**Trustees hike tuition by $150**

**Full-time cost now $1,620; intended to fund bond issue and faculty raises**

By Benjamin Cunningham  
*The Chanticleer Editor in Chief*

JSU’s board of trustees voted unanimously to raise tuition by $150 on Monday, effective for the fall semester of 2002.

The vote, taken at the board’s quarterly meeting, brings the cost of full-time attendance for Alabama residents to $1,620. It is the third $150 increase in four years, and marks the seventh consecutive year with a tuition hike. JSU’s tuition has more than doubled since 1992, when the cost of attendance was $775.

“Nobody likes to raise tuition,” JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan said after the meeting. “I certainly don’t like to raise it at all. I know that it affects the students.”

Meehan said the increase was necessary to fund a bond issue for campus renovations and to ensure there’s money for a pay raise for faculty.

The board also voted to allow Meehan to pursue issuance of the bond, in the amount of $15 million. According to Don Thacker, JSU’s vice president for administrative and business affairs, the bond will finance the renovation of Ayers Hall. He said the renovation is scheduled to begin next month and should be completed by spring 2002. It will also fund renovations to several University athletic facilities.

The renovations are necessary in order to continue to attract new students, “because no one wants to come to a deteriorating campus,” Meehan said.

Raises for faculty are also high on the list of reasons for a tuition increase, the president said. “We want to give our faculty raises. K-12’s (salaries) were increased, junior colleges...”

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**JSU holds 20th annual Holocaust commemoration ceremony**

By Stephanie Pendergrass  
*The Chanticleer News Editor*

JSU held its Annual Days of Remembrance in commemoration of the Holocaust of World War II last Thursday night. At the event Holocaust survivor Max Herzel told of his experiences during the war, and the fact that he holds no grudges against the German people.

The commemoration also featured a welcome by SGA president Robert Hayes, an invocation by Rev. Margaret Northen, a candle lighting by Lauren Lemmons and commentary by Dr. Russel Lemmons, of JSU’s history department.

Middle school winners of the “Imagining the Holocaust” writing competition read their winning entries, and the high school winners of the contest were announced. Dr. Samuel Brown and Kaye Willingham sang at the event, with accompaniment by Dr. Legare McIntosh.

The evening concluded with members of Temple Beth-Eli, of Anniston, reading the Kaddish. According to the Holocaust commemoration’s program, “The Kaddish is traditionally recited by mourners at public services after the death of close relatives. We offer it tonight in remembrance of the millions who were systematically exterminated during World War II.”

Along with the Holocaust commemoration, Herzel made another appearance on campus. Last Friday, he and his wife were guests in Dr. Steven Whitton’s Honors 102 English class.

Again Herzel explained his survival during World War II and told of his reuniting with the few family members that lived through the experiences of the Holocaust.

In one story Herzel said he rode on the bicycle of a militant. While Herzel was trying to escape potential trouble, the militant offered him a ride on his bicycle. If he had have been discovered, he could have been thrown into a camp, or even killed.

Herzel said he didn’t remember anything about the man he was riding with, except his boots. Herzel said, “My heart was racing, and I couldn’t wait to get off that bicycle.”

Herzel’s family was sent to an internment camp, which he explained was a pipeline to the concentration camps. While he and his brother and father escaped the camp by paying off guards, Herzel’s mother was held hostage at the camp and was released a couple of weeks later.

Other experiences Herzel spoke of included his mother’s attempted suicide. He said that when this happened, she was sent to a psychiatric hospital and later served that hospital as a nurse’s aid and seamstress.

She stayed there for the duration of the war; thus she wasn’t subjected to the concentration camps. According to Herzel, “God in his own way had a special way of handling it.”

According to Herzel, his father died at Buchenwald, a concentration camp located in Weimar, Germany. His death, which was 93 days before the liberation of the camp, was brought on by dysentery, famine, malnutrition and “you name it,” Herzel said.

Herzel came to the United States from Belgium when he was 18 years old. He was drafted by both the French and U.S. armies and served in the United States Air Force. He now resides in Birmingham with his wife and speaks at many events concerning the Holocaust.

When asked if he still felt anger towards the Germans, Herzel said, “Not really. I don’t have any anger against individuals or countries. What I don’t like ... I don’t like Nazis. I firmly believe in freedom, I believe in liberty, I believe in the principles that America stands for; that’s why I served with honor and I’m proud.”

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**Fitzpatrick Hall will become freshman-only dorm this fall**

By Katie Harris  
*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

Beginning in the fall of 2002, Fitzpatrick Hall will be a coed dorm for incoming freshmen.

According to Synette Gandy, assistant director of housing, Fitzpatrick is for “traditional incoming freshmen,” which excludes students that waited a year between graduating high school and starting college.

Gandy also said that Fitzpatrick will house 224 freshmen students, half male and half female, with boys on the first and second floor while girls will reside on the third and fourth floors. There are no private rooms, and students can move in August.

The purpose of having a freshman dorm is “so we can concentrate on their needs a lot more, because when they first get here they really aren’t experienced living away from home like this,” said Gandy.

There are several goals for this dorm. “It’s the same group of people living with each other, so it goes back to the old ways of everybody came in, well the majority of the people that came in, that freshman class, graduates together, and they literally will know each other,” said Gandy. “The alumni group will be stronger.”

Gandy has high hopes for the academic success of the students in the dorm. “Hopefully this group will find their little niche. They’ll stay together, they’ll grow together and become stronger students.”

Gandy believes that the students will help each other focus on academics. “Studies have shown that when people are with their own and working - have a focus, a goal, an academic goal - they tend to keep each other focused,” said Gandy.

“When you have people pushing you, you’re more apt to get to school, you’re more apt to focus on graduating.”

Paige Faulkner, who has been selected as the Fitzpatrick dorm director, said, “We’re expecting it to be an educational, learning environment that will help the freshmen come in and adapt to living on their own and being on a college campus and give them the skills that are...”
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(salaries) were increased. So we’re going to have to use that money to match those salary increases, so we can keep our faculty.” Meehan said that the state Legislation’s recently-passed budget for the 2003 fiscal year includes a 2.5 percent increase over last year, not quite enough to give substantial raises to faculty.

Meehan said the pay raises are necessary to keep faculty at JSU. “My first two years as president we lost close to 8 percent of our faculty to other states. I want to do my best to keep those good faculty that are here now,” he said.

Meehan said during the meeting that rough financial times may be ahead for JSU, due to state funding problems. “Unless additional revenue comes into this state we will be experiencing proration again next year.”

Students will reap some rewards from the increased tuition, Meehan said. “Students will benefit because of the renovation of our facilities. You’re paying now for bond issues that will come in the future. Other students prior have paid for other issues. Plus it will help go for faculty raises, and that will help retain our faculty.”

JSU is committed to keeping its tuition lower than most schools in the state, according to Meehan. “We’ll continue to do is keep our tuition at or below the median cost of tuition in the state of Alabama,” he said. “Right now the median cost of tuition in the state of Alabama is approximately $3,920 for four-year students, including all their tuition and all their mandatory fees. Jacksonville State University right now is the second from the least expensive university in the state. Only Alabama State in Montgomery is less than us.”

Meehan was confident that JSU will remain affordable despite the increase. “We know that other schools are going up,” he said. “We’re probably one of the first to go up, but we want to make sure that our students know what’s going to happen so they’ll have enough time over the summer to raise the funds to have that extra $150 ready for the fall semester.”

“It will still keep us below the median. Whether or not we’ll maintain our spot at next-to-the-least expensive, we’ll have to wait and see in the fall. But I think we probably will. We did that last year. We’re still a very good bargain for what you get.”

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- APR. 4 — Vicki Sollami, 32, of Jacksonville, was arrested by JSUPD for disorderly conduct.
- APR. 6 — Kyle Rodney Dyer, 19, of Montgomery, was arrested by JSUPD for minor in possession, occurring at the ATO House.
- APR. 6 — Robert Allen Walden, 21, of Birmingham, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI, occurring at the ATO House.
- APR. 8 — Habess Tyrone Wait, 22, of Jacksonville, received a uniform non-traffic citation and complaint from JSUPD for nuisance — unreasonable noise from a motor vehicle stored, occurring at Forney Avenue and Cole Drive.
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**Phi Mu golf tournament for Children’s Miracle Network makes $3,000**

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

Phi Mu, a sorority at JSU, had their first annual golf tournament April 5. The sorority made over $3,000 for the Children’s Miracle Network, according to a press release.

According toPhi Mu member Beth Sproles, the golf tournament took place at Stoney Brook Golf Course in Jacksonville, and a four-man scramble was the main event. Sproles said she had been planning the tournament since January and knew that “we could really raise a lot of money.”

Phi Mu was expecting to raise between $3,000 and $5,000 for the Children’s Miracle Network. According to CMN’s Web site, “Children’s Miracle Network is an international non-profit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 170 children’s hospitals throughout North America. Each year these non-profit hospitals treat more than 17 million children afflicted with diseases, injuries and birth defects of every kind.”

“Children’s Miracle Network’s founding pledge to put children first in all it does and keep 100 percent of donations in the community where they were raised remains at the core of its philosophy. CMN has grown dramatically since its founding in 1983, when its first televised fund raiser aired from a small private studio and raised $4.7 million for hospitals.”

Birmingham’s Children’s Hospital sponsored a hole at Friday’s event, according to Sproles, who also explained why the tournament was good for Phi Mu. “I think it’s good for Phi Mu because it gets the community involved. It’s not just some small private studio and raised $4.7 million for hospitals.”

“Little Miss JSU Pageant,” she said about $1,500 was raised.

Another fundraiser Phi Mu takes part in is “Trick or Treat for Change.” According to Sproles, “I think we raised about $900 this Halloween just going around with buckets and trick or treating for change.”

Sproles said Phi Mu also participates in other fundraisers such as car washes. All these benefit the sorority’s philanthropy, the Children’s Miracle Network.
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necessary to be successful and finish in four years.”

The support the students will get from each other will help them maintain a set path, said Gandy. “When some of the people get here they can get caught up in the social life, and they will lose themselves and end up dropping out because monomy and daddy [are] not here to make sure they eat, make sure they buy that book instead of that bag and all that good stuff,” said Gandy. “All of them are coming in on the same level. They will cling to each other a lot more, and they’re going to rely on each other a lot more.”

Gandy has the same expectations from this dorm as all the others. “We’re going to have roommate conflicts, we’re going to have friendships, we’re going to have romances, we’re going to have everything that happens under the sun on a campus in that building.”

Homesickness is the only concern Gandy has with the incoming students of the dorm. “[There will] probably [be] a higher concentration of homesickness, but at the same time, being with people in the same boat that they’re in - they’ll have more support.”

According to Gandy, there will be activities directed toward the freshmen, which all other classes can attend. “Because they aren’t so tainted by some of the negativity of the upperclassmen, they’ll be more apt to experiment in other areas. So teaching them cheers, and having them go out to the football games, and the basketball games, and rally, our team sports won’t be a problem.”

SGA wraps up year, plans for more crosswalks

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

The April 15 meeting of the SGA senate marked the last for this year. It was announced at the meeting that several crosswalks will be added to the area around JSU in the next five years, and that a sidewalk from Francis Street to Winn Dixie will be built.

Kimber Merrill, the SGA’s traffic and safety committee head, also said a push button would be placed at Brewer Hall to help students cross Alabama Route 21.

In announcements, Mark Choquette, 2nd vice president, and Andrew Symonds, director of publicity, thanked the senators for their help with the Rascal Flatts concert last Friday. Robert Hayes, SGA president, announced that Karaoke in the Caf and the Midnight Snack will take place today.

Stephanie Janis, 1st vice president, announced that the senators’ retreat will be held Aug. 21 and 22, and the trip is mandatory. Janis also expressed the need for new ideas for T-shirts to make available to the student body.

The senate passed bills 12-18, and bills 20-25. Student bill 19 was withdrawn.

Student bill 15 was a bill to appoint Emily Williams as executive assistant for the senate. Student bill 16 appointed Angela Estes as justice for next year.

Student bill 17 appointed Fallon Bracey as the senate’s chaplin for next year. Chris Cook was appointed president pro-tempore, with the passing of student bill 18.

Student bill 20 appointed Marshomtri Reid as residence life and facilities committee head.

Student bills 14-18 and 20-25 were block voted and positions will be good for the 2002-03 academic year.

Student bill 26 appointed Sean Greninger as a senator for the 2002-03 academic year. Since Andrew Symonds has been chosen as director of publicity, an open seat was available for the senate, which Greninger will now fill.
In Our View

Goodbye and good luck JSU

Another end to another year of college is upon us. Many will be graduating, many will be going on holiday, working jobs or attending more classes throughout the summer. Whatever you’re doing, have fun, and it was good knowing you.

Though you may not consider yourself a friend to the hodge-podge of people you sat around in your many different classes, you got used to seeing them and vice-versa. Why not say goodbye to them with a smile after your respective finals?

Perhaps only in college can friendships be so forgiving over the stumbles of experience and the revolutions of finding self. Also forgiving because after college, many friends may barely see each other again and forget blemishes.

The Chanticleer wishes to thank JSU for reading us and encourage all readers to give many goodbyes.

As members of “The Friendliest Campus in the South,” we owe each other no less.

Letters to the Editor

JSU men’s golf needs to be recognized

As a member of one of JSU’s sports teams I would like to congratulate Anthony Hill on recognizing the softball team and their great achievements over the past year.

With that said, I hope “Thrill” has been paying close attention to the performances of the men’s golf team this season. If he had, I doubt he would have been so eager to slap the “best team in JSU” tag on the softball girls without first checking the stats.

Firstly, I would like to point out an inaccuracy in Anthony’s reporting. He said it has been 10 years since a JSU team won a conference title. Actually, the men’s golf team won that title in 1997, and this past week they beat the defending conference champion Georgia State by 21 at the University of Auburn’s tournament.

Like the softball team, the golf team is also in the top 10 in district rankings, and this is in a district that is considered the strongest in NCAA golf, featuring seven of the top 30 teams in the country. The men’s golf team has had two wins, five seconds and has not finished outside the top five in any tournament in the last three semesters.

The team also has national freshman of the year contender Matus Anselmo playing for their side as well as a three-time conference coach of the year. And, the current stroke average of the team is around six shots better than any team JSU has fielded in Division I history.

So while the softball team is busy “putting JSU on the map,” the men’s golf team will go away to conference next week. If they win the tournament, they will still remain largely unnoticed among all Gamecock sports fans.

Thanks. I hope my opinion will find an ear. Go ’Cocks.

Regards,
Nick Mackay

It’s time to say goodbye

All around Jacksonville right now, you’ll hear it.

“I can’t believe it’s over; it went by so fast.”

Some who say those words will be talking about another year of school. Others will be talking about the whole shabang, all four (or more) years having buzzed by in a blur.

We’re saying it down here at The Chanticleer, too. The end of a long and busy academic year has arrived, and for some of us it’s the end of a long stint at your friendly neighborhood college newspaper.

It’s been a year with lots of ups and downs. We started off thinking the biggest story of the year was in our first issue. But Ashley Martin’s “kick heard round the world” was cosmically overshadowed just two weeks later as the explosions of Sept. 11 reverberated across the globe.

We learned that day, I think, more of what we were capable of as a staff than we have in the entire year. You see, Sept. 11 was on a Tuesday. At The Chanticleer, that means deadline day. In theory, everything that’s going in that week’s newspaper has long since been assigned, and is due to be turned in by 5 p.m. At about 1 p.m. that day, at an emergency meeting, I told the staff we’d be throwing out everything we’d had planned for the news section.

The seriousness with which they accepted that fact, and set out on their new assignments spoke volumes to me — still mostly a stranger in the office — about the people I was working with. They calmly and seriously set out to do in a few hours what normally took them a week, and did it under the strain of fear the whole country was feeling.

They did it, and did it with distinction. As the sun rose on Sept. 12, we put the finishing touches on a newspaper which we will remember for the rest of our lives.

The next day The Chanticleer was distributed across campus, the front page bearing pictures of New York’s Twin Towers, which had then lain as dust for 48 hours. It was old news by then, but still big news.

We’ve got plenty of spare issues from all year long here in the office, but none from Sept. 13. They went quickly, and they’re now all gone. That’s the best tribute I can think of to the excellence this staff displayed that day, that JSU thought enough of what they did to horde those newspapers away for posterity.

I’m a little distraught that I’m losing half that staff to graduation this month. Those of us who return in the fall will have to face the everyday trials of this weekly college newspaper life without them. Josh, Thrill, Callie, Becky and Lindsey, you’ll be missed. Good luck to you all, and thanks for all you’ve done.

We’ll be all right, though. Fresh faces will take their places and we’ll do just fine. I know. Because if this paper can handle what happened on Sept. 11, it can handle anything.
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High-energy Rascal Flatts countrysides the Coliseum

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Anywhere there’s a wait, television looks to move in

By Stephen Lynch

The Orange County Register

It’s in sport-utility vehicles, on airplanes and in airports. In gas pumps, in schools. It’s used to distract customers stuck in lines; to sell to a captive, and captivated, audience. Television is in all but a handful of American homes. Now, with satellite signals and flat screens, marketers want to put it everywhere else.

No one knows how much money is available in these added markets. But retailers and programmers are eager to find out. Analysts predict that, once technology improves, car television systems will be one of the most popular amenities. TVs on airplanes have proved so successful that they may supplant the in-flight movie. If the grocery store screens take off, meanwhile, consumers should expect to see televisions in more stores and public places, like malls and bus stops, Goodman said.

Even many parents cannot resist television’s power of pacification. Heather Keller is “not big on TV,” but she remembered that some of the biggest fights with her brothers and sisters happened in the car. When she bought a van for her family in Coto de Caza, Calif., she included video screens for the back seat.

“I have three children, so I have to be realistic,” Keller said. “On long trips, it keeps everybody happy and sedate, especially my husband and me.”

From a corporate perspective, television is the ultimate mollifier. JetBlue, the upstart airline that flies out of Long Beach, Calif., said that installing DirecTV in the back of every seat has kept passengers content. The idea originated during the gulf war, when the first President Bush was frustrated that he couldn’t get CNN on Air Force One. Harris Corp. was able to solve the daunting task of tracking a satellite signal on a speeding plane, and later spun off LiveTV, which has its headquarters in Irvine, to offer the service on commercial aircraft.

When JetBlue first took off, in early 2000, only one of its three planes offered DirecTV, said Glenn Latta, executive vice president of LiveTV. Almost immediately, he said, employees nicknamed the test vehicle “the happy plane.”

“They could tell just by looking at the faces of the passengers which plane they were on,” Latta said.

Ninety-eight percent of passengers use their televisions, Latta added, and flight crews swear by them. JetBlue surveys show that passengers with the DirecTV service get out of their seats less, rate their experience better and underestimate the amount of time the flight took. “They sit in their seat and forget where they are,” Latta said.

Putting television in vehicles and public places may seem like an obvious idea, and, in fact, coin-operated TVs are a staple of many old bus stations. But only recently has the price of flat, liquid-crystal display televisions dropped to the point where they can be put almost anywhere. The cost of programming has fallen as well. LiveTV charges only $1 per seat per flight, which is less expensive than the rights to a recent movie. Five other airlines are considering the service.

Frank Vespe’s, executive director of the advocacy group TV Turnoff Network, organization sponsors TV Turnoff Week, which is April 22-28. Every year, his quest becomes more difficult. One can turn off the television in the living room, but what about the television in the car, in the checkout line, in the ATM?

“It’s not easy,” Vespe said. “Sometimes you have to go pretty far afield to get away from the boob tube.”
May term events sprout up for students staying here

By Dannii Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Are you one of the students who are staying in Jacksonville for May term?

If so, don’t fret for something to keep you occupied between those classes — the JSU Art Department and Brother’s Bar have you covered.

The Visual Art Society is hosting its 10th annual Art Auction and Gala on May 3 at the Anniston Museum of Natural History. Benefits from the auction provide money for one scholarship for an art department student and equipment for the art department, according to Ann Pridy, art department secretary.

Advertisement to the event is $25 for non-Society members and $20 for members. Wine and a buffet are included in the admission. Registration is due by April 22.

For more information or to register call 782-5626.

On May 14, Brother’s Bar is bringing Angie Aparo to its stage for the first time since his 2000 appearance. “The first time they brought him, there wasn’t a very good turnout because nobody knew who he was at the time,” said Jordan Brewer, WLJS 92.3 program director.

Shortly after Aparo’s first appearance at Brother’s, his first hit song “Spaceship” “blew up” on national radio stations, according to Brewer. Since then, Aparo has been touring, playing at small venues, and has opened for Matchbox 20.

“Everybody that’s ever seen him has told me that it’s probably the most energetic show by a single artist they’ve ever seen,” said Brewer. “I’m looking forward to seeing him because the album’s great and everything I’ve ever heard about him ... is all good.”
**SPORTS**

It’s been real, but the “Thrill” is going, going, long gone

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor

“Parting is such sweet sorrow that I shall say good night till it be morrow.” That was a line from Romeo and Juliet, Act 2. That’s the first thing that comes to mind when I contemplate graduation. Yes, the “Thrill” is gone. Well, I’m almost gone. This is the final piece of writing I will do for The Chanticleer.

No more One on One with “Thrill.” No more great stories about the team at JSU and no more images of this handsome black guy smiling at you on page 15 or 16. I must say that I am sad and at the same time, very happy.

Don’t get me wrong. It’s been a great run and I’ve learned a lot from my experience as sports editor, but all good things must come to an end. And, I’m finally going to graduate after five-and-a-half years of college, working, Greek life, relationships and everything else that happened during my stint here at JSU.

I’m going to really miss all the football games. I’ll miss the bone-crushing tackles by Markie Coleman, Corey Warren, Neika Willis, Jermaine Hoyt and the rest of the Gamecock defense. I’ll also miss the dazzling runs of Randy Rogers and the great catches by the JSU wide receivers. I’ll really miss coach Crowe.

The men’s and women’s basketball teams will probably be at their best next season. Man, just think, Poonie and Omar are coming back for one more season. The women’s team will be pretty good too. Shanika “Nip” Freeman, Heather Shepard, and “Fred” Embry will be returning to the women’s team. And you know that coach Dana Austin and Dave Dagnostino will once again get some great talent in J’ville next fall.

The Jax State volleyball team will get an opportunity to showcase some of the talent they had last year. They’ve got a great new coach in Rick Noles, and he’s definitely a proven winner. It always seems like you have to leave something or somewhere right after you really begin to enjoy where you are. I know that most of you will miss the infamous “One on One with Thrill.” I’ll miss doing it. That’s been the most rewarding part of my job. Meeting the athletes of this University has been a great experience for me and I hope that the school enjoyed reading the lighter side of the athletes, coaches and other athletic personalities.

Friends of mine always ask me which athlete or coach I would consider my favorite interview. I honestly don’t have a favorite from this year. I had the best time interviewing everyone.

In conclusion, I would just like to say thanks to everyone who read my stuff and made my ratings higher than Monday Night Football. I’d also like to say thanks to all the athletes and coaches for letting me get closer than second as a student. I hope the next sports editor can close that you like I have.

Well, that’s all the room I have. So, until I’m officially gone. Go Gamecocks!

JSU dominates UCF, Oleman gets first career shutout

**From Staff Reports**

The Jax State softball team (30-9, 7-3 A-Sun) dominated the University of Central Florida last Saturday at University Field in a crucial Atlantic Sun Conference double-header. JSU won the first game 5-1 and the second 8-0 in only five innings.

Junior Veronica Davis (13-5) won the first game for JSU with five strikeouts after the Gamecocks bats came to life in the third inning.

Gamecocks sophomore Jessica Ford hit a long homerun over the centerfield fence to take the lead, followed by another homer by freshman Breezy Olenman to left. The homerrun battle continued in the fifth and UCF answered with a run in the top of the sixth that would all be the scoring for the Golden Knights (37-16, 9-5 A-Sun).

“I knew that the team who would respond well after getting beat Friday by FAU,” head coach Jana McGinniss said. “That is why I enjoy working with this team so much. We took the loss and went on and did what we had to do to win today. Everybody stepped up.”

The Gamecocks continued its domination of the Golden Knights in the second inning of the second game when Oleman led off the inning with her second homerun of the day and her seventh of the season.

“I finally got off my hitting slump,” said Oleman. “And as far as pitching, when you can depend on your defense, it makes it easier on a pitcher.”

She always was the winning pitcher improving her record to 4-0 on the year, only allowing one hit.

The big scoring inning for JSU was the third, when sophomore Renee Hasan homered to right center. Later in the inning Oleman doubled to score Ford and freshman Melinda McDonald.

JSU scored four more runs that inning to make eight and end the game in the top of the fifth, when the Golden Knights remained scoreless.

The softball team will be back in action when they host in-state rival Samford today. The game is set to start at University Field.

South Alabama baseball claims sweep over Jax State in Mobile

**From Staff Reports**

The Jax State baseball team (14-22) had rough time in Mobile last weekend. The Gamecocks allowed South Alabama to claim a 6-5 come-from-behind victory last Saturday.

The Gamecocks tried to recuperate by beating South Alabama. Well, the Jaguars had other ideas and beat the Gamecocks 8-2 in a non-conference game on Sunday.

Shane Scottville and Eric Smallwood drove in three runs apiece and three Jaguar hurlers combined on a four-hit, 1-0 win to head South Alabama to the victory.

Jaguar reliever Adam Wood allowed just one run on two hits in three innings to get the win, while Bobby Wynns took the loss for JSU after issuing six runs, five earned, on five hits.

The game was delayed for 1:52 due to a UA clanging to a 1-0 lead with one out in the fifth inning.

Following the delay, JSU evened the score with a run, but the Jaguars answered with two in the bottom of the fifth to widen their lead 3-1.

USA used a five-run seventh inning to put the game out of reach. Scottville cleared the bases with a double and Smallwood walked with a two-run homer, his team-tying sixth of the year.

Spivey allowed just one hit and retired 12 of the first 13 batters without issuing a walk and held the Jaguars to two runs on six hits.

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Gamecock track and field geared for A-Sun Championship

**From Staff Reports**

The Jacksonville State Outdoor track and field team had one final tune-up before the Atlantic Sun Conference meet when it competed at Samford University last week.

“The kids all ran their hearts out today,” head coach Aimee Dawson said. “They had an unbelievable day and just kept impressing me every weekend.”

Anna Armstrong helped lead the way at the Samford Invitational for the Gamecocks, as she captured second in the long jump. Armstrong had a leap of 5.10 meters to top all athletes. She also competed in the 400-meter hurdles, placing fourth with a time of 1:10.00.

In the 3,000-meter run, Addie Ferguson shattered her previous best 12:09 with a time of 11:47.53 to capture 15th place. Ferguson also competed in the 1,500 meter, coming in 16th with a time of 5:42.71.

Eboni Mathews led the Gamecocks in the 100-meter dash, coming in third out of 21 runners with a time of 12:37 seconds. The versatile Eysta Ambler finished in sixth place with a time of 12:72 seconds.

Ambler also competed in the javelin and high jump events. She captured second in the javelin out of nine athletes with a throw of 31.66 meters. She tied for sixth place in the high jump (1.47 meters) with teammate Aimee Pitzo.

In the 400-meter race, Frances Archuleta came in sixth place, following a time of 1:07.50. Teammate Traci Reid finished eighth with a time of 1:10.11.

LaChandra Bartholomew also competed in multiple events. She placed sixth in the shot put with a throw of 10.10 meters and seventh in the discuss throw with a throw of 31.25 meters.

In men’s competition, the duo of Dayton Niess and John Kolar led the Gamecocks in the 1,500-meter run and the 3,000-meter run. Niess placed 14th in the 1,500 meter, with a time of 4:36.15 and 15th in the 3,000 meter, with a time of 9:43.97. Kolar finished 15th in the 5,000 meter (15:24.22) and 12th in the 3,000-meter run (9:32:90).

The Gamecock outdoor track and field team will strut its stuff at the Atlantic Sun Championship this weekend.
Green wins medalist honors

From Staff Reports

It seems like it was a year ago, around this time, that Angie Green captured medalist honors for Jax State. Well, she's done it again.

Green fired a low-round 74 last Tuesday to finish with a 149 to once again claim medalist honors at the Cougar Spring Invitational at the par 72, 5,907-yard Patriots Point Golf Links in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. It was the fourth individual title for Green, and her first this spring. The junior from London, Ontario, is the defending Atlantic Sun champi-

Jacksonville State finished with a 629 to finish in third place, 15 shots behind tournament champion, College of Charleston. College of Charleston finished the tournament firing a 614. East Carolina shot a low round of 306 to finish second with a 615. Longwood College scored a 631 to place fourth and Methodist College's 646 rounded out the top five.

Freshman Florencia Moran shot 75-83-158 to finish tied for 13th place, while junior Marie-Eve Dion (75-86) and sophomore Colette Murray (81-80) each finished with a 161 to tie for 17th place.

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