Martin to make history tonight

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Have you heard? Ashley Martin, a 20-year-old junior female from Shapburg, Ga., is kicking extra points for the Gamecock football team. That’s right, a female is on the JSU football team.

Head football coach Jack Crowe announced that Martin will kick extra points in the season-opener tonight against Cumberland University. Crowe said that it wasn’t a tough decision to let Martin kick. “I saw everything I wanted to see,” said Crowe. “When you see the eyes of an athlete competing, you develop a trust. I trust her ability to get the job done.”

Martin will become the first woman to score a point in an NAIA football game. She has been kicking for the past three months. The “mania” is only increasing as kickoff signals are called. Martin-Mania has been running statewide media coverage and has been picked up by Georgia, Tennessee and Colorado newspapers.

“Kicking a ball is what I’ve done my whole life,” said Martin, a midfielder for the JSU soccer team.

Martin thought that her football playing days were over when she kicked her final extra point for East Coweta High School nearly three years ago. In high school, she made 79 of 92 extra point attempts and two field goals on teams that went 8-3 and 10-1. In one game, she made five PATs in the first half and was crowned as the homecoming queen at halftime.

“I have missed football a lot,” said Martin. “But I never dreamed I would get the opportunity or privilege to play again.”

Martin’s opportunity came months after the end of a season that saw many downsides to the kicking game. “I could tell she was a quality competitor and had a strong leg,” said Crowe after watching her practice from his office window. Crowe had been tipped on Martin’s kicking ability by Mike Bobo, an assistant coach for the University of Georgia and former Gamecock quarterback coach. Martin-Mania has been running wild for the past three months. The “mania” is only increasing as kickoff signals are called.

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Martin’s main priority will continue to be soccer. Given expected scheduling conflicts, she would likely only be available for four other football games: Sept. 15 against McNeese State; Oct. 6 at Sanford; Nov. 10 at Sam Houston State; and the season finale at Troy State.

“It’s their world out there on the football field,” said Martin, “and I just feel honored they’re letting me be a part of it for a little while.”

Welcome Week 2001

By Joshua W. Bingham
The Chanticleer Managing Editor

In wishing to brighten this semester for JSU students, the Student Government Association has planned “Welcome Week 2001.”

With events planned from tonight until Sept. 8, the SGA hopes to “enhance each student’s experience at Jacksonville State in 2001 by offering more exciting entertainment and different opportunities for involvement,” said SGA Director of Publicity, Robert Hayes.

Before the Gamecocks’ first football game of the season against Cumberland University’s Bulldogs tonight, a tailgate party is planned from 5 p.m. until game time next to the practice field on Cole Drive, across from Paul Snow Stadium. Free pizza will be offered, the cheerleaders will be performing and the Cock, a live rooster, will be on display.

The pre-game party is open to everyone and “the SGA encourages all JSU students to kickoff the sixth year of the game tonight,” said Hayes.

Friday through Monday will be sorority recruitment. Interested students should contact the Student Activities office in the TMB.

Every other week, the SGA shows a movie in the auditorium of the Theron Montgomery Building. This semester’s schedule of movies starts Tuesday night at 7 o’clock with the showing of Pearl Harbor. Admission is $1.

Perhaps the most interesting event of the week is that three previous cast members from MTV’s “Real World” will be in the Leone Auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday. Syrus from the series’ sixth season in Boston, Nathan from the seventh season in Seattle and Julie from the ninth season in New Orleans will be on stage.

The stage setup will be casual, with
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The pep rally for the Sept. 8 foot-ball game against Nicholls State will be in Paul Snow Stadium at 8:30 p.m.

Students are then encouraged to wear red on Sept. 7 and attend the Nicholls State game in Paul Snow Stadium at 7 p.m.

The SGA hopes to see everyone at the functions of “Welcome Week 2001.” Hayes is a proud Gamecock and wishes “to see school spirit soar to an all-time high on this campus. Stronger campus unity will create enthusiasm and re-establish our reputation as the ‘Friendliest Campus in the South.’”

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Thursday, September 6th
SGA Open House
8am-8:30pm
4th floor of T.M.B., Pep Rally @ 8:30pm in Stadium

Wednesday, September 5th
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Opinion

A few good things to remember

After a summer's wanderings, a grueling job, or perhaps after just graduating high school, there are some things of which we believe Jacksonville State University students should be reminded. First of all, go to class. Of course, logic would dictate that one must attend class to learn the information being taught and to pass, but the pull of parental freedom and the ability to stay out all night can be overwhelming at times. Students must also remember that there are attendance policies on this campus, and even if you get A's on all your assignments, but miss too many days, you'll fail.

As you attend classes, it's also a smart idea to get to know your professors. In staying a bit after class and conversing, or by going by the professor's office before class, a more personal relationship and a better understanding of each other can develop. This will help conflicts become clearer, and if you have any odd questions about the subject, professors are usually happy to help. Don't sit in the back of the class.

Connections. Simply get involved with the activities around campus. No matter what your interest, there is something for almost everyone. If you can't find anything already established that interests you, round up some like-minded students and start your own group. Take advantage of college life. We only live once.

The summer has changed Jacksonville. Workers have transformed the cafeteria and library. New storefronts dot the town, and some streets run differently. Even The Chanticleer looks different. Mostly though, things are the same.

Most of the changes here at your friendly campus newspaper are only skin deep. The layout and design are different. Our office is a little more organized. The staff however, is mostly the same group of talented, hardworking student-journalists who put the paper together last year.

I'm the new face down here, even though I'm the oldest person on the staff at 25. My association with The Chanticleer actually dates back farther than my co-workers' do. I started out as a volunteer writer here in 1994, my freshman year. After rising through the ranks of the editorial staff for a couple years, I enlisted in the Air Force. I was hoping the GI Bill would make school more affordable, and hoping a dose of military discipline would improve my class attendance. So far those hopes have turned out, and I'm glad to be back in Jacksonville and working at The Chanticleer.

I'm lucky to have inherited most of last year's editorial staff. Stephanie Pendergrass returns to her duties as news editor, and Anthony "Thrill" Hill is back as sports editor. Joshua Bingham, who served as features editor last year, is now The Chanticleer's managing editor. Danni Lusk, a reliable staff writer last year, will take Joshua's place as features editor. Callie Williams is still our advertising director and principal photographer, and Rebecca Sproles will again be delivering The Chanticleer on Thursday mornings.

As good as this group is, there's still a gaping hole in our lineup. A lot can happen in a week here at Jacksonville State. To cover it all the way we should, we need more writers, photographers, copy editors, advertising-sales representatives, etc. That's where you come in.

It doesn't pay much: the pride of seeing your name in a byline, the sense of accomplishment in a job well done, or the eternal gratitude that is an excuse for getting a story wrong, but if you see something in the paper we could have done better, remember, students like you were responsible for it. If you'd like to see it done better next time, I'd recommend coming down to help out. We could use you.
The spotlight will be on local artists this weekend as Jacksonville’s music scene heats up with the return of JSU students to town. Jacksonville-based Cool Beans Band is performing tonight at Brother’s, and fellow-local band Ethan and the Ewox will appear Friday.

The Cool Beans Band has been a staple on the local scene since 1994. The five-piece band is well known for their quality original music as well as their catalogue of Grateful Dead and Widespread Panic covers. “Strong waves of strolling aggression with a touch of gospel,” is how the band’s web site described their sound. “Tight harmonies breathe an unexpected touch of maturity and texture.” A live CD of material recorded in Tuscaloosa is in the works, and will be released soon, according to the web site. The Cool Beans Band is opening for the Texas-based trio Soulhat.

Friday night’s band, Ethan and the Ewox, have been together since 1995. The five-member band has independently released two CDs, according to information available at their web site. The single “Give Me ‘Til Tonight” is currently getting airplay on local radio stations. The band has a large catalogue of original music, and is known for its covers of songs by artists such as the Dave Matthews Band.

Members of the band are excited about playing in front of their hometown crowd on the first weekend of the fall semester. “I love playing Jacksonville,” said drummer Gary Chumney. “It’s good to come home and play for people that we know.”

Andy Curtis, who plays saxophone and keyboards for the band, said, “We love the support and the things that Jacksonville has given us. They’ve been here since the beginning.”

The recently-formed Ethan and the Ewox fan club will be accepting new members at the show, which band members said will be the public’s only opportunity to join in person. After Friday those interested should join via the band’s web site.

Ethan and the Ewox - http://www.ewox.com

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Meets Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Dr. Patricia Corbin, Director, ext. 5544. The Chamber Singers is a select 24-voice ensemble that performs challenging choral repertoire in an intimate performance environment. The Chamber Singers are the featured performers in the annual Madrigal Dinner held in December and tour throughout Georgia and Alabama in the spring. Openings in this ensemble are very limited and require special permission of the director.

What do you need to do to join? All of these ensembles are open to all students, music majors or non-music majors on an auditioned basis. All interested students are encouraged to attend one of the choral rehearsals during the first week of classes and arrange an audition with the director. A limited number of choral scholarships are still available. Please contact the ensemble director for further information.

Come join a JSU Choral Ensemble and let your voice be heard!
**Gamecocks kick off season tonight**

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Crowe's Nest should be on fire tonight when the Gamecock football team steps onto the field to play its season-opener against the Cumberland Bulldogs.

"This year seems different from others because everyone seems to be wanting the same thing -- a championship," said quarterback Reggie Stancil. "We know where we want to be and we are all willing to do what it takes."

"I feel like we are all on the same accord going into this game," said pre-season All-Conference running back Rondy Rogers. "I'm just ready to play."

Tonight's game marks the 28th time since 1947 the Gamecocks have opened the season at home. The last time the football team won a home-opener was 1993, with a 12-7 victory over Henderson State.

The last time the Gamecocks faced an NAA school was two years ago, when they thrashed Union College, 68-13. That was also the game in which Stancil completed a 360 degree flip over two defenders into the end zone. Union College plays in the same conference as the Bulldogs and Cumberland head coach Herschel Moore is aware of the challenge the Gamecocks present for his squad.

"I looked at the contract and there's a 10-run rule in that thing," said Moore. "If they get over 10 runs, I'm coming out to the hash mark and surrendering."

Gamecock head coach Jack Crowe believes that Cumberland's wing-T offense may give the Gamecock defense some problems. "There really are some issues with them," said Crowe.

The Gamecocks haven't fared too well against the wing-T offense in the past. Lehigh ran the Gamecocks out of the 1977 Division II playoffs by using it. They had 410 total yards and gained 365 on the ground. Delaware, the team most well known for the wing-T, dusted the Gamecocks the very next year by a score of 42-27.

"I wouldn't have touched these suckers if it wasn't the first game, because they've (Cumberland) got more misdirection than we've ever seen before; more than our coaches have seen," said Crowe.

Cumberland has been running the wing-T offense, or some version of it, for more than four decades and the Bulldogs have become quite proficient at it. They rushed for 763 yards and 19 touchdowns a season ago. The Bulldogs proved that they can move the ball with that offense.

"We can survive, that's the reason I run it," said Moore. "You can survive with average people. Our whole system is based on angles and spreading the skill around."

Last year, one of the strong points of the Gamecocks was the defensive backfield that was loaded with senior leadership. This year, Marcus "B-burg" Blandingburg and Markke Coleman look to follow last year's group and establish themselves as playmakers. Blandingburg was a starter for the entire season last year and expects to bring "the pain" tonight.

Coleman got substantial amounts of playing time by playing in all 10 games last season.

Crowe stressed that a lot of focus has been placed on Martin, but there will be a lot of other players that could see action tonight. Players like quarterback Anthony Mayo and running back Chris Kirk.

The story of the game may be the battle of the brothers that's going to take place. Freshmen running back Chris Kirk will be taking on his brother, sophomore running back, Cornell Kirk.

"I'm excited about getting the chance to play against Cornell," said Chris. "I think my dad is going to be wearing a JSU on the front and Cumberland on the back."

Kick-off for tonight's game is set for 7 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium. Students with valid university identification cards get into all home sporting events free. Student admissions in Paul Snow Stadium is good for seating in sections P, Q and S (the Crowe's Nest) only.

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**Lady Gamecock volleyball coach hopes to beat expectations**

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

With the season-opener only two days away and two-a-day practices only hours from being completed, the Gamecock volleyball team continues to focus on improving and not the pre-season polls.

"We can't be concerned about the pre-season poll," said JSU head coach Jose Rivera.

The Lady Gamecocks were picked eighth in the Atlantic Sun Conference poll by the Atlantic Sun head volleyball coaches.

Rivera is approaching the 2001 season with cautious optimism. "We will do better than last year," said Rivera, whose Lady Gamecocks finished last season in ninth place in the 11-team A-Sun Conference.

The team has seven returning players, which Rivera hopes will be his starting lineup. In this, Rivera is already ahead of last year because all seven of these young women have played with each other for at least a year. Out of the seven, three will be juniors and four will be sophomores. The team is still very young, though this perhaps may work to their advantage in coming seasons, because now they seem to be more experienced.

"We need to play our best, improve each week and use this as motivation to win conference matches."

Georgia State, the defending champion, have been voted as the number one team in the Atlantic Sun pre-season poll. The Panthers received six of 11 first-place votes and 114 points. The Panthers return five of six starters, including the A-Sun Player-of-the-Year, Anna Popenko and Freshmen-of-the-Year, Molly Sapp.

The Lady Gamecocks will open the season on Saturday at the Indiana University-Purdue University Labor Day Tournament.

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Staff Writer Rebecca Sproles contributed to this report.
Auburn soccer downs Lady Gamecocks 3-1

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The soccer season is quickly approaching and the Lady Gamecocks are anticipating a new beginning.

Better versatility is the goal for the Lady Gamecocks this season, according to head soccer coach Lisa Howe. Howe expressed that hard work from the beginning is a motivation factor for her team. She says that if the team puts in the work during training sessions, they won’t want to give up during the season. “They’ve put too much work in,” said Howe.

“Last season we did a lot of things right, but if you don’t put the ball in the net, you don’t have anything to show for it,” said Howe before the game. “I think that this year we’re going to score more goals and that’ll be the biggest difference.”

Coach Howe also believes that with an increase in players, more depth will be found and the team will not have to worry as much about injuries.

The Lady Gamecocks began the season with an exhibition match against the Auburn Tigers last Saturday afternoon at University Field.

The last time the Lady Gamecock soccer team began the season by facing an SEC opponent was a 0-0 tie with Georgia in 1999. They finished that season with a record of 12-4-5 and reached the conference semifinal round.

The Tigers stormed into Jacksonville and crawled their way past the Gamecocks with a 3-1 victory.

The Lady Gamecocks went into halftime down only 2-0. They gained some momentum after an early goal in the second half. The goal was made just 12 minutes into the second half when junior defender Jane Little scored with a header. Meghan Barker recorded the assist.

“When we all start stepping up like Jane did, we will be all right,” said Howe. Auburn sealed the victory in the 78th minute to give them a 3-1 victory over the Lady Gamecocks.

“We were still in it when the score was 2-1,” said Howe. “It took it out of us when Auburn scored its third goal.”

The Lady Gamecock soccer team will begin regular season play tomorrow in a Labor Day Tournament at Southeast Missouri State.

-- News Editor Stephanie Pendergrass contributed to this report
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