Tragedy strikes nation; campus mourns

By Stephanie Fendergrass
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The number used for emergencies, 9-11, turned out to be the date the largest terrorist attack in history occurred. Sept. 11 was a day of chaos and extreme shock as the United States of America was attacked by multiple passenger-jet hijackings, which led to 4 different crashes.


Although the U.S. has had to deal with terrorism in the past, nothing of this caliber has ever been experienced. Now, as the world copes with the aftermath the attacks have left behind, so too does Jacksonville State University.

The attacks have left many people at JSU in a state of shock. “This is just unbelievable,” said Greg Seitz, sports information director. “I’m glad that Ashley (Martin) and I were there last week and not this one.” Dr. Ralph Carmode, acting head for the department of communications, remarked, “I was numb when I first heard (about it).”

In remembrance and in honor of the lives lost in Tuesday’s attack, a prayer vigil was held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday. Students and faculty gathered outside of Martin Hall for a moment of silence, hymns of praise and prayer by candlelight. Many attended the short service with hopes for a safer tomorrow.

In this time of grief, the University is doing its part to help the victims of the attacks. According to JSU President, Dr. William Meehan, “students, faculty and staff have joined hands to help however possible — donating blood, assisting the Red Cross with supplies, and participating in other ways to help survivors.”

Joy Boyd, second vice president of the SGA, reported JSU would not have a blood drive this week. Anniston and Gadsden Red Cross facilities will be operating however, and hopefully next week, JSU will have a blood drive of its own.

While blood donations and other various drives are important and worthwhile to those in need, some can also be a burden. “If people start bringing in clothes or food, then you’re going to waste more resources sorting through stuff that they don’t need,” said Associate Director of the Institute for Emergency Preparedness, Dr. David Neal. “What relief organizations really need is money. Whether it’s Red Cross, Salvation Army or another religious organization, they can take that money and turn it into exactly what they need.”

Through the pain and suffering America will endure, the country will overcome this tragedy. In President Bush’s statement Tuesday, CNN.com quoted him as saying, “Make no mistake: The United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts.”

Jacksonville State University will prevail through the country’s hardships as well. “In the short term, the best way to cope is to keep life as normal as possible,” said Meehan. “At JSU, we feel it is important that our students go to class, talk about this tragedy with professors and peers, and remain level-headed. As JSU President, I assure you that all necessary precautions are being taken to ensure the safety and security of everyone on campus.”

Another candlelight service, sponsored by the Greek community, is planned for tonight at 7:30 in Paul Carpenter Village. The general public is invited.

Inside: Complete attack coverage.

University continues operations through attack

By Danni Lusk
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While other schools such as Gadsden State Community College and Birmingham Southern College were closed, JSU stayed open for business Tuesday.

JSU President Dr. William Meehan made the decision that morning to keep classes open in the wake of the tragedies in New York City, Washington D.C. and across the nation.

“If you go to class, I realize that in my class ... we would talk about this,” said Meehan. “I think it’s important that we discuss this as a campus community and continue to talk about the things we are doing in the short-term, long-term and immediate. I don’t think going home is going to solve any of those problems.”

This decision came after a meeting Tuesday morning with several university deans, vice-presidents and the university’s Emergency Management Task Force, according to News Bureau Director Al Harris. “At this point, there is no cause for alarm,” said Harris. “The university has been monitoring the situation in consultation with several members of this task force that met this morning.”

JSU’s Emergency Management Task Force is made up of three faculty members who hold doctorates. Members of the task force include: Professor of Emergency Management Dr. Brenda Phillips, Associate Director of Institute for Emergency Preparedness Dr. David Neal and Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Joanna McClown. “They ... have an expertise in disasters of this nature,” said Harris.

The University currently has a set of precautions and security measures, according to Harris. “The University is in communication with the (Anniston Army) Depot and all the military affairs people. So, whatever would come into play out there, we would know about immediately.”

If it became necessary for classes to be dismissed, the University “would get the word out through all media,” said Harris.

Meehan plans on suspending classes on the national day of mourning, if it falls on a school day.

All scheduled JSU athletics will take place as planned, according to the Athletic department, as of press time.

A precedent set during Operation Desert Storm allows faculty to be lenient on students who need to miss class due to family emergencies related to the disaster, according to Harris. “We understand that a number of our students may have family in these areas that were affected such as New York City and Washington D.C.,” said Harris. “But we encourage students who are able to stay and continue in school to do so.”
JSU, Gadsden State make deal on co-admissions policy

By Patrick McCreless
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Students from Gadsden State can now feel slightly more at ease about the possibility of a co-admissions policy signed between Jacksonville State President Dr. Bill Meehan and Gadsden State Community College President Victor Ficker. The new policy is intended to ease the burdens of transferring between the two schools. More specifically, it’s for those students who are in degree-seeking programs and are already in a transfer.

“News Wire” stated that “the Legislature had already passed an articulation agreement.” Known as the State Articulation Agreement, it works with all of the two-year and four-year institutions in the state. This agreement has been easing transitions between institutions, but the new policy takes that even further.

According to Dr. Alice Cusimano, the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, “we’re looking at is the applications for admissions. If you’re admitted to Gadsden State in the degree-seeking program and you meet our admissions standards then you don’t have to fill out another form.”

Also, there is a possibility that Gadsden State transfer students, who are only considered to be half-time students, could combine the hours that they take during a semester. This would make them full-time students and any aid that they might receive would be based on the collective hours being taken.

The new policy is also intended to help increase enrollment at JSU. According to President Meehan, there is going to be a zero growth of 18-year-old students in Alabama through 2010. Right now enrollment is around 8,342, but Meehan wants it at 10,000. “Well, how do I try to reach my goal of ten-thousand students if the population isn’t going anywhere,” asked Meehan. “I’ve got to find ways that are easier for students to transfer from Gadsden and other schools.”

The co-admissions policy has not been fully completed yet, however, it is anticipated that the policy will be implemented as early as January of next year. “We believe that this will help increase enrollment at JSU,” said Dr. Cusimano. “So we’re going to be collecting information from all other institutions that have been involved in this.”
CHICAGO—As Americans came to grips with Tuesday’s apparent terrorist attacks, six major-college football games were postponed and school officials debated whether to play the rest of the weekend’s slate.

Meanwhile, hundreds of non-revenue athletic contests, including volleyball matches involving Northwestern and Notre Dame, were scrubbed Tuesday as campuses across the nation closed.

Three of the Division I-A football games postponed were scheduled for Thursday night: Penn State’s nationally televised game at Virginia, Ohio University’s visit to North Carolina State and Texas Tech’s game at UTEP. The Texas Tech game was tentatively moved to Saturday.

San Diego State at No. 21 Ohio State was rescheduled for Oct. 20, an open date for both schools. No. 13 Washington’s visit to top-ranked Miami also was postponed. And No. 14 UCLA said it hoped to move Saturday’s game against Arizona State to Dec. 1.

“We sit here thinking that it puts a lot less importance on Saturday,” Ohio State coach Jim Tressel told reporters in Columbus, Ohio. “You say to yourself, ‘Who’s going to be getting on airplanes to go play each other right now?’”

Because few teams play Dec. 1, that Saturday could become a convenient rescheduling option, although the Southeastern and Big 12 conferences stage their playoffs that day.

Commissioners from the six Bowl Championship Series conferences met via teleconference Tuesday afternoon and were expected to speak to athletic directors in their leagues Wednesday.

Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany, who had been in Philadelphia with an aide for an NCAA meeting, had planned to fly back to Chicago on Tuesday morning, but his flight was canceled. The Big Ten sent most staff members home, spokeswoman Sue Lister said.

Commissioners were expected to discuss how cancellations might affect the complicated BCS standings, which weigh games results to determine the pairing in the BCS title game.

In Division I-A and I-AA, 116 games were scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, including two others with national title implications, No. 8 Tennessee at No. 2 Florida and No. 10 Georgia Tech at No. 6 Florida State.

“Football’s not very important when you start thinking about something like this,” Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. “But at the same time, life does go on.”

College officials said they would wait to see whether the government freezes non-essential air travel. Some tried to interpret signals from the Bush administration that the nation would quickly return to normalcy.

“It may be out of our hands,” Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese told reporters. “There are a lot of issues, emotional ones. Kids flying, playing in large venues with a lot of people and if the government says do something, we do it.”

Conferences and host institutions have the final say on whether games will be canceled. But NCAA president Cedric Dempsey urged schools to “make sound decisions about proceeding with contests today and in the coming days.”

“This is one of those things where you can’t do the right thing.” Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger said. “You can do what you think is the best thing to do. Whether it’s right or wrong is for others to debate, I guess.”

There is precedent for widespread cancellations and postponements. When President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in November 1963, most college football games the next day were either canceled or the date was changed. As officials mulled whether to play games this weekend, the some schools suspended the business of football Tuesday.

Notre Dame canceled all athletic practices and held a prayer mass for students, faculty and staff. The 23rd-ranked Fighting Irish expect their game at Purdue will be played Saturday as scheduled.

UCLA also canceled workouts Tuesday.

“After listening to comments from several members of the team, I decided that regardless of whether or not we play the game Saturday, today should be a day for us to reflect on things other than football,” Bruins coach Bob Toledo said.

But practices went on at several schools, including Florida, which is scheduled to face Tennessee Saturday in Gainesville, Fla. An athletic department spokesman said the Gators were practicing “to try to get the kids to think about something else.”

While it was not immediately known whether any college athletes or coaches were among the casualties, the tragedy touched people in athletic departments across the country. Some wondered whether there had been any damage to the Downtown Athletic Club, home to the Heisman Trophy. The DAC is located on the southern tip of Manhattan, only a few blocks from where the World Trade Center towers stood before they were destroyed Tuesday.

Phone calls to the DAC were not answered Tuesday and officials could not be reached.

Tressel said his players seemed to be in shock and that some were crying at their lockers. Tressel said the mother of one Buckeyes player, whom he did not identify, was reportedly at the World Trade Center on Tuesday.

“We’re trying to find out if she was there,” Tressel said. “It’s a hard time.”

(Tribune reporters Gary Reinmuth and Avani Patel contributed to this report.)
Osama bin Laden suspected as architect of terrorist attacks

By John Walcott / Warren P. Stobel
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WASHINGTON - Before the smoke cleared from the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, the fugitive Saudi Arabian terrorist leader Osama bin Laden emerged as the prime suspect in Tuesday's carnage.

"Bin Laden is the leading candidate," said a senior intelligence official who requested anonymity. "There's nothing hard, but he's one of a very few people who would want to do this and who also has access to the tools and the kind of people you need to do this."

That bin Laden, who's believed to have sponsored the suicide bombing of the destroyer USS Cole and the bombings of the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, might try to stage such an ambitious attack isn't surprising. What's surprising is that the chain of hijackings and suicide bombings took America by surprise — especially if bin Laden was behind it.

If it was bin Laden, Michael Swetnam, a former U.S. intelligence official, said President Bush must respond forcefully, if necessary invading Afghanistan where he's hiding and seizing him.

"If there's ever an act of war, this is an act of war," Swetnam said. "We're past the point where we talk about (responding with a handful of) cruise missiles."

Tuesday evening, there were reports that missiles were striking Kabul, the Afghan capital. But U.S. officials said they were not launched by the United States; rather, they may have been the work of Afghan opposition groups. The strikes took place late in the night in Afghanistan.

In the wake of Tuesday's bombings, senior intelligence officials began sifting through the mountains of information that American spies and satellites have been collecting on bin Laden and his loose-knot organization, often called al Qaeda, or "the base" — surveillance photos, transcripts of telephone calls, reports from CIA agents.

What they found is deeply troubling. Since May, there had been numerous warnings that bin Laden or another terrorist leader was preparing a major campaign against Americans, but all the intelligence suggested that any attacks would come overseas. U.S. military and diplomatic posts abroad were kept on heightened states of alert, and the State Department warned travelers of the danger in an advisory put out on Friday, but America's own air-

ports and potential targets were still asleep.

"There was a ton of stuff, but it all pointed to an attack abroad," said one official.

What that suggests, two senior administration officials told Knight Ridder, is the frightening possibility that bin Laden may have used America's most precious intelligence assets — the multimillion-dollar spy satellites that take pictures and eavesdrop on phone calls and data transmissions — to deceive the United States.

The vast electronic "take" on bin Laden, said officials who requested anonymity, contained no hints of a pending terror campaign in the United States itself, no orders to subordinates, no electronic fund transfers, no reports from underlings on their surveillance of the airports in Boston, Newark and Washington.

"This obviously was a failure of great dimension. We had no specific warning of the United States being attacked. We've got to do better," said Sen. Richard Shelby, vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, after a briefing with CIA director George Tenet.

U.S. intelligence officials believe that bin Laden killed one of his most valuable allies — Afghan rebel leader Ahmad Shah Mahsoud, who they said was killed by suicide bombers last weekend. Mahsoud, a foe of both bin Laden and of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban party, controlled a small part of northern Afghanistan that provided a valuable platform for spying on bin Laden and his followers.

"Bin Laden figured out what was going on and he hadMahsoud killed," said one U.S. intelligence expert who asked not to be quoted. "He learns from his mistakes and he keeps getting smarter."

Tuesday's missile strikes against Kabul may have been the work of Mahsoud's Northern Alliance, in retaliation for his killing.

Bin Laden is believed to have been hiding out near Kandahar, in southeast Afghanistan, sheltered by the country's Muslim rulers, the Taliban. Senior Taliban officials on Tuesday denied that the Saudi exile had any role in the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

But freelance journalist Peter Bergen, who interviewed bin Laden in 1997, said the Saudi exile "is absolutely capable of this."

But fingering bin Laden definitively and determining how to strike back may not be easy, according to counter-terrorism experts.

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SGA weighs in on calendar in first meeting of the year

By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

If the SGA senate has anything to say about it, academic-preparation day, widely known as “dead day,” won’t die out any time soon. Senators recommended keeping the current academic calendar in place for the 2002-03 school year at their first session of the semester Monday night.

The recommendation came as a response to a request for input from Kathy Cambron, who heads the University’s calendar committee. The committee draws the calendar, which determines when classes begin and end each semester and when final exams are given.

Cambron presented the senate with two options to her committee is considering. The first option mirrors the system already being used by the University. The second would have classes start after the Labor Day holiday weekend in 2002, and make up for some of the days lost by scrapping academic-prep day.

By a show of hands the senators unanimously supported keeping the current system in place. Several senators spoke out in support of the first option, citing the perceived desire of students to keep academic-prep day. Senators were also concerned that education majors doing student teaching might not be able to fit the required 15 weeks they spend in that program into a shorter semester.

The typical college student’s finances were on the mind of senator Buddy Rogers. “I don’t think there’s a reason to change it,” said Rogers after the meeting. Rogers was concerned about starting classes after University relaxed going into the exams, “It gets everybody to go to the football game. All of our sports start that weekend.”

Senator Andrew Williams, who chairs the senate’s constitution and code of laws committee, felt that students would miss academic-prep day if it was axed. “It’s just been my experience that even if you do nothing that day, that rest is important. You get mentally relaxed going into the exams,” said Williams. “I think people are going to be cheesed off if we do away with that.”

Holmes was also concerned about doing away with academic-prep day. “I’m very much against option two not having academic-prep day,” he said. “It’s a day everybody uses to get ready for finals.”

Cambron, who also favors option one, said that the calendar committee will make a presentation to the University’s academic council soon, and that the matter would then move into the hands of the executive committee. “We hope to have the date, have an approved calendar for the 2002-2003 school year within the month.”

The SGA senate meets each Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium on the third floor of the TMB. Students are encouraged to present their concerns during the student body report portion of the meeting.

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In Our View

Time for togetherness

America was rocked Tuesday morning when something that seemed to come from the latest Hollywood-adventure movie exploded its way across television screens and radio waves. Terrorism.

Many JSU students walked to their classes with eyes full of emotion, downcast. When some eyes were raised they seemed on the verge of crying. Disbelief was widespread, like everybody was just waiting for the next scene in the script being played out.

It was and is scary. The World Trade Center crumbled and the Pentagon was damaged. The thought in the air seemed to be, “what’s going to happen next?”

Jacksonville seemed numb. If people did make eye contact though, something was touched. We, the people of Jacksonville, and of all the nation, have our differences but we seemed to pull together. Why has an old familiar adage of patriotism been used? Because JSU was witness to it.

It’s beautiful to come together.

There is blood to be given, assistance of many sorts to be offered and compassion to be shared. It doesn’t do much good to get too angry, because that will only breed more anger.

If you feel moved to action, make them in the aid of others. Make them toward protecting and helping our own.

As President Bush said in his Tuesday night address, “full resources” have been directed “to find those responsible and bring them to justice.” Once those responsible have been found, our anger can be directed toward them and the country that harbors them. “We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them,” Bush stated.

We should not go looking, nor assuming, that all people from a certain nation or religion are responsible. When the terrorists are found, they should be punished, but not people from the same background as the terrorists, who may feel differently. Let’s not revive the red scare in a different form.

Things aren’t so comfortable when those responsible are not caught, but we have each other to comfort.

Media must be cautious in coverage of attacks

In the span of an hour, the world changed. Across the nation and the globe, men and women stared in shocked disbelief trying to assimilate what they were seeing and hearing into their concept of reality.

Someone flew an airplane into each of New York’s World Trade Center Twin Towers. Someone flew another plane straight into the Pentagon.

The dominant structures of a skyline known the world over by people who’d never even been to New York, structures that seemed permanent and immovable, were suddenly no longer there.

The nerve center of the world’s most powerful military forces, a place whose very name was synonymous with security and control, was suddenly a struck target with a flaming, gaping hole in its side. The center of the nation’s largest and most famous city was evacuated, covered in twisted steel girders, burned-up cars, and smoking clouds of ash.

Americans stood in front of their televisions, jaws agape, until it began to sink in.

And then they wanted answers. The nation’s news media struggled to keep up with the incredible supply of, and demand for, information. Nearly every cable network switched to an all-news format. They broadcast frantic discussions between harried witnesses, public officials and anchors who struggled to sort out the facts. Web sites bent under the strain. Newspapers rushed out special editions with headlines in two-inch type, hawked in the streets by men yelling, “Extra! Extra! Read all about it!” just like in the movies.

By the time you read this, most of the stories we’d been working on for our news section were scrapped in favor of news of the attacks on New York and Washington, at about 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, four hours before our weekly deadline. It’s made for a long night here, as I’m sure it has in newsrooms worldwide. Most people calling themselves journalists are working on tenuously little sleep right now.

That, however, is no excuse for getting the story wrong, or for distorting the facts irresponsibly.

Our nation’s news media have a responsibility, now more than ever, to make sure their coverage is accurate, and to strive against the tendency toward “yellow journalism.” History tells us that irresponsible reporting might make for a more difficult situation than the one in which the country already finds itself. Many historians would point out that American newspapers practically invented the Spanish-American War, whipping the nation into a frenzy in 1898 when the USS Maine exploded in Havana’s harbor.

As we wrap up this last-minute edition of The Chanticleer, national broadcast news organizations are reporting that law-enforcement authorities have reason to believe exiled Saudi Arabian millionaire Osama bin Laden was involved in these attacks. Reports say authorities are investigating the involvement of five “Arab men” in hijacking one of the planes that crashed into the World Trade Center.

Let’s hope that our nation’s news media will cover these investigations with level heads. Focusing the aroused anger of the American people in the wrong direction could be a dangerous thing.

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America will find a way to prevail

By Brad Warthen
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Sometime within the next 24 hours, no doubt, some television talking head somewhere will say, “This doesn’t happen here.”

Yes, it does. It has. It’s happened before, in fact. It just wasn’t this close to home. We remember Pearl Harbor. We’ll remember this, too.

Two nights ago, the nation delved back into its history with a celebrated media event, the premiere of the television version of Stephen Ambrose’s “Band of Brothers.”

We marvel at how a previous generation responded to an unprecedented crisis -- a sudden attack by a ruthless, remorseless enemy. We think of those people as the “greatest generation,” and they deserve that appellation because of the way they came together to settle their own crisis and secure our future.

And we all wonder: Are we like them? Do we have it in us?

We’re about to find out. We’re about to find out if we can snap out of shock, pull ourselves off the ground, set our petty differences aside, and come together as a nation to deal with our enemies.

For now, there is no question that we have enemies. And these enemies are in many ways different from Imperial Japan. In some ways, they are worse.

Pearl Harbor was an attack upon a distant outpost of American military power. The attack, as sudden and dishonest and vicious as it was, was at least an attack that made strategic sense in traditional military logic. And while there were civilian casualties, the obvious primary target was our fighting men and their machines of war.

This time, there is no pretense of such rudimentary “decency,” if you want to stretch so far as to call it that. This time, civilians were the target every bit as much -- if not more so -- as our men and women in uniform.

This was a strike -- and a temporarily successful one -- at the chief power centers that have given this nation the strength to stand astride the world as its only superpower.

We are the world’s largest economy, so they struck, with devastating effect, at the very symbolic heart of that strength.

We are the undisputed military champion of the world, guarantor of security not only for this nation but for the rest of the globe. And this time they struck not just battleships and sailors, but the nerve center of our military colossus.

The greatest gift this nation has given the world is our form of democracy. And they have shut down and evacuated our Capitol and the White House. The home of the most powerful man in the world stands empty, surrounded by nervous men with automatic weapons and itchy trigger fingers.

The nation that gave the world flight is frozen, earthbound, at a standstill.

We are stunned. This attack has been devastatingly successful. We don’t know who did it, and we don’t know how much there is to come.

Our response will have to be different from the response after Pearl Harbor. This appears to be a different kind of enemy -- the worst kind of coward. An enemy who strikes, and ducks and runs and hides.

How to prevail against such an enemy and restore peace and prosperity to the land is not immediately apparent.

But we will find a way. This is the same nation that was laid low 60 years ago, by an enemy who thought we lacked the will or the know-how to stop them. They were wrong then, and they’re wrong now.

We may not be the greatest generation, but we are their grandchildren. We are Americans. We are shocked, and we will mourn.

But then we’ll dust ourselves off, and find a way.

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Well, so far that’s as close as the All-New CNN has gotten to balanced news.

IN YOUR VIEW

“First thought was scared, because of the depot. I was wondering if we were still having classes.”

Brandon Lewis
Senior

“Because of the nature of the attacks, it probably a small rogue nation. This certainly changes America’s thoughts on security.”

Brandon Roberts
Sophomore

“I don’t know how we could let that many planes get hijacked. I think the previous bombs earlier this week were a distraction so they could hit us.”

Tramale Garrett
Freshman

“They are crazy. They are sick.”

Mohamed Lahlou
Freshman
Planes crash into World Trade Center, Pentagon; explosions rock Afghanistan

By Steven Thomma
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WASHINGTON - In a staggering attack on the United States, terrorists struck Tuesday at the symbols of American special and military might, using hijacked jetliners as suicide missiles to level the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and blast into the Pentagon between Washington, D.C., and Arlington, Va., the senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said: "This is our second Pearl Harbor, right here in the nation's capital.

"This story has been written in fiction and now it's before us as reality. Our lifestyle will never be the same again. We'll need to restricle the balance between the exercise of our freedoms and security pressures to protect this nation."

As the U.S. military was ordered on highest alert worldwide, a sense of siege swept quickly across the land. All U.S. air traffic was grounded for the first time in history, financial markets closed, high-profile buildings such as the Sears Tower in Chicago were evacuated, and telephone circuits overloaded as families tried to check on loved ones.

After cutting short a Florida trip to head for the security of nearby Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, President Bush told Americans, "Freedom itself was attacked this morning by a faceless coward, and freedom will be defended ... Make no mistake; the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts."

He said, "The resolve of our great nation is being tested. But make no mistake, we will show the world that we will pass this test." The cunning and well-coordinated attack started with near simultaneously hijackings of four commercial jetliners, which had taken off within 12 minutes of one another. All took off from East Coast airports and were fully loaded with fuel for transcontinental flights.

The first jetliner, apparently American Airlines flight 11 from Boston, crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center about 8:45 a.m., starting a fire. As a horrified nation watched the fire on television, a second jetliner appeared in the sky 18 minutes later, slamming into the other tower in a crash of fire and smoke.

Subsequent explosions collapsed each tower within another 90 minutes.

Shortly after the planes crashed into the twin towers at the heart of New York's financial district, a third jetliner slammed into one side of the Pentagon. It was the 60th anniversary of the day in 1941 when ground was broken for construction of the five-sided U.S. military headquarters.

That one was apparently American Airlines flight 77, bound from near-by Dulles International Airport for Los Angeles. A fourth hijacked jetliner, its target unknown, crashed outside Pittsburgh.

In New York, officials sealed Manhattan Island, closing bridges and tunnels leading into the city. Rescue workers there rushed to fight the fires and evacuate people when a subsequent explosion ripped through the south tower, disintegrating its upper floors and hurling tons of concrete, metal, glass — and presumably bodies — into the streets below.

Debris and smoke barreled through the canyon-like avenues, sending people running as everything within blocks became covered with ash.

"I was just standing there like an idiot, and the next thing you know it collapsed and it was just smoke," said a dust-covered Bob Whirlray, who worked in one of the towers. Almost 50 minutes later, the north tower collapsed.

"It's almost impossible to describe the level of anger you have that someone would do this," said New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who with Gov. George Pataki ordered Tuesday's mayoral primary election delayed until a later date. "There's no reason for this. There's no excuse for this.

Near the Pentagon, Michael Walter, a television correspondent for USA Today Live, was stuck in traffic.

"When I saw it, I said, 'Oh my God! Oh my God!'" said David Smith, an air traffic analyst. "First a shake, then a bang, then a boom, boom, and you knew it wasn't normal."

Defense Department spokesman Terry Mitchell likened the feeling inside to an earthquake, adding that most workers were evacuated. Among those remaining inside was Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. As rescue crews struggled to free people and firefighters wrestled with the spreading flames, a section of the Pentagon collapsed about 10:10 a.m.

For the first time in American history, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered all aircraft anywhere over the United States — except for military planes and Air Force One.

Bush first spoke Tuesday from Florida. "This is a difficult moment for America. Today, we've had a national tragedy. Bush said what was supposed to be an event in Sarasota pitching his education proposals.

Soon after that, he flew to Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, where he held a teleconference with national security aides. In the late afternoon he left Nebraska to return to the White House, from which he planned to speak to the nation Tuesday night.

Military jets flew over downtown Washington. An undisclosed number of American warships were ordered to take positions off the U.S. coasts to bolster air defenses for New York and Washington.

Other ships — including amphibious craft with Marines aboard — were ordered to get under way, with humanitarian and medical supplies and surgical teams aboard that might be needed in New York or Washington.

Since May, U.S. officials have worried that bin Laden was planning an attack against Americans, a fact reiterated in a worldwide caution issued by the State Department only last Friday.

But the locations of the attacks appeared to catch U.S. intelligence officials by surprise. Friday's warning emphasized possible attacks against American citizens or interests abroad — but not necessarily at home. It said it had confirmed information that terrorists might strike at the American military, or establishments frequented by them, in Japan or Korea.

Brian Henson, the FBI's New York chief, appealed to Americans: "If you are going to leave, now is the time.

"The thing that struck me the most was this huge noise, and the flames were everywhere, high in the air," Walter said. Shortly after he heard a small explosion, which Pentagon officials said were propane tanks exploding near the building.

"You don't need more than you heard," said Navy Cmdr. Tom Rawson, a missile analyst. "First a shake, then a bang, then a boom, boom, and you knew it wasn't normal."

"Make no mistake; the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts."

--President George W. Bush

By Steven Thomma
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

As the United States entered a new era, a Navy admiral was killed Tuesday night.

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MTV’s “Real World” stars get real in Leone Cole

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By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Stardom struck Jacksonville on Sept. 5 when three previous cast members from MTV’s “Real World” came to answer students’ most prying and light-hearted questions.

Julie, 21, comes from Delafield, Wis. and appeared on the ninth-season cast in New Orleans. At the time, she was 17 and was a student at a Catholic high school.

Nathan, 23, is a southerner from Chesterfield, Va. who appeared on the seventh season in Seattle. He was a student at Virginia Military Institute and an aspiring actor when he auditioned for the show.

Syrus, 25, is from Santa Monica, Calif. and was cast on the sixth season in Boston. He attended the University of Hawaii on a basketball scholarship and graduated with a minor in communications and a minor in child psychology.

During the informal interview with students, the cast members were asked questions ranging from “Are you single?” to “What was it like having your dirty laundry aired to the world?”

In reply to the question about their relationship status, Julie told a story of her recent relationship with a Mormon boy, which after a few months, went sour because of her indecisiveness. “I was like one of those girls that couldn’t decide if I really wanted to be with him or not,” she said. “One day I would feel like ‘Aw, I like you’ and then the next I would say ‘Whatever, I hate you.’”

At the time of his show in Seattle, Nathan was in a relationship with a girl named Stephanie, which seemed to be pretty serious. They are no longer dating. “We broke up right after the show,” he said.

Syrus was “doing his thang” and currently dating a married woman. However, until her divorce papers are final he is “letting his wig down” and dating many different women.

All three cast members agreed that the cameras seemed to be people in themselves, judging and distorting certain aspects of the cast and the households. “Every Tuesday night at ten, I would be in the fetal position on my bed just wanting to kill myself,” said Julie. “I felt like everyone was getting jacked up. I mean, I know all those people. Melissa is not an alcoholic. When she got drunk one night, all the sudden she was the alcoholic. I cried four times in five months and I became the ‘crybaby.’ It’s jacked up, but it’s entertainment, right?”

Julie “tried to ignore the camera” most of the time. “I think it’s hard being in some cases when you’re doing something and all the sudden an extra camera crew came out and you know that they’re going to use that footage. It’s really hard because that’s when you get self-conscious.”

When asked, “what did you do for money?” the cast quickly responded with how much, or how little, money they were paid for being on the show.

Julie was of the luckier cast which got paid about $500 a week. Nathan got upset when he heard this. “We got paid $250 every two weeks,” he said. “I was eating tuna fish out of the can with saltine crackers. We had to pay for telephone, entertainment, travel, all that stuff.”

Syrus’ cast had a job at a local childcare center in downtown.

MTV’s “Real World” stars get real in Leone Cole

By Joshua W. Bingham
The Chanticleer Managing Editor

Anyone who frequents JSU’s Jack Hopper Dining Hall this semester will see, along with the improved look, a man with an obvious love for food wearing a chef’s hat and jack- et, sauntering casually around and smiling inquires of pleasure. He’s Chef Paul, and as the new head chef of Jack Hopper, he believes that talking to the students “makes a lit- tle bit of difference.”

His full name is Paul I. Fourroux and is an executive chef and Culinary Foundation instructor.

Before being transferred to JSU this past June by Sodexo Marriott, the company that runs Jack Hopper, Chef Paul worked at Spring Hill College in Mobile.

He is originally from Gramercy, La., and speaks with a slight-Cajun accent. Yet, because his father served in the military, Fourroux has also lived in Germany, France and Turkey. He said his travels helped to develop an “eclectic palate, you might say. I guess that’s why I got into the food-preparation business.”

Because of his early appreciation of cooking, he broke a mold at his high school. “When I graduated from high school, I was the first guy to take home ec...” said Fourroux. “You know, that was back in the 60s when it wasn’t popular.”

He then attended the Culinary Institute of America, graduated in 1969 and spent a five-year appren- ticeship under Hans Schindler before, as he said, “I could call myself a chef.” After that, he worked for Morrison’s, “drifted over” to Piccadilly and retired in 1991. Yet, he wasn’t finished cooking.

The next year, he opened a restaurant in Mobile called LA Seafood Express and ran it until he sold it in 1995. In 1996, Fourroux “got the call to go to work for Sodexo Marriott,” and has “been with them since.”

With his many years of experience, Chef Paul, considering himself as a “surrogate father” to the many students he likes to keep well fed, is bringing some new recipes to the cafeteria. The new entrees include shrimp etouffee, jambalaya and “all the good items like good chicken oyster on doughy gumbo.”

Chef Paul works to create a relaxing atmosphere in Jack Hopper Dining Hall.

Chef Paul Fourroux

Chanticleer spotlight:
**Jimmy Eat World**

**Bleed American**

Review by Jordan Brewer

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

**Perhaps one of the year's most anticipated albums, Jimmy Eat World's Bleed American has finally caught the attention of the music industry.**

Bleed American is Jimmy Eat World's third major label album. After two unsuccessful albums with Capitol Records, Jimmy Eat World left the label and recorded Bleed American on their own. Later hooking up with Dreamworks Records, the band promises that in the end, "everything will be fine, everything will be all right."

The album also has its share of soulful ballads. "Hear You Me" is a song about losing someone that you love. "What would you think of me now? So lucky, so strong, so proud/ I never said thank you for that/ Now I'll never have the chance/ May angels lead you in."

If you are in the mood for rock music with some actual depth and meaning to it, Bleed American is highly recommended. This album is definitely not one of those albums that you buy for one song, go home and realize that you wasted your money. All eleven tracks on this rock masterpiece are worth your fifteen bucks.

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**Chocolat: bitter or sweet?**

Review by Ben Zimmerman

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The setting is a rural town in France. The time is the 1950s. Juliette Binoche (playing Vianne Rocher, a French entrepreneur) and her daughter (played by Lina Olen) move in and open a chocolate shop. Her presence in the town serves as the main conflict in the movie. Binoche does not conform to standards set by the town by not going to church and having an illegitimate child. Thus, the town's mayor (played by Alfred Molina) and other "prudes" look for ways to get rid of her.

The movie then takes a Mary Poppins/Patch Adams turn. Binoche's chocolate seems to have a prozac/vagina-like quality that cures the town of all its problems. In one scene a woman describes her relationship with her husband as "cold." Binoche tells her to feed her husband "some chocolate" (which is pronounced sho-ko-lat). It must have fixed the problem because the next day she had trouble walking.

Johnny Depp played an extremely major role on this film, having about 9 lines throughout the movie. At least he got his name on the poster. The writers tried to portray Depp and Binoche as having a whirlwind romance with all the bells and whis-

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**Little-T and One Track Mike**

**Fome is Dape**

Review by Abbey Herrin

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Little-T (a knockoff of Eminem, minus the homophobic slurs) and his producer, One Track Mike, bust on the scene with their Atlantic Records debut, Fome is Dape.

Before listening to this album, I was befuddled as to what this strange title meant. Listening to the album did not answer this inquiry. The title track itself offers no real explanation to exactly what "Fome" is, but it is so damn catchy that it really doesn't matter.

Little-T's style is strikingly similar to Eminem, but with far less controversial lyrics. Rather than threatening to kill his wife, Little-T focuses on the lighter side — his desire to be an emcee and his annoyance with wrong numbers, as in the album's first single, "Shaniqua," to name a couple. One Track Mike lays down the beats, which vary incredibly from track to track. He incorporates various samples, vocals, and even a banjo into the mix.

On the upbeat track "Wings," Little-T ponders how the ability to fly would improve his life, stating, "If I had wings I'd laugh all day." He goes on to mention other uses of the wings, such as giving rides to old ladies.

The duo slows things down a bit with "Loosendin," a melancholy song that tells the tale of unrequited love. "All I wanna do is hold you, you cry," a heartbreaking Little-T. This song shows a whole other side to this usually goofy duo; I would definitely classify it as a rap-power ballad. Little-T and One Track Mike kick it back to the old school in "Guidance Counselor," which features none other than funkmaster legend Slick Rick in the role of the high school guidance counselor. His smooth style adds to the song, "Do you like big butts?" he inquires — very different from the stereotype of the lame guidance counselor (i.e. Mr. Garrison from South Park).

Fome is Dape is a fun album with some solid sampling and humorous lyrics. However, if you are looking for something with redeeming social value, you will not find it here.

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**Music Calendar**

**Live Music**

Jacksonville
9/13/01 Lynam-Brother's
9/14/01 Downright-Brother's
9/15/01 Chigger and the Skeeters-Brother's
9/19/01 DJ Mac-Brother's

Birmingham
9/14/01 Cowboy Junkies-five Points Music Hall
9/14/01 2120-The Nick

Atlanta
9/15/01 Edwin McCain Band-earthlink Live (Center Stage)
9/17/01 Aerosmith-HiFi Buy's Amphitheatre
9/17/01 Fuel-HiFi Buy's Amphitheatre
9/19/01 Ben Folds-Coca Cola Roxy Theatre

**CD Releases**

(Week of Sept. 11)
- Timbaland & Magoo – Indecent Proposal
- Various Artists - Ozzyfest 2001: The Second Millennium
HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Senuk
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)
September 17-23, 2001

**Aries** (March 21-April 20). Property agreements or old family documents may cause delays. Expect relatives or family friends to request detailed information or financial permissions. Many Aries natives will soon expand home security.

**Taurus** (April 21-May 20). Complicated social promises from the past may require an extra effort. Watch for close friends or colleagues to openly discuss yesterday's social events, changed plans or romantic triangles. delicate issues may be involved.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21). A recently silent friend may challenge your ideas or opinions. May also experience a significant romantic change to arrive in all key areas of life.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22). A close friend may compete for your attention or emotional support. Although loved ones may demand extra time and energy, long-term friends will also need your ongoing dedication. Avoid group meetings or quickly planned social gatherings.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22). Key officials may soon demand added efforts and dedication. Expect small projects to become increasingly complicated. Scattered ideas or revised time limitations may cause delays or confusion.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A close friend may request delicate romantic advice. Personal relationships or private social triangles are complex. Expect others to reveal rare encounters or emotional information. Some Virgos may also experience a subtle change in a family relationship.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). After a fairly intense period of social or romantic doubt, love relationships are due to greatly expand. Watch for lovers or marital partners to end a phase of emotional distance and mistrust. Ongoing questions or social differences will be easily resolved.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). New emotional options or proposed home changes may be on the agenda. Watch for loved ones to request a public shift of home priorities or new social rules in romance. Intimacy, mutual friendships or shared time in the home may be a strong concern.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Loved ones may be focused on small amounts of money and short-term business agreements. Expect friends and lovers to publicly question the ethics or business practices of authority figures. Public criticism, although draining, is healthy.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Recent flirtations will deepen. Watch for potential lovers to issue bold statements or obvious romantic invitations. Although progress may have previously felt sluggish, lovers or close friends will dramatically change the pace of key relationships.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Renewed sensuality will captivate your attention. Although work or educational duties are pressing, shared moments of intimacy will prove far more appealing. Single Aquarians can expect a romantic invitation from a colleague.

**Pisces** (Feb. 20-March 20). Instructions from key officials will be unclear. Expect intense reactions from colleagues or managers. Ongoing errors will not be easily corrected. Avoid acting as a mediator or team negotiator.
Chef Paul: from page 9

said Fourroux. He uses cayenne pepper for flavor in many of his dishes, "but not for the heat," he explained. "I want to stress that. You know, so many people get out of Louisiana and I go eat Cajun food. I can’t eat it ‘cause it’s too hot, you know. So down in Louisiana, we cook for the flavor, not the heat."

"Though Chef Paul has many recipes of his own that are good, like his homemade lemon icebox pie which he said everyone seems to like, he also ‘gleans’ his recipes from all over. He also uses company recipes, recipes off the internet, ‘or for that matter, one of my students might come in and say ‘wow, Chef Paul, this is great, but you know, my mom used to make such and such.’ I’ll just tell ‘em, ‘get me a recipe, I’ll do it.’ ‘Cause I want to try new things and I find I can learn from anybody.’"

Fourroux said that he is glad to have been transferred here and is enjoying Jacksonville. "Oh, it’s wonderful, we’ll do the best that we can for the school," said Fourroux of the Jack Hopper staff. "You know, I really believe that kids need a break from all this academic work, and we in the caf should provide that for ‘em. You know, give them that break, let them relax. Things just don’t seem so bad after that."

When asked what he would like to say to the many students of JSU, whom he commented as being "polite and well behaved," Chef Paul said, "if you have a passion, no matter what it is, whether it be accounting or social work, if you’re passionate about it, do it. If you don’t have a passion about something, you shouldn’t be in that field of expertise. That’s what I’d tell ‘em."

Chef Paul also had a recipe to share with students living off a limited budget that’s sure to impress a date. As he said, "it’s impressed my date from time to time."

When asked what he would like to hear what Chef Paul has planned for the daily menu, call on-campus at 3663 (Food) and follow the prompts to hear Chef Paul.

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**SPORTS**

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**Stancil carries Gamecocks past Colonels**

By Anthony Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Reggie Stancil displayed some serious skills last Saturday night as he helped guide the Gamecocks past the Nicholls State Colonels for the first time since 1976.

“He made big plays. He was a turnaround guy,” said head coach Jack Crowe. “What looked like a potential sack, ended up being a big play or a long touchdown.”

Stancil passed for a career high 293 yards and three touchdowns as the Gamecocks improved to 2-0 on the year with a 34-15 win. He also led all rushers with 98 yards on 15 carries as the Gamecocks tallied over 590 yards of total offense.

“I want to go back to the way I was in high school,” said Stancil. “In high school I made a lot of plays and I did a lot of things with the team. I’ve gotten away from that, but this year that’s my main goal: sitting in the pocket, extending my feet and trying to find everybody and get the ball to everybody.”

Stancil had thrown for more yards in the first half than he has during the course of an entire game. He was 10 for 15 for 266 yards and three touchdowns after only one half of play.

Stancil connected with a streaking Will Wagnon for a 66-yard touchdown after they found themselves down 6-0 in the opening quarter. Nicholls State answered the score when James Wilcox hit a 20-yard field goal to grab a 9-7 lead.

Stancil would strike again after he hit Ralph Jenkins with a 66-yard bomb with 7:31 remaining in the half. Jenkins and Wagnon were Stancil’s favorite targets last Saturday night. Wagnon finished the game with five catches for 88 yards, while Jenkins finished the game with three receptions for 134 yards.

Stancil would later hit Jason Pooch for his first career touchdown reception with 1:08 left, to give the Gamecocks a 20-9 halftime lead.

Nicholls State closed to within five points midway in the fourth quarter when Colonel freshman fullback Colt Colletti scored on a short dive. The Colonel touchdown made the score 20-15.

“Jacksonville executed, Reggie had a good night and we couldn’t hold it together,” said Nicholls head coach Daryl Daye. “The offense fought hard and got us back in the game. But when it came down to it, we just couldn’t get it done.”

Senior running back Roger Bell took over for Reggie in the second half of the game. Bell had six carries for 94 yards and two touchdowns, both of which came in the fourth quarter to seal the victory for the Gamecocks.

“We kept saying the running game had to take this game into its final phase, and we’re going to get in at halftime,” said Crowe. Rondy changed the tempo of the game several times with tremendous runs and, of course, Roger put the nail in the coffin with his speed and fresh legs.”

Bell scored his first touchdown with 4:05 remaining in the game on a 59-yard run and followed that up with a 25-yard scamper for another score with 1:21 left to play.

“We’ve got a lot of great backs,” said Bell after the game. “A lot of people aren’t going to be able to handle the type of backfield that we have.”

The Gamecocks will face nationally ranked and preseason SFL favorite McNeese State on Saturday. The kick off is set for 7 p.m.

“I know they’re a great team and all,” said Bell. “But, we are on another level right now and we can’t wait to get out there and play.”

**Cross Country competes at UTC**

From Staff Reports

In their first official meet of the season, both the JSU men’s and women’s cross country teams competed at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga last Friday evening.

“The JSU men didn’t have any teams to score out of the eight teams competing in the 5,000 meter. Jonathan Dalton had to drop out in the middle of the race due to tendinitis in the right knee. Ronnie Laguerre was the top finisher, placing 14th with a time of 16:07.”

Laguerre ran a strong race, finishing only 17 seconds off the lead runner’s pace. Dayton Niehuss came in second for the Gamecocks by finishing with a time of 16:28 which landed him in 39th position.

“Overall, we’re very pleased with how the men did,” said assistant cross country coach Erik Lipham. “They really ran hard on a tough course and vastly improved from last season.”

The women finished seventh out of seven teams competing in the two-mile race. The top finisher for the women was Kaci Kerr, who had a time of 14:25 to place 37th overall. She was followed by teammate Gina Davis, who finished 39th with a time of 15:01.

Addie Ferguson and Frances Archuleta, who were scheduled to run in the race, were suspended earlier in the week for disciplinary reasons.

“With the performance of the athletes,” said Lipham. “They did better up here than they did last year and it’s a good start to the regular season.”

The Gamecock cross country team will travel to Atlanta to face Georgia State University on Saturday.

**Stancil earns SFL honors**

By Anthony Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

For the second straight week a Gamecock was named as the Southland Football League Offensive Player-of-the-Week. Stancil became the sixth player in two years to be honored as player of the week for JSU.

Stancil, a native of Moultrie, Ga., threw for three touchdowns, a career-high 293 yards and led all rushers with 98 yards on 15 carries to lead JSU to a 34-15 Southland win over Nicholls State last Saturday.

The junior quarterback began last Saturday’s game with an efficiency rating over 400. He finished with a 202.3 passing efficiency and averaged 24.4 yards per completion as the Gamecocks rolled up 590 yards of total offense. He also set two individual JSU 1-AA records and helped the Jax State establish more than 1-AA records.

“I prepared a lot better this week,” said Stancil. “You don’t know how many snaps you’re going to get in the game, so you want to take advantage of all your snaps. Coach (Wilke) Stalter did a good job of preparing us last week and the offensive line did a good job of taking care of me and everything worked out.”

The JSU football team will host nationally ranked McNeese State on Saturday at Paul Snow Stadium. Kick off is set for 7 p.m.
One on one with “Thrill”

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

What can I say about Reggie Stancil? He’s simply the man when you think of a player with complete dominance on the football field. He punishes defenders like a linebacker. He has the arm strength of lumberjack and the swift foot work of a ballet dancer. The most important quality Stancil displays is leadership. He’s been the Gamecock starting quarterback since the 1999 season and he seems to have grown every year. There’s something about Reggie’s mind frame and confidence that separates this year from any other. Maybe this is the year that Reggie will lead the Gamecocks to something special. Only time will tell how far the Gamecocks will go this season. Reggie talked about how much this team has grown and how far they may finish.

Thrill: What’s up, Reggie?
Reggie: Nothing much, man. What have you been up to?
Thrill: Working hard.
Reggie: Yeah, man. You know how it is.
Thrill: How’s the team feeling this week? This almost seems like an ideal position to be in before we play McNeese. We are atop of the conference, they have to come here and we seem to have confidence.
What is the team’s mind frame?
Reggie: Right now we’re just happy that we won the last game. We looked over the film and prepared to play this week.
Thrill: You had one of the most explosive halves of football during the Nicholls State game last Saturday. You even broke your own record for yards in a game in only one half. What was going through your mind as the game was unfolding?
Reggie: I never really quite realized what I had done. I knew that I had thrown three touchdown passes, but I didn’t know how many yards I had. I never really thought about it.
Thrill: You seem to be a little more focused and confident with the team this year, Reggie. That’s the difference between this team and any other unit you have been a part of here at Jax State?
Reggie: The thing that makes it different is that everybody knows what they’re doing. Everybody is comfortable with the offense right now. A lot more players believe in the offense now. That’s the biggest difference with the team.
Thrill: How big has the increase in interest for the team been for all of you?
Reggie: It’s been pretty big. But, it has really been the seniors on this year’s squad. We’ve all come together as a team and with the senior leadership this team has simply come together.
Thrill: Is this the first year that the team has thought seriously about a championship ring?
Reggie: No. We’ve always thought about it. Every team thinks about winning. We just feel like we can win a championship this year.
Thrill: What were your initial thoughts when you found out that a girl was going to be on the team and how did you find out?
Reggie: Well, I knew of her in high school. I knew that she was pretty good. Just like coach Crowe said, she helps us with our depth.
Thrill: Describe your style of play, Reggie.
Reggie: I used to be one of those players that tried to make all of the plays. I am more of a team player now. I like to throw the ball, but I’ll run too. That’s my style.
Thrill: Who are the players that you watched while you were growing up?
Reggie: The main player I watched was Joe Montana. I have always wanted to be a quarterback, so I always watched quarterbacks. I used to watch Dan Marino and Steve Young too.
Thrill: How good is Rondy Rogers? He seems to get better and better every game.
Reggie: He’s really good. He has a lot of confidence. That’s one of the things that you really have when you’re a running back. He also has a lot of confidence in me and the offensive line.
Thrill: How far does this team expect to make it this year?
Reggie: I think that we’ll make it to the playoffs. How far? I don’t know, it depends on how well we play.
Thrill: What was the last movie you saw?
Reggie: Rush Hour 2. I saw it with the team, but I went to see it again last Sunday.
Thrill: Who is the best player on this year’s squad?
Reggie: Overall, I’d have to say, Jeremy Sullivan. He had to move from guard to tackle and simply did a great job. I think that he is the complete player.
Thrill: In high school, you were a good baseball player. You were a pitcher and you also played a little center field. Have you thought about playing some baseball?
Reggie: Yeah. I actually went out for the team about two years ago and I made the team, but it was too hard for me to play when I was having to get adjusted to a new coach. I just told myself that I would wait until my senior year to play.
Thrill: Oh, so next year will be the year you play baseball?
Reggie: (Smiling) Yeah.
Thrill: What’s up, Reggie?
Reggie: Whoo.
Thrill: What is Spencer Gordon (Gamecock defensive lineman) like when he is not on the football field?
Reggie: He’s like a big kid. (Both laugh) He’s the guy that everyone wants to be around, even though he doesn’t think so. There’s always something new with Spencer.
Thrill: What was the funniest thing to happen during training camp?
Reggie: (Pause) I don’t know. Training camp was pretty serious this year. There wasn’t much to joke about.
Thrill: Are you concerned with your playing weight? Are you playing at a size in which you are the most comfortable and productive?
Reggie: No. I don’t think about it, just like the coaches don’t think about it. I’d like to be smaller, but hey. My family’s big and I’m going to be big.
Thrill: What kind of relationship do you and coach Crowe have?
Reggie: It’s a good one. We’ll talk to one another at any given time. Sometimes he’ll call me in his office and we would end up talking for about an hour or so. We’ll talk about anything.
Thrill: Do you have a favorite player or a best friend on the team?
Reggie: Rondy and I have been really close since we were freshmen.
Thrill: If you could play with one player, dead or alive, who would it be?
Reggie: Jerry Rice. (Oakland Raiders receiver)
Reggie: Great football team that we’re going to beat on Saturday.
Thrill: Jim Skidmore. (Assistant AD for Sports Medicine)
Reggie: He’s a great guy. Everybody talks about him, but I love him.
Thrill: Donovan McNabb. (Philadelphia Eagles QB)
Reggie: One of the best quarterbacks in the NFL…
Thrill: Roger Bell. (Gamecock running back)
Thrill: Thanks for your time, Reggie. Good luck on Saturday.
Reggie: We appreciate it, Thrill.
Green finishes tied for first place at UPI

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State University’s Angie Green and North Carolina Wilmington’s Heather McMunn finished tied for first place in the Unlimited Potential/Baytree Golf Plantation last Sunday.

The first place finish is the second straight medalist finish in a tournament for Green, dating back to back last year’s Trans America Athletic Conference Championship. Green fired out rounds of 78, 2-under 70 and 74 to claim a share of the top position to conclude the tournament.

The Gamecock golf team began the tournament with Green beginning the tournament firing a 78, while Marie-Eve Dion and Heather Gentry each shot 82 and the team posted a total of 328 for the first round. East Carolina totaled 305 for the first round, followed by host College of Charleston, Georgia State, UNC Wilmington and Cincinnati. The Gamecocks finished the opening round in 19th place.

Green fired a total score of 148 in the second round, after firing rounds of 78 and 70 and lead the field of 160 players. Southern Miss’ Ashley Deener was two strokes behind at 150 and UNC Wilmington’s Heather McMunn was set at 151. The Gamecocks overall total after round two was 609.

The Gamecocks concluded the tournament at 16th place with a total of 969 in the 31 team field. North Carolina Wilmington claimed the team championship with a total score of 916.

Dion finished for 69th with a total score of 245. Murray finished tied for 99th with three-round total of 251.

The Gamecock golf team will continue their fall season when they host the West Company Fall Intercollegiate Oct. 7-9. The tournament will be held at the Silver Lakes Golf Course on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

Mercer downs Lady Gamecocks

By Anthony Hill
The Charlotte Observer Sports Editor

The Lady Gamecocks stormed their way through the opening rounds of the Gamecock Classic last weekend, but was unable to stop Mercer in the final match of the tournament.

The Lady Gamecocks began the tournament on a roll. They got their first and second victories of the season last Friday, during the opening round of tournament. The first victory was over Tennessee State, 3-0. The scores were 30-17, 30-24 and 30-16.

Mercer defeated Morris Brown in three straight games to advance during its first round of play. The scores were 30-13, 30-16 and 30-13.

Sophomore Christina Cary had 13 kills in the win for the Lady Gamecocks and junior Sarah Taylor added ten kills and six digs.

Sophomore Medish Dukes also had a commendable performance with 37 assists.

Lady Gamecock soccer downs MTSU 2-0 for first victory

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The Lady Gamecocks got a second straight victory when they defeated Morris Brown. The scores in the victory were 30-17, 30-24 and 30-16. With the victory, JSU advanced to the championship round where they faced Mercer.

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The Lady Gamecocks won the first game with ease, but it just seemed to wake up the Bears as they marched back with a .204 hitting percentage in game two and .375 in game three. JSU came from behind in game four, scoring seven points in a row.

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The last score of the game came from the Blue Raiders Lisa Langrish in the 70th minute.

Scorer Adriana Finelli had four saves on the day, as JSU out shot MTSU 13-10.

The Lady Gamecocks will travel to Oxford, Miss. to face the Ole Miss Rebels tomorrow.
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