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## SGA prepares to welcome students back

By Jamie M. Eubanks  
The Chanticleer News Editor

During the first week of school most students' schedules are pretty empty. To fill that void, JSU's Student Government Association sponsors Welcome Week.

"There are all these new people and all the old folks in town," said Andrew Symonds, the SGA's director of publicity. "And the first few days can be hectic, but Welcome Week gives these students something to do and something to look forward to throughout the year. It is also a time for organizations to come out and recruit new members."

Welcome Week began on Wednesday with Get on Board Day and Cook out on the Quad, where student organizations set up tables on the Quad and recruited members.

Thursday is Sweet New Year. SGA officers will be around campus passing out suckers to encourage involvement in SGA.

The SGA had hoped to continue the tradition of Movie Night, but the projector is currently in California undergoing repairs.

"We hoped to have it back in time for Welcome Week,"



The Chanticleer/Jamie M. Eubanks  
Andrew Symonds puts the final touches on an SGA advertisement in the TMB. The SGA has planned a week of events for students returning to campus.

Symonds said, "but if we don't, we should have it up and running for next week. I want movie night. We [SGA] want movie night. And the students want movie night."

Friday kicks off sorority recruitment. The SGA is not scheduling any events on this day to prevent those participat-

ing in recruitment from missing out on any activities.

Though there aren't any formal events on this day, the SGA encourages every student to participate in what they call JSU Friday. Every Friday students simply wear red to support the Gamecocks.

Events don't end at the end of

the week. On Saturday JSU's Gamecocks kick off the football season against Alabama A&M at 7 p.m. Before the game, the SGA will host a tailgate party at 5 p.m. on Cole Drive, the street behind the stadium.

"We want everybody to come," said Symonds. "This will give students a chance to meet people before they go into the game. And in two hours they can find someone to sit with at the game."

On Sunday and Monday sorority recruitment continues. Monday is Labor Day and there will be no classes.

Welcome Week resumes on Tuesday with a poster sale and Motion Simulator. At the poster sale students can purchase inexpensive popular culture art, movie posters and fine art.

"You can get awesome posters that you would buy on the Internet for \$20," Symonds said. "But at the poster sale you'll get them for, like, six or ten dollars."

The motion simulator is much like an amusement park ride. It twists and turns and even claims

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### SGA Welcome Week 2002 Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 29  
Sweet New Year

Friday, Aug. 30  
Sorority Recruitment  
JSU Wear Red

Saturday, Aug. 31  
5:00 p.m. Tailgate  
Party  
7:00 p.m. JSU  
Football @ Paul  
Snow Stadium  
Sorority Recruitment

Sunday, Sept. 1  
Sorority Recruitment

Monday, Sept. 2  
Labor Day—No  
classes  
Sorority Recruitment

Tuesday, Sept. 3  
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Poster Sale

Motion Simulator @  
TMB

Wednesday, Sept. 4  
Fast Break Before  
Class  
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Poster Sale @ TMB  
Walk to Class  
Wednesday

Thursday, Sept. 5  
Thirsty Thursday  
7:00 p.m. MTV's Real  
World

Meet the Cast @  
Leon Cole

## Weatherly, Rowan halls demolished

## Bad intel hampers U.S. forces in Afghanistan

By Peter Smolowitz  
Knight Ridder Newspapers



By **Jamie M. Eubanks**  
The Chanticleer News Editor

For ten or fifteen years, JSU's administration knew the dilapidated walls of Rowan and Weatherly Halls had to come down. These buildings, which were more than 30 years old, were riddled with asbestos material and deteriorated mechanical systems, such as piping.

"When you look at the prob-

**"We're not happy with it, because we're here for the students' interests. And we don't feel this decision is in the students' best interest."**

—SGA Pres. Robert Hayes

lems these buildings have, they have basically outlived their life cycle, their usefulness and would require a major expenditure of funds to renovate them," said George Lord,

director of the physical plant at JSU. "What has happened is the building's mechanical system just rotted from age."

All that remains of these buildings is two piles of rubble that will soon be completely hauled away to local landfills. The deadline for complete demolition of the buildings is Sept. 1.

"They're getting close," said Lord. "But I don't think we're going to make the completion date of Sept. 1."

The contracted company ran into **some** problems removing the thick concrete walls. Heavier equipment had to be brought in, which slowed down the process initially, but this eventually sped up the demolition process.

"It's a complex job," said Lord. "It's gone real smooth. They're making great progress, but they're supposed to be done by the first of September. But as you can see, it's probably going to be later. They are working extended hours trying to meet

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ZORMAT, Afghanistan (KRT)— In the largest military effort of the war on terrorism since March, U.S. troops finished an eight-day mission in the eastern mountains Sunday, seizing weapons and prisoners, but none of the suspected terrorists they sought.

About 2,000 troops stormed the area near Pakistan, taking 11 prisoners, then releasing two of them. U.S. military commanders were disappointed, saying Taliban or al Qaida forces had been alerted.

"It was clear to me there was advance warning in **each** of the sites we went to," said Col. James Huggins, commander of the Fort Bragg, N.C., 82nd Airborne Division troops in Afghanistan. "We're here trying to do a mission for the **country** (Afghanistan), so we've got to work with the **country**. What they do with that information, I don't know."

Faulty intelligence has troubled U.S. forces in their efforts to hunt down any remaining al Qaida and Taliban forces. In January, U.S. soldiers raided a village north of Kandahar, believing it contained Taliban compounds and weapons. All 21 killed in the raid were anti-



The Charlotte Observer/Peter Smolowitz

A police commander in the Zormat region addresses a crowd of more than 100, telling them if they support the new Afghan government and national army, the U.S. will help build wells, schools and hospitals in the Zormat region of Afghanistan.

Taliban fighters or people loyal to U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai. Another 27 taken prisoner were released. And in July, about 40 civilians were killed in a U.S. gunship attack on a village where U.S. forces had suspected Taliban or al Qaida loyalists were hiding.

In the coming weeks, the U.S. forces plan to establish a base in the eastern mountain region to intensify their search. "They're not going to fight, especially when we're in this

much mass," said Huggins. "Once we set up the forward staging area, we can be a lot more aggressive."

The last large operation for U.S. troops in Afghanistan was in March, during Operation Anaconda.

This past week, the 2,000 soldiers streamed out of CH-47 Chinooks, rushing into villages near Gardez, Khost, Zormat and Shah-e-Kot. Those areas near the Pakistan border are among Afghanistan's most insecure, populated mostly by

the country's ethnic majority, the Pashtuns, many of whom resent the multi-ethnic coalition government.

A small convoy of U.S. troops were ambushed near the border. Two of the attackers were killed and eight wounded. No U.S. troops were hurt, but about two dozen soldiers suffered problems with the heat, elevation or twisted knees and ankles.

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## Chanticleer sports new size

No, you didn't shrink; we got bigger.

The Chanticleer has returned to a broadsheet format after 35 years in its familiar tabloid size.

The move was precipitated by The Anniston Star's move to a new building and new press, which resulted in new page sizes for all publications printed there. The Star's plant handles production of The Chanticleer.

The switch would have meant a smaller-sized tabloid version of The Chanticleer, so the staff decided instead to jump up to a full-sized broadsheet format.

For readers, the bigger page sizes mean larger, easier-to-

see photographs and fewer pages to flip through. For the paper's staff it means some adjustment in layout and design practices. Please bear with us as we find the best way to print the news in our new size.

Another change coming this semester is membership in The Associated Press. The Chanticleer will soon be able to use the resources of the AP's thousands of member publications worldwide to bring you news from **Montgomery** to **Mozambique**.

We're looking forward to providing JSU with a quality weekly news source this semester.

## University, city to hold Sept. 11 memorial services

By **Jamie M. Eubanks**  
The Chanticleer News Editor

On Sept. 11, 2001 America paused in horror. On Sept. 11, 2002 she will pause to remember. Jacksonville State University will remember, and it will also take action.

"We will take time to pause and reflect on how the events of Sept. 11 impacted our lives and take the opportunity to look ahead," said Dr. Alice Cusimano, the associate vice president of student affairs. "It has changed our country, our world and us as individuals."

President Bill Meehan has dismissed 8:45 a.m. classes on

Sept. 11 so all faculty, staff and students can attend the program. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the front lawn of Bibb Graves Hall.

"This is an important time for the community to come together for a common purpose," Cusimano said.

SGA President Robert Hayes will give a welcome message and instructions for the silent processional around Trustee Circle. It will begin and end on the Bibb Graves Hall lawn.

"The group walking together shows unity, but the silence allows us to think about the event's impact personally," Hayes said.

After the processional an

observance program will be conducted by President Bill Meehan and Jacksonville

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—Dr. Alice Cusimano,  
Assoc. V.P. for Student Affairs

Mayor Jerry Smith. Special music will be provided by JSU's music department.

At 11 a.m. the city of

Jacksonville will unveil the new Maj. Dwayne Williams Memorial at the Jacksonville City Cemetery. Williams, an Army officer and son of retired JSU employee Pearl Williams, was killed in the attack on the Pentagon on Sept. 11.

"It will probably be the largest memorial in the state," says Beau Beaty, the director of parks and recreation for the city of Jacksonville. "There will be music, speakers, a gun salute and bagpipes."

There will also be a candle-light vigil at 6:30 p.m. on the town square in Jacksonville sponsored by an area church.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chanticleer Announcements Policy: Any JSU student organization or University office may submit items for the Announcements column. Submissions **must** be typed, and must be limited to 50 words. Submissions **must** include a name and telephone number or e-mail address to contact for further information, but this information does not count toward the 50-word total. Submissions **must** arrive at The Chanticleer offices in Room 180, Self Hall by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the desired publication date.

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

## CAMPUS CRIME

- Aug. 24—Marcello Hobson, 23, of Birmingham, was arrested by JSUPD for possession of marijuana and giving false information occurring at Highway 21/Stephenson Hall.
- Aug. 24—Chico Neon Cole, 21, of Birmingham, was arrested by JSUPD for possession of marijuana occurring at Highway 21.
- Aug. 25—Jennifer Nicole Wooten, 23, of Little Rock, AK, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Highway 21 and Vann Street.

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

## College program allows soldiers to earn degrees anywhere in the world

By Raquel Rutledge  
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (KRT) — As a sergeant in the U.S. Army, Armando Newell moved and deployed too many times to earn a four-year college degree.

He'd take classes at community colleges where he was stationed, but when he got assigned

"I don't believe I would ever be able to get my bachelor's degree if I went and sat in class," said Newell, 35.

Newell is enrolled in the criminal justice program at Troy State University and took his first class this summer.

"It's a time management thing," said Newell, a platoon sergeant with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort

at Fort Carson.

"Just because it's distance learning doesn't mean they're not holding these students to the same criteria as they would on campus," Frazier said.

The Army launched its on-line college program in 2001 in part to improve retention, said Betty Nass, program coordinator

So far, 15 percent of those enrolled in a ArmyU decided to

## Russian officials doubt Bass will make it to space station

By Mark McDonald  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MOSCOW (KRT) — Officials at Russia's space agency said Monday that an upcoming mission to the International Space Station would blast off as scheduled, with or without American pop star Lance Bass.

Bass, 23, a singer with the boy band 'N Sync, signed up to join a Russian Soyuz crew on its Oct. 28 flight to the space station. But an agency spokesman said Monday that Bass' group of backers, which includes MTV and Radio Shack, missed Friday's deadline to pay \$20 million for the trip.

"We realize Lance Bass might not find enough money to go," said Konstantin Kreidenko, a spokesman for the cash-strapped Russian Aviation and Space agency. "We are in constant talks with the American side, but our patience isn't limitless. Except for their promises, we've received nothing from them. Nothing at all.

"This mission does not depend at all on Lance Bass. We are going anyway."

Kreidenko said Russian technicians were preparing a special cargo container that would be added to the spacecraft in case the singer bailed out of the trip. The container and its goods will weigh the same as Bass, reflect-



KRT Photo/Chicago Tribune  
Lance Bass of N Sync is currently training to take part in a mission to the International Space Station with a Russian crew. The musician's presence on the trip is under discussion.

ing the tight weight restriction aboard the spacecraft.

The singer recently completed training at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center outside Moscow. On Monday he began a week of flight training at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, after flying in from Moscow over the weekend with the rest of his crew.

"The training part (in Russia) went in a satisfactory manner, but the final results will be seen in a preflight test that he will have to pass," Kreidenko said. "There was never any question of removing Mr. Lance because

he wasn't up to it. In Russian circuses, even bears can be taught to ride a bicycle."

Bass' sponsors, which include television and film companies that are interested in producing a series, a documentary or a feature film about the singer's trip, could not immediately be reached for comment. But one of his backers, David Krieff, a Los Angeles producer, said recently that the final payment was merely being slowed by bureaucracy. The deal, he said, was "100 percent going forward."

But with just two months before launch, time could be getting short.

"We have to make a new spacesuit for him, and we need to make a special chair that exactly fits his dimensions," Kreidenko said. "The work involved can't be done in a day."

If the trip comes off, Bass would be the youngest person ever to go into space and the world's third "space tourist."

American millionaire Dennis Tito went up in 2001, and Mark Shuttleworth, a South African Internet tycoon, paid for a ride in April. In their taxi rides to the space station, the tourists joined two-man crews of cosmonauts, the Russian term for astronauts.

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ty colleges where he was stationed, but when he got assigned to new locations, credits wouldn't transfer - he'd have to start over.

Newell and nearly 2,000 other soldiers at Fort Carson are enrolled this year in eArmyU, a new program that allows soldiers to earn associate, bachelor's and master's degrees online from almost anywhere in the world.

Troops can enroll in one of roughly 20 schools, including Kansas State University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Pennsylvania State University. They can earn degrees in computer science, business administration, psychology, history, nursing and dozens of other fields.

sergeant with the 8th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson. "I have a wife and three kids. This way I'm at my house, not sitting in a classroom at night for two hours where I've got to find a baby sitter."

When soldiers are sent to training or overseas, they can take their Army-issued laptops with them.

The Army gives eArmyU students a printer, free Internet access, e-mail and 24-hour technical support, a roughly \$1,500 package. It pays for tuition and books.

Although instructors understand soldiers sometimes have special needs because of deployments, they don't lower their standards, said Virginia Frazier, an education services specialist

sergeant, 15 percent of those enrolled in eArmyU decided to extend their service or-re-enlist. Those soldiers otherwise would have left the Army to go to college or take another job, Nass said.

"It's a great deal for soldiers," Nass said. "And it provides cost-savings to the Army."

The Army saves money on recruiting and training soldiers and improves the quality of its work force, she said.

The program is offered to a limited number of soldiers - roughly 26,000 - stationed at about a dozen posts in the United States and a few overseas.

The Army plans to expand the program to all installations by next year.

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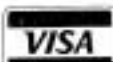
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# OPINION

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## In Our View

### Stay focused, stay healthy

Another school year is starting and with it comes new faces and new beginnings. While many students have spent several semesters on the campus of JSU, a number of students are here for the first time. Whether you're new or old, traditional or non-traditional, welcome to a new year at Jacksonville State.

While the traditional advice students are given include statements such as "study hard" and "go to class" there are other words of wisdom one should consider that can help you excel in and out of the classroom.

For one, get involved. Being a part of any organization at JSU is a move in the right direction. Be it an athletic team, an intellectual group, a Greek organization, the SGA, or even a student-run newspaper, the clubs and organizations JSU has to offer can give you more than just a picture in the yearbook. Being social, gaining on-the-job experience, helping others, and making memories are reason enough to get involved.

Students should also consider their eating habits throughout the year. If you've left the comforts of home, you may think you've left behind the home-cooked meals Mom was famous for; but that's not so. Having a balanced diet is possible, even in college. Visiting establishments such as the Jack Hopper Dining Hall, fixing your own healthy meals, or eating healthy at some of the town's restaurants are all possible with the right amount of willpower.

Another important tip for students is to develop a healthy lifestyle. While cramming for a test is usually a predictable scene the night before an exam, going too long without the right amount of sleep is not safe. Getting a sufficient amount of sleep and exercise can keep a student healthy and active. JSU is surrounded with sidewalks and trails, and Stephenson Gym is a great place to go burn some calories.

The biggest concept to remember is college can be a once in a lifetime chance at freedom. Once you get out of school, you're expected to buckle down, be responsible, start a career and/or family. And previously you were bound by the rules of the parental units.

Now you call the shots. You have to start making the decisions that will effect not only you, but those around you, but you're also allowed a substantial amount of freedom and amusement, that's hard to find once you leave this institution. Here's wishing you good luck in your college career and the choices you'll be making - may they be the right ones.

## Give your legislators a schooling this November

Ready or not, here it comes. If you're like me, the start of the 2002-03 academic year has caught you a little bit by surprise.

There I was, enjoying a summer of work, doing my best to make a little money and get some experience for the future, when all of a sudden I got a bill in the mail from the bursar's office here at good ol' JSU. That was my first reminder that school was right around the corner, and with it the \$1,620 that now earns students the right to 12-16 hours of quality education.

The price, at least, didn't catch me by surprise. I found out about the tuition increase as soon as the board of trustees voted on it back in April. Unless you managed to see a copy of *The Chanticleer* during the last week of the spring semester sometime between studying for your finals, you may not have found out about the hike until this summer. In that case, the new dollar amount might have been an

By Benjamin Cunningham  
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief



unpleasant surprise to you.

The board and JSU President Bill Meehan said the increase was needed to cover the costs of building renovations and faculty salary raises. Students and parents likely just grumbled at the higher tuition and the officials' justifications for it as they applied for financial aid and wrote checks to cover the rising cost of an education.

It's easy to grumble, but the board really had no choice but to raise tuition. Renovations had to happen to keep the campus both functional and attractive, and raises had to happen to keep JSU competitive with other schools in the region in recruiting and retaining faculty. Both

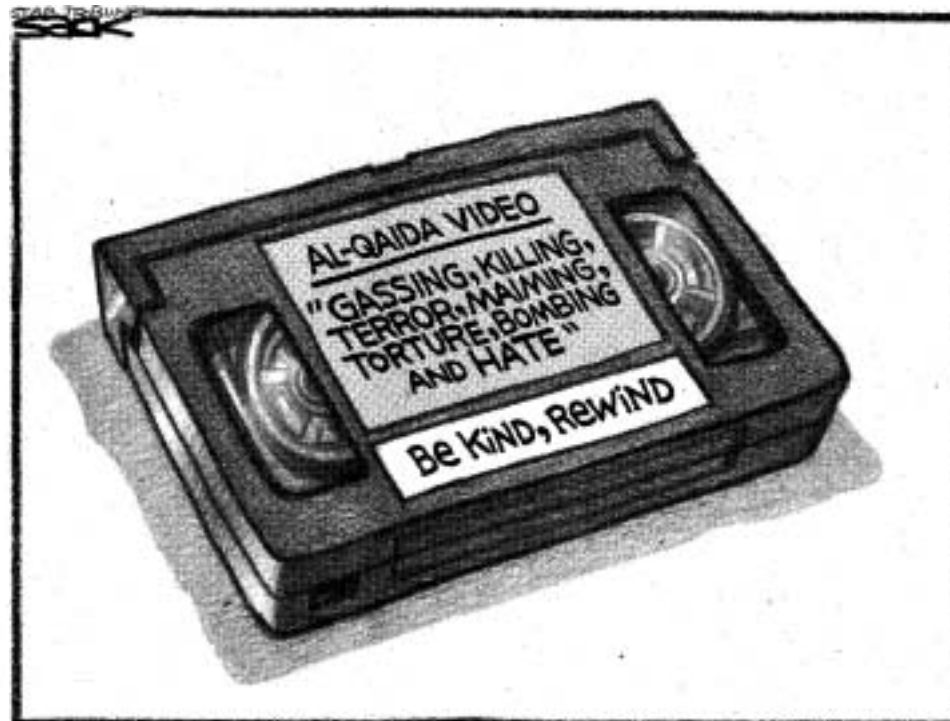
those things are part of what it takes to run a state university, and both those things take money.

What's remarkable is that our state government doesn't seem to realize that. The Legislature in Montgomery has repeatedly declined to tackle issues that could make state funding for education more plentiful. State tax reform, constitutional reform, home rule for counties and other issues could, if handled correctly, generate far more cash for Alabama's cash-strapped K-12 schools as well as colleges and universities.

In fact, such reform could help resolve funding crises in many state programs. Alabama's state courts actually stopped holding trials earlier this year because it couldn't afford them. Officials with the state's prison system predicted in June that inmates in the state's understaffed, underfunded, overcrowded prisons would riot this summer thanks to conditions created by a lack of funds. Prisoners at a facility in Talladega proved them right just a few weeks ago. Also this summer Alabama's state forensics authority announced deep cuts in its programs that will dramatically affect law enforcement investigations.

All that could be avoided with a little reform and a lot of money. But the Legislature won't touch the issues, out of a fear of angering the special interests that fund the legislators' election campaigns. They're more interested in keeping their cushy perks than in keeping the state running.

Why not send them a message by registering to vote and helping to throw out the entrenched Montgomery elite in this November's elections? They're certainly not expecting young college students to show up to vote, but since they're responsible for your tuition increases, why not send them a message? Surprise a few Montgomery incumbents with a lost election in return for your surprise tuition increase.



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## Welcome (from page 1): Real World cast to visit

to be the only 360-degree motion simulator. Both events will be open 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The poster sale will continue on Wednesday, at the same time.

The SGA hopes to get students going Wednesday morning with Fast Break Before Class. During the morning the SGA will hand out free doughnuts and juice at major buildings around campus.

And along with these events, every Wednesday is Walk to Class Wednesday. Students are encouraged to leave their cars behind and walk to class to alleviate traffic on campus.

Thirsty Thursday will be Sept. 5. Students can stop by the Food Court in the TMB and get a "Cocky cup" and a drink for just fifty cents, which is much cheap-

er than buying a regular drink.

"Students can bring this cup to any SGA event throughout the year and get a free drink," Symonds said.

The final event for Welcome Week is also on Sept. 5. Theo, Keri and Kyle from MTV's Real World will be at Leone Cole Auditorium at 7 p.m. They will answer questions and meet students. According to Symonds, "They will also go out to eat at Jefferson's afterward. These guys are really cool. They aren't stuck up or snobby.

"I hope I see all of the school at these events," Symonds said, "because it's a great way to start off the new school year."



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## Afghan (from page 1):

The troops discovered at least 2,000 pounds of weapons and ammunition, mainly rockets and mortars. They also interviewed dozens of suspects, bringing 11 to Kandahar for further questioning.

But several villages that should have been bustling were quiet when the Americans arrived. Soldiers braced for battle instead found only those curious about the prowling troops and buzzing helicopters. After infantrymen secured the towns, soldiers with civil affairs and psychological operations teams met with villagers, some using bullhorns to address street crowds. The troops brought food and water, promising to help build wells, schools and hospitals if Afghans supported their new government and national army.

"I will do my very best to try and get some help in this area," Maj. David Young, a New York reservist working with Fort Bragg soldiers, told some villagers. "And it sounds like you will do your part, **trying** to get rid of the terrorists."

*(Drew Brown contributed to this story from Jalalabad, Afghanistan.)*

## Dorms (from page 1):

their deadline."

The University spent just over \$500,000 removing these buildings. Once they are gone there are plans to turn the area where the buildings once stood into grassy areas.

"To our knowledge, these buildings were to be torn down and parking would be created," said Robert Hayes, president of the Student Government Association. "And this was a selling point for SGA. This was a step in accommodating more people."

According to Lord parking was an idea that was just kicked around. He said the **university's** master plan is to put a path or roadway through that area. This master plan is JSU's ten-year plan, which includes new housing and parking in this area that is to be completed by 2010.

"Parking will be developed here in the future, in the long term future, but not right now," Lord said.

"We're not happy with it, because we're here for the students' interests," said Hayes. "And we don't feel this decision is in the students' best interest."

With Weatherly and Rowan gone, Lord said the need for parking in this area is reduced. The existing parking lots at the buildings will remain and can be used by anyone. He also said few parking spaces would be gained with the current terrain. And each parking space would cost the University between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to construct.

"It's not any easy process to stabilize the soil and create a paved parking lot which has not been programmed for funding right now," Lord said. "It's an expensive process. We're



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# SPORTS

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## Gamecocks set to battle A&M

By Anthony Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

This is the time of year most Gamecock fans anticipate more than any other day of the year. Yes, it's football time here at Jax State.

The Gamecocks are set to host the Alabama A&M Bulldogs on Saturday. Jax State dominates the series 8-1-2 in season-openers against Alabama A&M.

Neither head coach Jack Crowe or the Gamecocks have fond memories of the Bulldogs. The last time Crowe faced Alabama A&M he was the offensive coordinator at North Alabama. The Bulldogs gave his team its only defeat of the 1980 season, 32-28. The Gamecocks suffered a 37-20 loss the last time Alabama A&M paid a visit to Paul Snow two years ago.

But, this is the first time Jax State and Crowe will play the Bulldogs together. "We're going to be challenged," said Crowe. "No matter what the situation is, the game is going to be a battle," said All-Conference strong safety Markee Coleman.

The game will also be the first time the fans will see the new, but old look of the JSU football team. This season the Gamecocks will have a throw-back look when they take the field. They will strap on the numbered helmets for the first time since 1970, when Hall of Fame coach Charlie Pell coached the team to a 10-0 victory over Florida A&M in 1970.

Crowe has many concerns going into Saturday's game. Neither he or his staff are too familiar with the Bulldogs.



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Steve Gross  
Senior quarterback Reggie Stancil fakes a pitch during a scrimmage Thursday afternoon at Paul Snow Stadium. Stancil is expected to be one of the major offensive weapons for the 24th-ranked Gamecocks, who open their season Saturday at home against Alabama A&M.

plan.

"I know Alabama A&M plays good football," Crowe said during his weekly press conference Monday. "I know the SWAC is big-time football, but I don't know the players. I didn't recruit many of them. I don't know the coaches. It's really a rather mysterious game to me."

"The thing that most concerns me is that I don't have any information about them. I have some, but very little."

First-year Bulldog head coach Anthony Jones feels very similar to Crowe.

"I've never played them before," Jones said. "We've got

going to help. It's a mysterious game because we don't know what they're going to come out in. Neither one of us know what to expect."

Many of the Jax State players share the same sentiments as the coaches. They really don't know what to expect.

"We really don't know that much about Alabama A&M," said Coleman. "All I know is when A&M comes to Jacksonville they're ready to play."

Many of the fans and supporters weigh the Bulldogs as a rather light team. The Gamecocks know better. Some

team lightly you will quickly get beat. We're looking at the Alabama A&M Bulldogs the same way we're going to look at the Mississippi State Bulldogs."

While there may be quite a mystery of what the Gamecocks expect from the Bulldogs in terms of schemes, there's no mystery of the strength of the Gamecocks.

Rondy right, Rondy left, Rondy up the middle should sum up the attack from the Gamecocks. Then, Stancil should air it out to his talented wide receivers. The Jax State defense should answer any other questions.

## Gamecock soccer kicks off with WVU

By Anthony Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The 2001 Jax State soccer season was no walk in the park for head coach Lisa Howe and the Gamecocks. The team began the season with high hopes and confidence levels, but ended it with hurt feelings and the worst record in two years.

Last season was also the first season JSU didn't qualify for the conference tournament since 1998.

"It was something that we really didn't see coming," Howe said. "Last season was very disappointing, especially to not make the tournament. I think you set that as one of your least goals you want to achieve. So, to not accomplish something so low on the list was disappointing."

The Gamecocks seem to be poised for the future. The players and coaches seem to be very optimistic entering the 2002 season. Howe believes the biggest improvement from last season is the team's chemistry.

"The progress we made in the spring made us so much better," Howe said. "Everyone enjoyed being out there with each other. The team was doing team things, both on and off the field. In women's sports, that's so important."

The senior class seems to be

one of the strongest in past years. Howe expects the five seniors to be very instrumental with the team's success next season.

"I'm really excited about our senior class," said Howe. "It's a diverse group. I think that helps with the leadership. We've got some players that lead vocally and we've got some that don't lead at all. That's OK."

"For the last two years Jane Little has been the leader-figure the team talks to about things. She also tells players when they're not living up to expectations. I think Jane is kind of our captain."

The former two-sport star Ashley Martin has decided to concentrate solely on soccer and dedicate her time kicking soccer balls instead of footballs this season.

"I think Ashley is going to be a much better player and leader for us," Howe said. "I'm excited about her being able to concentrate on soccer."

Howe mentioned how impressed she was with the teams' conditioning. She said the team is in much better shape than they were the same time last year.

She does have some concerns going into the season. Many questions and concerns appear

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## Volleyball begins at

going into Saturday's game. Neither he or his staff are too familiar with the Bulldogs. They've got a new coach and have new schemes to their game

to Crowe.

"I've never played them before," Jones said. "We've got a little history on them, but I don't know how much that's

ers weigh the Bulldogs as a rather light team. The Gamecocks know better. Some of the players were on that team that lost to them two years ago, and others feel like that's how teams perceived them last season. Most teams may have taken JSU lightly a year ago.

"Teams took us lightly last year, and then we just took it to them," said offensive tackle Levett Jones. "The last time we lost to them I felt so bad."

"Alabama A&M got out of our house with a win the last time we played them and we don't want a repeat of that," said senior quarterback Reggie Stancil.

"We want to play every game as if it's a championship game," said Coleman. "If you take a

wide receivers. The Jax State defense should answer any other questions.

Crowe is also sweating the fact the team has almost doubled the amount of injuries they suffered around this time last season.

"I don't know why we're so beat up," Crowe said. "The guys had it lighter this year than they had it last year."

Two of the starting wide-outs and Rogers were injured as of last Monday. Will Wagon is out with a knee injury and the lightning-fast Ralph Jenkins is suffering a pulled hamstring, while Rogers is slowed by a hip-pointner, the same injury that ended Bo Jackson's career. Crowe also said that he will not know the

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# Volleyball begins at Winthrop tourney

By Gary Lewis

The Chanticleer Contributing Editor

The Jacksonville State University volleyball team is set to begin a new era in 2002. After the resignation of former coach Jose Rivera at the end of last season, Rick Nold will be taking over as the new head coach of the Gamecocks.

Nold and the Gamecocks will start the season off against Atlantic Sun foe Gardener-Webb University at the Winthrop Invitational in Rock Hill, S.C. tomorrow.

Rivera, who had been at JSU

since 1997, amassed a 76-85 overall record during his five seasons with the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks began the 2001 season in dismal fashion, stumbling to a 4-15 start. The team was able to turn things around, though, winning seven of their final nine games to finish 11-17. Their 3-7 record in the Atlantic Sun was good enough for eighth place in the 11-team conference.

Nold's hiring was announced on Feb. 13. He comes to JSU from the University of Louisville, where he spent six years as an assistant coach.

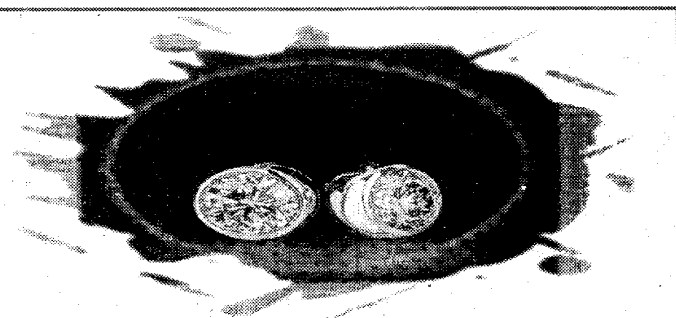
The top assistant in that program, he ran volleyball camps for the Cardinals and assisted in practice, scouting and recruiting. During his time at Louisville, the Cardinals won the Conference USA Championship four times and advanced to the NCAA Tournament five times. They advanced as far as the NCAA Sweet 16 twice, in 1996 and 1998.

Nold was also very active at the club level as head coach of the 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams for the Kentucky-Indiana Volleyball Academy in Louisville. Nold coached teams that won the 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 AAU National Championships. His club teams also advanced to Top-5 finishes at the USA Volleyball National Championships in 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001.

Before joining the Louisville staff, Nold was a high school assistant coach in Kentucky, guiding the girls varsity team to three state championships and a 137-9 record. In addition, he interned with USA Volleyball, where he assisted in the preparation of the USA Women's National Team for the 1996 Olympics.

Coach Nold will be joined at JSU by new assistant coach Melissa Starck. Like Nold,

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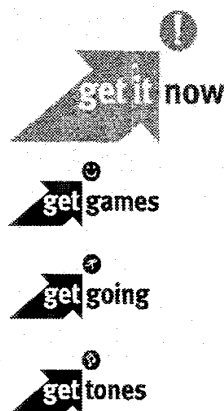
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# Stadium's student section to get facelift

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The last time Alabama A&M paid a visit to Jacksonville they set a new attendance record. As a matter of fact, the past two times they've come here the attendance record was re-written.

Head football coach Jack Crowe believes that home field advantage will play a huge role in Saturday's game against Alabama A&M.

"The big difference in the final analysis would be the home field advantage," Crowe said. "History says that A&M will bring a lot of people in here and if we aren't careful, we'll be a visitor in our own stadium. If we don't show our colors, we'll be a visitor in our own stadium."

"Alabama A&M is a traditional rivalry but we haven't played them in a couple of years," Crowe said. "They love to come and play here. I hope our fans understand that we need their support."

Students are encouraged to sit in sections P, Q, and R. That's the area delegated for all JSU students. The area will be labeled and painted red so that students will easily locate it.

"We're painting the student section to better define which section is the student section," said Associate Athletic Director Mike Galloway.

Sure, the student section isn't much of a news flash. The Crowe's Nest has been the student section for the past two years now, but very few people have acknowl-

edged the location of it.

"Some of the complaints in the past is that students didn't know where the section was located," said Galloway. "We're painting it red so they'll know exactly where their student section is."

The athletic department is also developing a system adopted from USC that rewards students for attending sporting events.

"USC gave away a home entertainment system, a few dinners and some clothes last year," Galloway said. "The only way we can do this is by having students swipe their cards on the readers to let us know that they're in attendance."

Students will receive points every time their student card is swiped to get into an event. Galloway said that a student can receive more points by attending a sporting event that is less of a spectator sport than some of the larger sports.

"If you go to a volleyball game, which is less of a spectator sport than football, you'll receive more points than you would for attending a football or basketball game."

"What we're trying to do is reward the students for coming to athletic events," said Galloway. "We're just on the threshold of things. We're shooting to have it complete by the Oct. 5 game against Samford."

The system is being slowed down by a lack of machines to swipe student ID and a hazardous entrance area at the student gates. Galloway also mentioned the idea of charging students to attend some



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JSU head football coach Jack Crowe hopes these stands will be filled with cheering students when the Gamecocks are in town this fall.

sporting events.

"We've even thought about students paying a dollar for tickets," Galloway said. "We've started charging for volleyball, soccer and softball games. A lot of people think

that if they're going to something free it must not be worth a shoot. We've got a lot of options right now, and we're just trying to fine tune them."

## Volleyball has new coach (from page 5)

Starck has extensive experience coaching at the club level. "Melissa will be able to give us an immediate boost in recruiting," said Nold. "She has always been involved with winning programs, with the exception of her freshman year in college, where they were in the middle of a rebuilding job similar to ours. That team is now the defending conference champion."

The new staff landed their first recruit in May, signing Keisha West of New Castle, Ind. According to Nold, "Keisha is an outstanding defensive player. She is also a crafty hitter and can be used as a utility player of sorts."

"Keisha will come in and bring a lot of ball control to the lineup. As a team, improving on our ball control could make the biggest impact on the upcoming season, and Keisha will be a big part of that."

Another new face on the Gamecock team will be former Jacksonville High School star Michelle Tippetts. Tippetts was a first-team All-State performer her junior and senior years, as well as making second-team All State as a sophomore. Tippetts actually signed with the Gamecocks when the team was still searching for a new head coach, but her talents as an outside hitter should easily find a place in Nold's system.

This fall, the Gamecocks will return all players from the 2001 team. Despite their experience, the team will remain very young, with Sarah Taylor, Theresa Lynch and Alison Wright as the only seniors on a squad dominated by underclassmen. Wright is the anchor of the Gamecock defense, and Taylor and Lynch both have the talent to have all-conference senior years.

## Soccer season starts Sunday (from page 5)

at the start of each season. Most coaches have questions concerning players they're going to replace going into a season.

Howe and the Gamecocks were no different.

The team had to replace the most productive goalie in University history with the graduation of Adriana Finelli. Finelli recorded three shutouts during the 2001 season and earned A-Sun Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors after shutting out Troy State and Stetson last season. Finelli is the A-Sun all-time shutout leader (25.5) and is atop the JSU record book in career saves and minutes played. She was also the recipient of the Eagle Owl as the Female Student-Athlete-of-the-Year last April.

"That's going to be the biggest replacement I've had in my career of coaching," said Howe. "She's very difficult to replace, but I think that Amanda Stephens will develop into being as good as Adriana. We also have a good back up in

## Football team ranked 24th (from page 5)

standings of any of them.

"We don't know who's not going to make the final recovery in time to play until we get there," Crowe said. "We've got a long list of people missing practice."

Rogers has full confidence that he'll be ready to run come game time.

"I'm suffering from a slight hip-pointer," Rogers said. "It's kind of like a bruise. I believe that (Jim) Skidmore is going to take care of me and get me right. I have trust in my guys."

If Rogers is hampered by his hip, junior transfer Kory Chapman is expected to give him some relief.

"He's a slasher," Rogers said. "He brings another type of attack to the game, and that's

Jennifer Atchley."

Howe got her first look at the Gamecocks when they faced Vanderbilt in an exhibition match last Saturday. The soccer team couldn't handle the depth of the Commodores and lost 4-0.

"We mainly were using the exhibition game for fitness," Howe said. "We gave the newcomers a look during the game, but we mainly used it to see how fit we were."

"We're young, and we will be young," Howe said. "We're in a conference where you can be young and successful, FAU has shown us that."

The Gamecocks open the 2002 season against the University of West Virginia on Sunday. The game will be played in Auburn, and will begin at 11:30.

"I think it's very important to get off to a good start, and build some momentum early in the season," Howe said. "I feel like the team's ready to play. This group knows that we've got to get back to the basics in order to be successful again."

good."

"Kory Chapman is a Marshall Faulk type of player," Coleman said. "He's going to be a very exciting player to watch."

Neither team will have a really good idea of what the other is going to do until game time. All either team can do is prepare and get ready for a war.

"We should be able to take the talent we've got in our skilled people," Crowe said. "We're a very fast football team. We should be able to build an advantage there. I don't know what their weakness is. We may be feeling that out through the course of the entire game."

Kickoff for Saturday's game is set for 7 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium.



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