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## Martin to make history tonight

By Anthony Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Have you heard?

Ashley Martin, a 20-year-old junior female from Sharpsburg, 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 appear in a football game for the Gamecocks. If she connects on any of her extra point attempts she will become the first female to score a point in NCAA football history. Liz Heaston kicked two extra points for an NAIA school during the 1997 football season.

"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 nears. Martin's story has already gotten statewide media coverage and has also been picked up by Georgia, Tennessee and Colorado newspapers.

Martin-Mania got coach Crowe a 15-minute interview on ESPN radio. Time magazine had a reporter at a practice session and USA Today made mention of Martin last week. She has also been scheduled to do a feature for Fox Sports. The JSU Athletic Department has even gone as far as to feature Martin on this week's

JSU versus Cumberland T-shirt and titled it as the "Battle of the Sexes." The shirt depicts Martin kicking a Bulldog through the uprights as a referee signals that the kick was good.

Martin is not looking at the game as a history making event. She's aware that history could be made, but she simply sees the game and her duties as kicker as a job that needs to be completed.

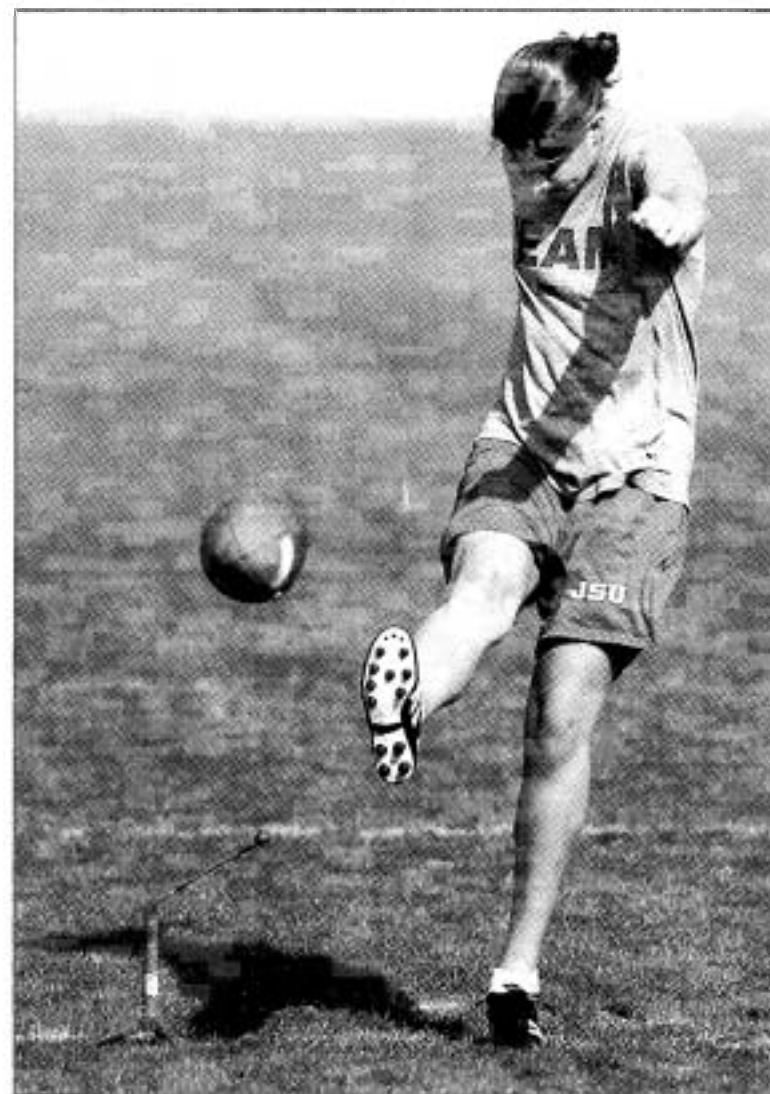
"From my standpoint, it's a job whether I'm a girl or not," said Martin. "Coach Crowe has given me a job to do, and I'm focused on not letting the guys down."

The guys don't seem to have any problem with having a female with them as they go to war tonight.

"I feel like she's just one of the guys," said quarterback Reggie Stancil. "Somebody who's gonna get the job done. That's all that matters."

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 Samford; 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."



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Trent Penny  
Junior place-kicker Ashley Martin kicks in practice at Paul Snow Stadium recently. Martin is expected to kick extra points for the Gamecocks tonight.

Welcome Week 2001	
<b>Thursday, Aug. 30</b> • SGA Tailgate Party 5 p.m., Cole Drive • JSU v. Cumberland Football 7 p.m., Paul Snow Stadium	<b>Thursday, Sept. 6</b> • SGA Open House 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., TMB • Pep Rally 8:30 p.m., Paul Snow Stadium • Second issue of <i>The Chanticleer</i> comes out
<b>Friday-Monday, Aug. 31-Sept. 3</b> • Sorority Recruitment	<b>Friday, Sept. 7</b> • Wear Red Day
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 4</b> • SGA Movie "Pearl Harbor" 7 p.m., TMB Auditorium	<b>Saturday, Sept. 8</b> • JSU v. Nicholls State Football 7 p.m., Paul Snow Stadium
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 5</b> • MTV's "Real World" 7 - 9 p.m., Cole Auditorium	

## Tailgating, "Real World" highlight Welcome Week

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 Jax 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 year by tailgating with the Cocks before 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 Cole 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 see Welcome week, page 2

## Campus Crime

- 22 August -- Justine R. Maroney of Jacksonville was cited with violating the automobile stereo noise ordinance at the corner of Pelham Road and Francis Street.
- 25 August -- Kyle William Meadows, 20, of Auburn was arrested and charged with DUI on Ala. Hwy. 204 at Jacksonville Place Apartments.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

## Announcements

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

## Welcome week: from page 1

the guests sitting on couches, and the forum will be question and answer. Those attending can find out what happened behind the scenes and anything else about the guests, according to Hayes. Admission is free.

The last two events of "Welcome Week 2001" sponsored by the SGA will be an open house and a pep rally next Thursday.

From 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., the office of Student Activities will open its doors to the public and "allow JSU students to see inside the lives and positions of the officers of the student government," said Hayes.

The pep rally for the Sept. 8 football 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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# Welcome Week 2001



**Wednesday,  
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**Get on Board Day  
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Student / Faculty Mixer**

**Wednesday,  
September 5th**

**MTV's Real World  
@ JSU  
Leone Cole Auditorium  
7pm-9pm**



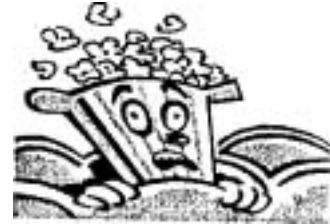
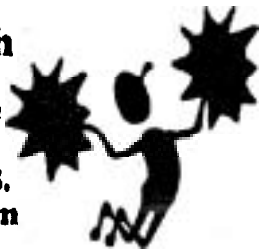
**Thursday,  
August 30th**

**SGA Tailgate Party @ 5pm  
JSU Football  
in Stadium @ 7pm**



**Thursday,  
September 6th**

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



**Tuesday,  
September 4th**

**SGA Movie - Pearl Harbor  
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## In Our View

### 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 and be too shy. That gets one nowhere. Grow up, you're in college.

While going to class, perhaps within the first week, talk to some fellow students, make friends and get phone numbers. In some classes, if you miss one day, you're far behind and it's hard to catch up. To avoid problems, exchange phone numbers with some classmates so that you can call to find out what happened when you were absent and if there was any homework or any other information dire for the next class.

Another great thing about having a large college campus at one's disposal is the variety of clubs and organizations to choose from. Volunteering to write here at The Chanticleer, playing intramural sports or joining a club are great ways to get to know people and make 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.

Perhaps the biggest point to remind us all about is to budget money. Remember, classes cost money. If you drop from a full load to less than 12 hours after the semester starts, thinking, "I'll just take them later," the money is non-refundable. According to the cover of the fall catalogue, only if you withdraw completely from all classes by Sept. 27 can you receive a 50 percent tuition refund.

Then, of course, there's the matter of day-to-day finance. Food, housing, bills, gasoline and entertainment don't come cheap. Balancing all of these needs and setting priorities on them can be tricky for a young person. Decide what's essential and put your money there first. College students are notorious for getting in over their heads with checking accounts and credit cards. Keep track of how much you spend and use credit only as an absolute last resort for necessary purchases.

You have started a semester at Jacksonville State University and are on your way to finishing a degree, have a good time.

## Chanticleer's changes mostly skin-deep

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

By Benjamin Cunningham  
The Chanticleer Editor-in-chief



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 of our editorial staff. But the rewards you get from the job may increase the longer you work here.

And it isn't just writers we're looking for. We can use help with

photography, copy editing, advertising sales, and production of our web site. If you've got a skill, we can probably put it to use.

The Chanticleer catches a lot of flak on campus. I'm aware of this, and so is the rest of the staff. Regardless of what the buzz around town is, we've got a job to do. We provide fair, balanced and accurate coverage of campus news, events and athletics. We also provide a market to our advertisers. We do what we do as professionally as we can.

Having said that, I've got to add that we're students. Like you, we're carrying a full load of classes, trying to pay rent, buy food and put out a weekly newspaper at the same time. And we're all still learning how to do this. None of 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.



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# Features

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## Local music on tap this weekend

By Benjamin Cunningham  
The Chanticleer Editor-in-chief

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 air-play 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 play-

ing 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.

The Cool Beans Band - <http://www.thecoolbeansband.com>  
Ethan and the Ewox - <http://www.ewox.com>

### Do You Love To Sing?

#### A CAPPELLA CHOIR (MU 218, 418, 1 credit)

Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Dr. Patricia Corbin, Director, ext. 5544. A Cappella Choir is JSU's premier choral ensemble that performs a wide variety of quality choral repertoire and tours Alabama and Georgia in the spring. A Cappella Choir is a required ensemble for vocal music majors and non-music majors are also welcome. A Cappella choir will be performing at the Alabama Music Educators Convention in Tuscaloosa on January 17, 2001

#### CALHOUN COUNTY CIVIC CHORALE (CHORUS) (MU 196, 396, 1 credit)

Meets Monday evening, (beginning September 10, 2001) from 7:15 - 9:15 p.m. Dr. Patricia Corbin, Director, ext. 5544. This is a choir composed of dedicated community members, faculty, staff, as well as students. The choir performs a major choral work, often with orchestra, every semester, and is a good choice for students, faculty, and community members with very busy schedules.

#### GOSPEL CHOIR (MU 138m, 338m, 1 credit)

Meets Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Dr. Myrtice Collins, Director, ext. 5545. The Gospel Choir performs a wide variety of inspirational repertoire in the African American coral tradition. This popular ensemble is in constant demand and has performed throughout Alabama and the surrounding areas. The gospel Choir has been featured on local radio shows and television, including the Bobby Jones Gospel Hour.

#### CHAMBER SINGERS (MU 162, 362, 1 credit)

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!

## Music Calendar

### Live Music

#### Local Scene

8/30/01 The Cool Beans Band & Soulhat—Brother's  
8/31/01 Ethan and the Ewox—Brother's  
9/01/01 Velvet Jones—Brother's  
9/05/01 Wayne Mills—Fuller's Pub

#### Birmingham

8/31/01 Drive By Truckers—The Nick  
8/31/01 Suburban Love Junkies—The Nick  
9/01/01 Fat Ogre Experience—The Nick  
9/05/01 Misfits—Boiler Room  
9/05/01 Something 5—The Nick  
9/05/01 Dust For Life—The Nick

#### Atlanta

8/30/01 Mindseye—Smith's Olde Bar  
8/31/01 Fatboy Slim—Earthlink Live (Center Stage)  
8/31/01 Seven Mary Three, Train & Matchbox Twenty—  
HiFi Buys Amphitheatre  
9/01/01 Heritage Cherry—Smith's Olde Bar  
9/02/01 Perry Farrell (DJ Set)—The Masquerade  
9/03/01 Cowboy Junkies—Montreux Atlanta Music  
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### CD Releases

(Week of 8/28/01)

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Bjork-Vespertine  
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Air Supply-Yours Truly  
Powerman 5000-Anyone for Doomsday?  
Reggie & the Full Effect/Ultimate Fakebook-Reggie & the  
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### Where's the crossword puzzle?

Check the Features section in next week's edition of The Chanticleer for our weekly crossword puzzle and comic page, and the return of the Useless Quiz.

# Gamecocks kick off season tonight



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Trent Penny  
Senior running back Roger Bell rushes for yardage during last week's scrimmage at Paul Snow Stadium. Bell and the Gamecocks open the 2001 season tonight at home against Cumberland University.

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.

If you haven't noticed, there's been a lot of people interested in the Gamecock football team lately. This may be the most anticipated football game here at JSU since the 1996 Troy State battle in Paul Snow.

Many fans are excited to see the 2001 Gamecock football team and others simply want to see Ashley Martin kick extra points. The football team is looking at the game as an opportunity to show the fans that this year's squad is for real.

"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 preseason All-Conference running back Rony 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 NAIA 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 305 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 2,634 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 Markee 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. The Rex, Ga. natives both played at Mt. Zion High School, but since Cornell is four years older, tonight's game will mark the first time the two brothers have played against each other.

"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 admission in Paul Snow Stadium is good for seating in sections P, Q and S (the Crowe's Nest) only.

## 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 preseason polls.

"We can't be concerned about the preseason 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 on 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 con-

ference matches."

Georgia State, the defending champion, have been voted as the number one team in the Atlantic Sun preseason 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.

-- Staff Writer Rebecca Spoles contributed to this report.

### Atlantic Sun 2001 Volleyball Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Georgia State University
2. University of Central Florida
3. Florida Atlantic University
4. Jacksonville University
5. Campbell University (tie)
5. Samford University (tie)
7. Troy State University
8. Jacksonville State University
9. Belmont University
10. Stetson University
11. Mercer University



# Auburn soccer downs Lady Gamecocks 3-1

By Anthony Hill  
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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 Lady Gamecocks hoped history would repeat itself going into last Saturday's match with the Tigers.

While motivation is important for

any team, Howe doesn't believe in overdoing it before a game. "We really just try to keep it simple. Everyone just concentrates on their particular role."

"Any positive result against Auburn is just a huge confidence builder and a move in the right direction for this team," said Howe before the game. The Lady Gamecocks concluded the 1998 season with a victory over Auburn and a place in the TAAC tournament.

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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