semester's worth of work, or a test that I failed to take before a designated date. Even better, a library fine. I must have misplaced the Funk and Wagnall's.

I will quit procrastinating and get to my point; I will miss this place. I really don't want to go, but I need to start a new chapter in my life. I hope to include many of the same characters that are in it now. I do hope to end up someplace where parking is not the biggest griping issue. If I do, it will make me homesick for good ole JSU.

I'll finish writing this after I take a well deserved coffee break.



Chanticleer Editorial

Thomas Webb

How friendships die

There's nothing that can hurt more than watching a friendship die away.

Nothing in life compares to a great friendship. It gives you strength and comfort in times of trouble; joy and happiness when times are good; and through everything, a sense of belonging to something bigger than yourself.

After close friendships start, they can take so many different paths. Looking at my current circle of partners-in-mischief, I realized that I have a pretty good cross-section of friendships in various stages of disarray.

There is the friend with whom you share your every thought and secret, with whom you're so comfortable. Because you both come from such similar places, you feel united against the world, sharing you common experiences as you marvel at the cluelessness of those around you.

And you have that buddy that you run around with, pulling odd pranks, and thriving off catchphrases. You have a great time making fun of people, acting crazy, and throwing off the random joke about a ridiculous celebrity.

Sometimes you have a friend that you're always fighting with, but every time you argue, the friendship just gets stronger. And you have the sweet, charming, intelligent friend who makes your knees weak, because you don't know how to say that you're in love.

Even the greatest friendship, however, can fall on rough times. Nothing is sadder than watching a friendship slip away. You want to hold on so desperately, but you can see that a final break is in the future

You've shared so much, felt the same feelings, had the same experiences, but somewhere along the way you began to grow apart. You used to talk for hours about your problems, and really care what the other person was feeling.

Now there's nothing but a cold detachment - the old joy just isn't there anymore. And the saddest thing of all is that you know you can't do a damn thing to bring it back.

Even though you know that there's nothing left, its so hard to let go. But one day that last straw, the final injury in a series of injuries hits you, and you just stop caring. At first you try to let them off easy.

You don't return phone calls, you don't answer the door. When you do talk to them, you limit your conversation to short responses only.

And you know that one day you'll have to tell them that they irritate you more than words can say. That you don't really care if you ever see their face again. That you just can't stand their mile-high attitude.

Most of all, you want to ask them if they know how ridiculous they really are. But those memories still tug at you, and so you give it one more try. Even though you know it won't change things any, you let them run you over a little longer.

What's a guy to do? Just ignore it and hope it goes away? Be brave and risk losing the tattered remains of a friendship? Or move to Argentina under an assumed name and pretend to be researching a biography of Eva Peron?

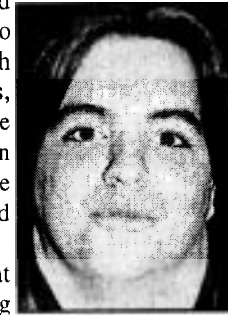
It's one of those thorny questions that have no real answer. Nothing you can do will ever restore a tarnished friendship. You just have to follow your gut, knowing that any path you choos will lead to the same ending eventually.

If you go ahead and tell the person how you feel, then you know you'll never make any more memories together.

And if you don't tell them, then you might have a few more moments of fun. But would it really be worth all the agony that they put you through?

Even after all the irritation, after all the inconveniences, and all the lack of consideration on their part, it still hurts. But, like pulling teeth or sitting through an hour and a half lecture, sometimes you have to live through some pain.

I guess it's just a part of growing up, this growing apart from old friends. Everyone goes through it at one time or another, I suppose... but that doesn't make it any easier to bear.



Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I have a question—why do dorm directors get special privileges? My dorm director was double parked behind Logan the other day. I was (am) a little devilish, so I called the UPD to see what they would do. After an eternity of waiting, they finally circled around and paused at the back of her car—for about half a second before pulling away. Can I double park now, too? And since she calls the police when we park in her space, can I call the police when she parks in our spaces?

Michael Massingill <sirgawain@mailexcite.com>

To Mr. Scott Hopkin and/ or Kevin Fotovich:

In reference to the safety problem at JSU (according to your article from 23 October 97), the headline itself is wrong, it should say Campus Security. Also, you have written the article and make it sound as if the University Police is not doing its job, even with the comments from D/C Tubbs. In the article you say that a foot locker, a watch, a pair of prescription glasses were stolen and two of the three items have been recovered, but you failed to say that all three of these items were left unattended and unsecured. In reality, these victims were just giving an opportunity to a thief to take property. We don't have numerous lectures on Crime and Rape Prevention, drug and alcohol awareness and many others to JSU personnel and it is usually taken with the same old saying: "ITS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME." I'm usually a speaker for these lectures, and even when I am talking, I can hear some of the student making the comment or saying what a bore it's going to be listening to me. Crime Prevention is a community affair and as such, it's everyone's responsibility to do their part in order to protect our property, our community and being security wise.

Sam Fiol
SAFETY/SECURITY SUPERVISOR



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is your favorite Halloween candy, and what do you do with it before you eat it?

--Compiled by Fritz



"Sweet Tarts - I don't do anything, I just eat it!"

**Heather Beers,
Freshman**



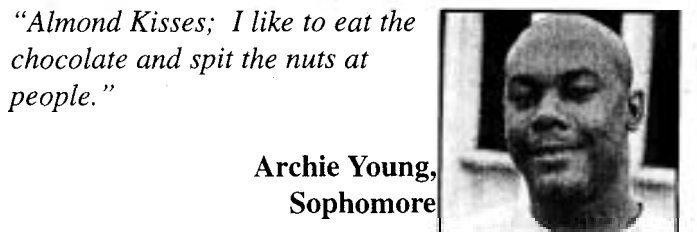
"Candy Corn - I eat each color individually by the layers."

**April Burns,
Freshman**



"Everlasting Gobstoppers; Only I like to break them with my teeth instead of letting them dissolve."

**Jerrod Brown,
Freshman**



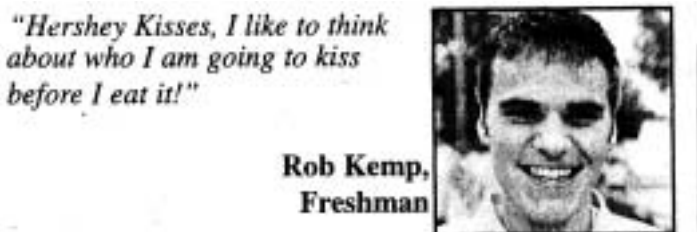
"Almond Kisses; I like to eat the chocolate and spit the nuts at people."

**Archie Young,
Sophomore**



"Peanut Butter Candy wrapped in orange and black. Before I eat it I stare at it, and think of the exercise I'll do to make up for it!"

**Kelliyn Johnson,
Sophomore**



"Hershey Kisses, I like to think about who I am going to kiss before I eat it!"

**Rob Kemp,
Freshman**



"Hershey's Kisses - melt them in a saucer in the microwave before I eat them with a spoon."

**Susan Williamson,
Graduate Student**

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I would like to participate or do something. I don't want to just have the title and not do anything.

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Angela Woodard

Homecoming Queen 1997 stresses personal faith, teamwork and discipline, and her professional future

**By Jeana Miller
Features Writer**

Angela Woodard, Homecoming Queen 1997, describes herself as a "woman of God," someone who is "real," "witty," and who "loves to laugh and play."

She is a member of Faith Outreach Campus Ministry and a former JSU athlete. She played for the JSU Women's Volleyball Team from Fall 1993 until Fall 1997. She says that athletics disciplined her. "It taught me to work with a team," she recalls. "It taught me to put aside myself and to think of others."

As a member of Faith Outreach Campus Ministry, she works to spread the gospel and evangelize for Jesus. "I gave my life to Jesus about a year ago, and to keep physically and spiritually fit I joined the min-

istry so that I could grow in Jesus [and] get to know his ways so that I can spread the news about him."

During her time in the ministry, Angela says she has seen many lives changed by Christ. "I've seen Jesus heal people," she reflected. "I've seen Jesus deliver, I've seen him save people, [and] I've seen him just move them by his spirit."

Angela is a senior from Daphney, Alabama. She plans to graduate in December with a major in Merchandising and a dual minor in Management and Marketing. She is taking 18 hours of classes and working, which doesn't leave much spare time. However, she spends the spare time she does have doing homework and resting.

Angela is looking forward to graduation, and she has many plans for

her future. "I'm an aspiring entrepreneur," she said. "I would like to have my own specialty shops, a Big And Tall Shop for women, and also a Christian bookstore."

Angela says the main reason she participated in the Homecoming Pageant was to represent Jesus. "I saw the sororities and the fraternities and they all had somebody [to represent them], and... I said, 'Lord, nobody hardly ever represents you.' So that was the whole reason for me to go out and be a part of it," she explained.

She also gives God the glory for her being chosen as 1997 Homecoming Queen. "It was nothing that was within my power. It was all God's," she said. "And it's one thing for a man to give you a crown, but... when Jesus gives you a crown that's the

only thing that matters."

Angela hopes that in the future, the University will better define the role of the Homecoming Queen and provide more opportunities for the queen to participate in activities. "There really isn't a description or a role of the Homecoming Queen. It's just a one-day thing... but I wish the school would do something about that," she commented. "I would like to participate or do something. I don't want to just have the title and not do anything."

Angela expressed her love for the members of Faith Outreach Campus Ministry who sponsored her in this year's pageant, and she thanks them along with the students at JSU for their support.



Fritz

Don't be frightened, kiddies! This is the award-winning pumpkin carved by our own Kevin "Fritz" Fotovich.

Transcender, pumpkins and sumo: oh my!

Jax State's J-Day 1997 was a fun day for all

**By Angel Weaver
Features Writer**

In honor of Homecoming Week, the SGA sponsored J-Day on the Quad last Thursday. Planned activities included a 3-D motion simulator, sumo-wrestling, Putt-Putt golf, a pumpkin carving contest, and the Giant Mountain, a 50-foot tower for climbing and rappelling.

According to Greg Swindall, Presi-

dent of Student Activities Council and Second Vice-President of the SGA, the turnout was a little better this year. Approximately 150 people went through during the first hour, and more people wandered by throughout the day. Swindall claims that a renewed interest in campus activities is responsible. "People are starting to feel better about the SGA and Jacksonville State University in general," he says.



Fritz

Students don the "fat suits" to participate in sumo wrestling at J-Day.

For whatever reason, many students did make an appearance and seemed to enjoy themselves. The most popular attractions were the 3-D simulator and the sumo-wrestling ring.

The Transcender, a 3-D motion simulator, attracted

quite a crowd. At one point, the wait in line was 20 to 30 minutes long. "The picture wasn't very clear, but I had a great time," said Keith, a junior, commenting on the bumpy ride.

The sumo-wrestling ring attracted the largest number of spectators. As two people donned massive rubber suits and prepared for the "battle of the bulge", the crowd laughed appreciatively. Kelly, a sophomore, said she enjoyed sumo-wrestling the most, "but it was really hot in that suit."

Several people also competed in the pumpkin carving contest. Participants spent a couple of hours carving their pumpkins into hideous faces of terror, and kept themselves amused with topics of conversation such as the correct way to slice someone's throat. After their conference, the SGA judges awarded first prize to the Chanticleer's very own Fritz Fotovich. Second prize went to Marshay Swift. Congratulations!

J-Day also attracted non-students of the small variety. The Boys and Girls Club of Jacksonville arrived after school hours to show their support of the campus. Phyllis Whiteside and Bill Culver, both directors at the club, organized the outing. "JSU has been very involved in helping (the club)

since we opened last May," says Culver. "Many people on campus have volunteered their time for tutoring and other activities. The college showed an interest in them, so the kids want to show an interest."

Swindall says that if the kids attend these types of events, it will pass on positive feelings about attending a college. "They see that college life can be fun, and maybe one day they'll want to attend JSU." According to Swindall, the SGA goes to a lot of trouble to organize events such as the Sister Hazel/Tonic concert and J-Day for the students to enjoy. "All in all, I think the week has been a success."



Fritz

Amy Eberhart attempts to climb the 50-foot inflatable Tower Mountain.



CHAOS by Brian Shuster



Big Foot, the Loch Ness monster, the Abominable Snow-man and Ed, right before his unfortunate discovery that the three of them hate being photographed.

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Sister Hazel makes Homecoming memory

**By Buffy Smith
Features Writer**

When I entered Pete Matthews coliseum last Wednesday, excitement was in the air; the day of the Sister Hazel/Tonic concert had finally arrived. The volleyball team was running their laps, trying not to make it obvious that they were paying attention to the band on stage who were having their sound check.

As SGA officers were rushing around making their final preparations for that night's event, many onlookers draped over the balconies, receiving a free concert. Fans were hoping to talk to, or get an autograph from, a rock star, while I was lucky enough to meet Ken Block, lead singer of Sister Hazel.

Sister Hazel is a Florida band that Ken started four years ago.

"I put up a flier, and started auditioning people," Block said "I had a pretty decent reputation as a musician, so dozens of people came and auditioned for this band and finally, after a couple of line-up changes, we got the people in here that have really made this thing click."



Sister Hazel (from left: Andrew Copeland, Ryan Newell, Ken Block, Jeff Beres, and Mark Trojanowski) teamed with Tonic to deliver one of the best concerts in Jax State history. The record-setting sold-out crowd surpassed all expectations.

The band formed in 1993, made up by Ken Block (lead vocalist/acoustic guitarist), Jeff Beres (bassist/vocalist), Andrew Copeland (rhythm guitarist/vocalist), Ryan Newell (lead guitarist/vocalist), and Mark Trojanowski (drums).

Sister Hazel's hometown is Gainesville, Florida. Andrew and Ken were born and raised in Gainesville, while Jeff (from West Palms), Ryan (Virginia), and Mark (Tampa) moved there to go to school.

"You're looking at five guys who look to each other for a shoulder to lean on, but we came from a small town in Gainesville," says Block, "and we have that small town mentality. We have really supportive families and a really unbelievable network of friends down there and I think that bleeds over into our personalities."

Sister Hazel is the namesake of Sister Hazel Williams; a black female minister who has ran a homeless shelter in Gainesville since the early 70's.

"When we were kids growing up, Sister Hazel was always on TV," recalls Block. "She's a great woman,

always doing good things. When we formed the band, we thought it was a name that would represent what we're all about. Her tireless efforts, positive impact, and unconditional regard for everyone represented the spirit of the band. After meeting with her, she only asked that we stay true to her name and true to ourselves."

This band seems to be untouched by their success. They are active in supporting the AIDS Foundation, the Children's Miracle Network, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, National Humane Society, American Cancer Society, and Make a Wish Foundation.

"I've always been involved in different things," says Block "It may not be the thing for every body, and we don't ever do it to be cool or to get in the headlines, it just feels right for us. It's a way of us maintaining a connection with our community and really getting feedback from people, and staying involved. If our vehicle can help out worthy causes then that's something really exciting for us."

Sister Hazel began by building a fan base in their hometown. Soon, their popularity spread throughout the Southeast. "We started playing a lot of colleges in the Southeast and the Southeast has been the real seed for us. As people graduated, they spread that seed all over the country and [we] have these little pockets of Sister Hazel friends. It's been great! The Southeast will always be our home and we are southern boys for sure," says Block.

Hard work and determination is paying off for Sister Hazel. They are a self-made band with a real work ethic. "We'd go into a club and there were four people, we just wanted to make sure that next time there were eight," Block says "We had a couple of dozen markets and we were drawing between 500 and 2,500 people, which was fine. It's hard work, and we were willing to stick that out and luckily people connected with what we did enough where they'd invite their friends out the next time."

Sister Hazel fans come from all walks of life. "We have an audience

from 7 to 70. Colleges are really the cornerstone of our audiences, but you'll see dead heads next to young professionals, and teenagers and their parents saying that this is the only thing that they agree on.

"It's kinda cool...it's gratifying to

How guys pulled off the best homecoming show I've seen anywhere.

—Ken Block, Sister Hazel

us. When we started out we said that there's not going to be any rules with this band."

Sister Hazel's self-titled debut album sold over 11,000 copies. The band released their second album, "Somewhere More Familiar", a year ago without a record label. Within 90 days of release, 10,000 copies were sold.

"We made the conscious decision that we were going to do this for a living regardless of a major label coming along or not," Block states. The band soon signed with Universal Records.

"People talk about the hopeful nature of this band [but] a lot of the songs, especially if you listen to the verses, really are rotted from the same place that a lot of the angrier, angst-ridden bands come from," says Block "We deal with subjects of self-esteem, being misunderstood, political and societal observations, relationships--a lot of these songs are grounded in frustration. But, it's kinda like therapy. As we write through them, we get a little bit of optimism, and the chorus' reflect that a little bit."

Although the song "All For You" is receiving recent attention (such as heavy airplay, a spot on top 40 countdowns, the Billboard Top 200, and

being one of the five most played songs in the U.S. so far this year) it is not a new song. Block wrote it over seven years ago about a girl he was dating at the time.

"It was one of those relationships where you keep getting some distance, and keep ending up back together. It was talking about 'Look, maybe if I commit to this thing, instead of questioning it all the time, it might just workout, needless to say, it didn't."

"I also try to write ambiguously enough where people can plug in their own scenarios," says Block. Sister Hazel's next released single (and my personal favorite) off of "Somewhere More Familiar" is a song called "Happy".

"The mystery about Happy is that people say 'Oh, here comes Sister Hazel with another happy song," says Ken "Happy" is not a happy song. Listen to the verses, it's really rooted in the frustration of being an artist, or some alternative lifestyle, and have people say 'When are you going to get a real job?' That's really where it started. The frustration of "Happy" is "That ain't good enough for you." I'm really glad that our audience is scratching beneath the surface and seeing the substance of the lyrics."

The band has made two music videos. They shot a video for "All For You" in Gainesville.

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"We have a lot of hometown pride," Ken says "we really wanted to include those people that had been with us from day one" The video aired on MTV and climbed to #4 on VH1's top ten.

Recently, the band finished making the video for "Happy", which they produced in Los Angeles. Block says that the band is really excited about this video because it was directed by Lawrence Carol, the director of The Counting Crow's "Long December" and Jewel's "You Were Meant For Me" videos. Both of these were nominated for video music awards, which Jewel won.

"Ours was the next video he did," says Block "It was on '12 Angry Viewers' on MTV last night and won for the first time it aired."

"Things are going great," says Block "We were touring for about three years before we ever got this record deal and we've been signed still less than a year and our record just went gold. You're talking about five guys who are as excited as they can be to be on the road. The big difference for us, I mean we were already doing fairly well throughout the Southeast, but it's really cool to come to a new place. Like, we've never been here and it's going to be a packed house and people will be singing along. We'll be in Oklahoma City or Seattle, Washington, and we'll stop and people will be singing every word of the songs and it is an unbelievable feeling."

"You guys [JSU students] pulled off the best homecoming show I've seen anywhere," says Ken "this is going to be fun. The vibes been great, everybody's treated us super. We're probably more excited than everyone running around here and they're pretty excited. Thanks for having us and thanks for all your support. I'm sure we'll see y'all again soon."

Where to go on Halloween

By Carol Maddox
Features Writer

It's Halloween time once again, and no Halloween would be complete without visiting at least one haunted house or forest.

The first house I visited was in Pleasant Valley just off Highway 204. It is sponsored by the Pleasant Valley Recreational Sports, Inc. and will be open until October 31.

While we were being told the house's background, two sobbing young girls had to be let out early. In their defense, they did have a reason to be scared.

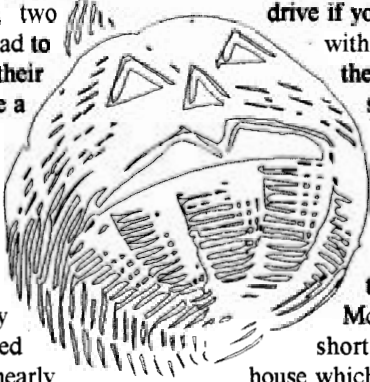
A ghostly character named Grandpa introduced us to his rather unusual family of assorted fiends. At one point, a family member threw a severed leg into our group, nearly causing a stampede of high school students. If you decide to check the place out, come prepared to get a little dirty. The recent rain has made the parking lot a mud-rider's dream. The second place I visited was a haunted forest located on Morrisville Road in Welborn. It is sponsored by Kay Hayes's Family and Friends and will be open through Friday night. It is a heart pounding experience in which you are lead through a wooded area full of famous movie monsters such as Freddie Krueger.

The actors were convincing. The Micheal Myers character (of Hal-

loween fame) followed me all the way to my car and continued to follow as I pulled out of the driveway. The last place I visited was the haunted house in Munford. It is run by the local Jaycees and they know how to give a good show. In the house you get to meet a famous car rather closely. Steven King would be so proud to see the effect a good horn and headlights can have on a frightened crowd.

It was worth the trip, but it is a long drive if you are not familiar with backroads. To the dismay of many students, both high school and college, Jacksonville does not have a haunted house or forest this year. Fort McClellan had a short lived haunted house which was in operation only on October 24 and 25 from 7:00 to 9:00. Other cities sporting haunted houses are Anniston (if you can find it), Oxford, Talladega, and Ranburne.

My favorite haunt was Welborn. It is definitely worth seeing, especially since all the proceeds are going to the March of Dimes. It gets a severed two thumbs up.



One-act showcases talent

By Chris Colvard
Features Editor

Falling in love can happen at the most inopportune moments.

Like, when you're being served a summons for cranking the volume on your home stereo.

This is how it happened in "A Need For Brussels Sprouts," a one-act comedy by Murray Schisgal.

The play tells how professional actor Leon Rose (Robbie Callahan) meets police officer Margaret Heinz (Phyllis Densmore) by way of the aforementioned summons. They have a cynical view of their respective opposite sex through past marriages. Through the night, they discuss the need for a third "species," one apart from man and woman, possibly derived from vegetables, like carrots and Brussels sprouts.

The play, directed by Shawn Carder, is hilarious and touching as it shows a fledgling relationship sparked by a series of comedic situations. Callahan's comic timing seemed off at first, but kicked into gear nicely near the middle. Ms. Densmore's mannerisms as the suffering upstairs neighbor/police officer were nice touches to her character. Together, they fueled each other with touching stories and snappy repartee that flowed effortlessly from line to line.

The one-act play lasts about 30-40 minutes, roughly the space for a television situation-comedy. It functions well as a sit-com, short but to the point. It was a nice distraction from everyday life.

Next week, Sam Shepard's "True West" will be shown at the Student Theatre, Room 338 Stone Center. This production is taking place to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of theatre at Jacksonville State University.

This production is special on two counts. This is the first Shepard play produced on the JSU campus. Also, it features JSU theatre alumni. Scott Croley, Phil Pyle, and Tim Phillips star in the production, with Eric Key directing and designing the set.

Playdates are November 6-8 at 8:00 p.m. For more information, call 782-5648.

ACTheatre will start their season with "Shakespeare on Broadway," a revue of songs from musical adaptations of the works of William Shakespeare. Plays featured include "West Side Story," "The Boys From Syracuse," and "Kiss Me Kate."

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Gamecocks lose Homecoming heartbreaker

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State hosted the Nicholls State Colonels on a rain-soaked Saturday afternoon for Homecoming. It was only the third home game of the season for the Gamecocks. Unfortunately, like the previous two home games, Jacksonville State fell short of victory. They lost by the final of 16-14.

“I thought we had an opportunity to win,” said receiver Joey Hamilton. “We just came out on the short end.”

The Colonels took the lead in the first quarter. On a nine play, 68 yard drive, kicker Kyle Leisher nailed a 24-yard field goal attempt. It was the only scoring drive for both teams, giving Nicholls State a 3-0 lead.

In the second quarter of action, the Colonels increased their lead. Running back Kendall Joseph was a force to be reckoned with all afternoon.

Kendall rushed for 33 yards on the drive, including a touchdown. The extra point made it 10-0. The Gamecocks couldn't

establish a scoring drive and trailed at the half.

Then, in the third quarter, the rain and lightning wreaked havoc. The officials suspended play with over 11 minutes left to play in the quarter. When play resumed, the Gamecocks caught on fire. Montressa Kirby hooked up twice with receiver Joey Hamilton on consecutive pass plays. The second one was good for 22 yards and a touchdown. Brad Prince's extra point made it a 10-7 game.

Later on in the quarter, the Gamecocks took the lead. The defense came through, forcing a fumble that safety Eric Mims returned for a touchdown. The point after gave JSU a 14-10 advantage.

It looked as if momentum had shifted to the Gamecocks' favor, but Nicholls State answered in the fourth quarter. Once again, Joseph Kendall led the charge for the offense. His four-yard touchdown scamper gave the lead back to the Colonels. The Gamecocks blocked the extra point, keeping the score at 16-14.

Jacksonville State had a chance to win the



Ed Hill

Montressa Kirby found Joey Hamilton for a touchdown.

game late in the quarter. The defense once again came through, forcing another fumble. This time, defensive tackle Zevon Garth

recovered the football to give the Gamecocks excellent field position. The offense stalled on the drive, forcing the Gamecocks to go for fourth down and 14. Montressa Kirby's pass to Joey Hamilton fell short. Nicholls State took over on downs and escaped with a two point victory.

“I'm proud of the fact we gave ourselves a chance to win the game,” said coach Mike Williams. “The weather obviously played a big role. Field conditions definitely hurt us.”

Despite poor conditions on the field, the Gamecocks did manage to establish a running game. Running back Herman Bell averaged over four yards per carry on the evening to lead the Gamecocks in rushing. For the season, Bell has 152 yards on 21 rushes and a touchdown.

“I thought Herman played well. He made some good plays running the football,” said Williams. “I really thought the running game improved. It would have been better had it not been on a wet field.”

Perhaps the most improvement came from
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Soccer gets big win; announces TAAC nominations

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

The Lady Gamecock soccer team earned a big win against the Mississippi State Bulldogs last Tuesday evening. They won the game in double overtime by the final of 2-1.

Against the Lady Bulldogs, JSU scored a goal when Megan Steinbach booted the ball through the net. At the end of regulation, the score was knotted at one.

In the first overtime, both teams struggled to score. Neither team was able to kick the ball through the net, forcing a second overtime.

Amy Buchanan took control in the second

overtime. She scored the game-ending goal to give the Lady Gamecocks the win. It was possibly the biggest win in the young soccer team's history.

The Lady Gamecocks played their second SEC team within a week. They hit the road to face the Auburn Lady Tigers. Unfortunately, the Lady Tigers were too much for Jacksonville State, winning by the final of 3-2 in overtime.

Amy Buchanan found the net for the Lady Gamecocks first goal. Megan Steinbach took an assist from Suzanne Bilbrey and put the ball through the net for the second goal. This forced the game into overtime.

In overtime, the Lady Tigers scored to end the game. The final score was 3-2.

This week also marked the announcements for the All-TAAC team. Nominated from the Lady Gamecocks were the following: Amy Buchanan, Andrea Poole, Megan Steinbach, and Jill Feeney.

Junior Amy Buchanan has started 17 games this season. On 48 shots, she has scored 11 goals. She also has five assists, 27 points, and three game-winning goals on the season.

Amy has broken school records for single season points, goals, and career points on the season. She has 53 total career points and 22 career goals. Three of those goals have come against conference opponents.

Sophomore Andrea Poole has played in 15 games. On 41 shots, she has scored eight

goals. She also has four assists, 20 points, and one game-winning goal.

Andrea is third in career points at JSU in her first season. She also holds the second spot in most single season points and goals.

Junior Megan Steinbach has played in 17 games. She has 10 assists, 14 points, and one game-winning goal.

Megan has broken the Jacksonville State record for most single season assists and most career assists.

Sophomore Jill Feeney has played in 17 games. She is the anchor of JSU's defense.

Feeney is a vital part of the Lady Gamecock defense. She plays the sweeper position and has helped produce JSU's best goals against average with 2.24.

JSU volleyball team finishes second

by Bob Helm
Sports writer

Any questions about the replacement of 18 year coach Janice Slay appear to have been answered loud and clear by new coach Jose Rivera.

Coach Rivera and assistant coach Lori Rembe have installed an aggressive, attacking style to JSU volleyball that has resulted in an exciting team that is very competitive in the Trans America Athletic Conference. Coach Rivera has more wins this year than the previous two in Division I. The team has quietly run its record to 20-10 and a TAAC

Western division lead. The Gamecocks hosted the JSU Invitational this weekend and took two out of three from a field of four teams.

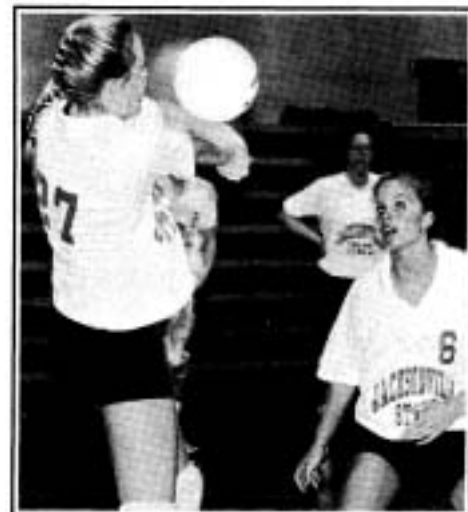
On Friday, JSU made quick work of Alabama State, winning the game in three matches (15-8, 15-2, 15-1). Juniors Amy Reaves and Lisa May led the way, combining for 15 kills. Sophomore Jessica Pohl set 23 of the Gamecocks' 24 assists.

Saturday, JSU beat Western Carolina in four matches (14-16, 15-6, 15-9, 15-12). Sophomore Amie Crow joined Reaves and May to total 47 of the Gamecocks' 68 kills. Another of the Gamecock sensational sophomores, Jenni Williamson set 46 of 54

assists.

The only loss for JSU came in the second game on Saturday against Samford (12-15, 8-15, 12-15). Williamson nearly set all the assists again. Reaves and May were joined by talented freshman Kelby Rumph and junior Melanie Linder to total 37 of the Gamecocks 45 kills. The Lady Gamecocks finished second overall in the tournament.

The Lady Gamecocks get back into action tonight when they host Samford Lady Bulldogs. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.



Ed Hill

Kelby Rumph saves the ball.



Matthew Crouse

Kyle Guess pedals his way down the road. Guess has paced the team this season.

Cycling bound for National Championship

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State's cycling team traveled to Statesboro, Georgia last weekend. They competed in the Southeastern Conference Collegiate Cycling Championships at Georgia Southern.

Freshman Kyle Guess continues to lead his teammates. He had an eighth place finish at the individual off-road time trial with a time of 15 minutes and 25 seconds. Guess also finished ninth in the eight mile race at Magnolia Springs State Park. His time in this event was 30 minutes and 26

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"We continue to find things to build on."

--Coach Williams

the defensive unit. They forced two turnovers and blocked an extra point to give the Gamecocks a chance to pull out a victory.

"We played great. Everything was clicking, but we just fell short," said Eric Mims.

Coach Williams continues to look at the positives, even from the loss. "We continue to find things to build on. We've got some very young players that are starters. Those young people are going to be older one day."

The Gamecocks travel to Birmingham to face the Samford Bulldogs on Saturday. The Bulldogs are 2-4 on the season and come into the game following an off-week. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Seibert Stadium.

seconds. He helped the team to finish third in the Fat Tire Criterium. With those finishes, he qualified for the National Championships this November.

"Kyle is a sprinter. He's only going to get better and should do really well next year," says team captain Matthew Crouse.

Crouse also qualified for the National Championships. He finished sixth in the Fat Tire Criterium with a time of 17 minutes and 10 seconds. He also placed 15th in the cross country race with a time of 36 minutes and 48 seconds.

"I wasn't really satisfied with my results," says Crouse. "I did-

n't have a lot of rest the night before and I didn't have time to warm up. I expected to do a lot better."

Next up for the cycling team will be the National Collegiate Cycling Association's Mountain Bike Championships. They will be hosted by the University of Wisconsin at Madison on November 8th and 9th.

Crouse thinks the team will be ready. "We're looking really good. I just hope it doesn't snow. The course looks technical and is about 18 miles. We just want to get Jacksonville State some national exposure."

Cross Country participates in Troy State Invitational

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

The Cross Country team competed in the Troy State Invitational this past weekend. The men finished fifth out of eight teams. The women finished fifth out of seven teams. The teams that participated were Georgia State, Mercer, and the host team Troy State.

Luis Delfin led the men. He finished with a time of 15:31. The winning time was 14:41. He was followed by Shawn Griffin, Dana Cronin, Jeff May, Billy Stevens, and Nick Cetchens.

"The guys ran a 5K, which is 3.1 miles," said team member Leigh Weatherman. "The rain started when the guys were running, but they ran well as a team."

Kelly Brooks led the charge for

the women. She finished with a time of 12:11. The winning time was 11:06. Brooks was followed by Krissy Sorter, Leslie Gardner, Leigh Weatherman, Rachel Richards, and Cathy Warren.

According to Weatherman, the women ran a two-mile race.

"It was a shorter distance for us to run. It really peps us up for next week," says Weatherman.

The team travels next to nearby Birmingham. They will participate in their conference meet. The team has run the track earlier this season. Weatherman thinks that the experience on the track will help them to finish well.

"We're really pumped and ready to go," Weatherman says. "We had a big pep talk this week. We're really close to home and will be used to the climate."



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at Birmingham

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