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### **JSU enrollment nears 9,000** Jax PD investigates

#### By Benjamin Cunningham The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

JSU's enrollment this semester is nearly 9,000, University officials said Friday, and the swelling student body is having an impact all over campus.

JSU's Office of Institutional Effectiveness released enrollment numbers on Friday, after Thursday's deadline for registration. They showed a count of 8,968, topping last fall's record enrollment of 8,478. That amounts to an increase of about 6 percent.

"We were all caught by surprise that enrollment was that close to 9,000," said Tim Smith, of Institutional director Effectiveness. Earlier in the week Smith had predicted that enrollment would be over 8,700. but a rush of last-minute student registration pushed the number even higher, he said.

The surge in enrollment is being felt, as JSU strains to meet demand for classes and student services, For one thing, it's getting difficult to find classroom space for all those students, according to University administrators.

"We are very tight, especially in English and math," said Dr.



Campus hallways like this one in Stone Center are getting more crowded, as JSU's enrollment nears 9,000. University administrators are finding challenges in handling the influx of students.

Joe Delap, associate vice president of Academic Affairs. "Those classes were already quite full by the time enrollment started in the fall."

Delap said the College of Arts and Sciences, which offers those high-demand courses, is coping by adding additional sections, taught mostly by newer faculty members. While workable,

Delap said even that is not an ideal solution. For one thing, JSU must find the money to pay overloaded faculty for the extra workload.

"Some of the new faculty actually do appreciate the extra income from the overload, although it makes it more difficult for them to meet other obligations of being faculty

members, such as research and service," Delap said. "You have less time of course when you're teaching an overload to give attention to your research and

Besides finding classes to take, just registering for them became a challenge in some cases.

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## Unsolved arsons mark annual campus crime stats

By Jamie M. Eubanks The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU's crime statistics for 2001 are in and they show that arson is up by two counts ple, but we were never able to arrest any- case was handled by Jacksonville Police.

to make an arrest.

"Some unknown person set a fire, it's that interviewed," Nelson said. simple," said JSUPD Chief Nelson Coleman. "We looked at a couple of peo-

"Whoever the person was, was probably

Arson also claimed the Sigma Nu house just off campus in December of 2001. That

# rape on town square

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

The Jacksonville Police Department is investigating an alleged rape that occurred early Thursday morning near the Jacksonville square.

Joey Martin, an investigator for the police department, said the victim was raped while walking between Brother's Bar on Pelham Road and Fuller's

Pub on Ladiga Street. According to Martin, there is no substantial evidence at this time.

Martin said the victim was able to give the department a partial name but, he said, the victim did not know the suspect. There were no witnesses, Martin said.

No arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing, Martin said.

## **Split grad ceremonies** could be in JSU's future

#### By J. Wilson Guthrie The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU administrators are considering splitting graduation into two seperate ceremonies to accomodate the increasing size of graduating classes.

As enrollment at JSU increases, the issue of space on campus has begun to affect many people. While parking comes to mind for most students, graduating seniors are thinking about graduation day and the problems with the over-crowded ceremony.

As a remedy for this problem, a proposal for two graduation ceremonies is in the works for JSU.

According to Dr. Rebecca Turner, JSU's vice president of

Most of JSU's graduations have between 600 and 800 seniors graduating, according to Turner, and with more expected this year, space is the main factor for the move.

"The Coliseum holds about half of the (people) we need for one graduation ceremony," said Turner. "Space is the (first) reason."

Having two ceremonies seemed to the administration, the best way to deal with the issues created by having just one.

"We do not want to limit the number of guests," said Dr. Kathy Cambron, JSU registrar. According to Cambron that alternative has been tried before. As supporters and their family members try to cram into the

## service to the University."

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Arson is not an offense that has occurred frequently at JSU in the last three years. Last year's incidents occurred at the TMB and Crow Hall. No major damage was done. UPD conducted an investigation and interviewed some suspects, but was unable

Coloman. The looked at a couple of peo ple, but we were never able to arrest anyone. Because they were fairly close together in terms of time, we suspected that they may be connected and we may have an arsonist on campus."

Nelson said that though the arsonist was never caught, the fires stopped after a few suspects were interviewed.

JUDE DEL CHITTPHE HE DOCUMENT OF WOOT. THE case was handled by Jacksonville Police, and so is not included in the Unviersity report. The Sigma Nu fire also remains unsolved.

Forcible sexual offenses also showed up on the list for the first time in three years.

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Turner, JSU's vice president of Academic Affairs, (changes) are in early stages of planning." The final proposal will have to be accepted by JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan before any details of the ceremonies can be released.

"The

members try to cram into the seats to see their graduating senior, the safety and comfort of the patrons also becomes a problem. "Students and family enjoy commencement," Turner said, "and (should) have comfort and safety."

## SGA starts new year off with voter registration drive, broadcast effort

#### By J. Wilson Guthrie The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA Senate kicked off the new school year with its first formal meeting of the fall semester on Monday with big plans and many goals for the fall semester.

• The first activity following the meeting was the Voter Registration Drive, which ran all day Tuesday.

"We have probably registered 60 to 65 voters today," said Amy Yancy, Head of the Students Toward Advocating Realistic Solutions Committee.

"We are still looking at different possibilities in our committee ... so we don't have any fund raisers set up right now. Part of (the money for STARS) will come from SGA allocations," Yancy said. The committee must raise \$1,000 for the Higher Education program in Montgomery.

With the **SGA** getting things off to a fast start with voter registration, Andrew Symonds, director of publicity, is trying to bring back broadcasts of SGA Senate meetings, but just a little differently.

"The reason that we are doing this is that back in the past 92J used to come here and they would air the meetings," explained Symonds. "But the equipment that they used is either no longer available or broken. So we came up with the idea for T.V."

"I talked to the owners (of TV 24) earlier this summer about doing (the broadcasting), and they were 100 percent for



The Chanticleer/Nicholas Thomason SGA STARS Committee Chairwoman Amy Yancy assists Dane Gaskey as he registers to vote on Tuesday. Yancy's committee held a voter registration drive as

it," Symonds said. "After that, I talked to Mike Stedham, who is in charge of all student media on campus, and he was all for it too. We are giving class credit to all volunteers.

part of a statewide effort.

"The only thing that is keeping us (from going ahead) is that we don't have any volunteers yet," said Symonds, "which is understandable because we posted (for camera operators) during the summer."

The times for the television broadcasts are not yet set because details have not been worked out.

The SGA also cited the hard work of the Athletic Support and Spirit Committee Head, Zach Kilgore. He was given the Senator of the Week Award for last week.

The SGA was lacking in one department though: student participation. At their first meeting, they roped in about 10 students for the meeting. President Robert Hayes hopes that with the SGA's plans for a new advertising campaign and the introduction of broadcasting, the meeting will bring more students into see them live.

"We started a new campaign, the 'Cocky' slogan, we are tving SGA into that ... to kind of get more peoples' attention and bring them into us," said Hayes. "We have revised our involvement forms to try to make them more user-friendly, easier to read and things like that, and try to spread the word like that.

"We're serious about what we do," Hayes said. "A lot of times people don't see what all is behind it."

# **Americans mark Sept. 11**

#### By Martin Merzer Knight Ridder Newspapers

One year after Sept. 11, Americans across the nation, with prayers and candles, fluttering flags and tolling bells, song and silence and with each other, commemorated the loss of so many of their own — and of so much else.

"It is the 'we' feeling," said Nancy Karraker, a geography teacher in Kansas City, Mo.

"We are a family in the United States, and someone has taken a part of our family.

We have a need to remember that."

That need extends far beyond the epicenters of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and that field in Pennsylvania.

And so, spontaneously, in the Middle West and the Southeast, the Northeast and the Pacific Northwest, the Far West and the Deep South, a vast array of memorial services and other events marked the anniversary.

One objective: "Make us all never forget how fragile freedom is," said Mayor Pat McCrory of Charlotte, N.C.

Another: "It'll be a day of reflection and remembering the heroes of Sept. 11, the people who lost their lives," said Paula Milam of Wichita, Kan.

Some Americans gathered to sing hymns and patriotic songs. Some join in prayer. Some read poems, carry flags, march with solemnity or stand in silence.

Mozart's Requiem washeard in 21 time zones around the world, performed by choirs and symphonies at precisely 8:46 a.m. local time, the moment in New York that the first jetliner struck the first tower of the World Trade



KRT photo by Meri Simon/San Jose Mercury News A crowd along Church Street, in lower Manhattan, tries to get a glimpse of "Ground Zero" — the site of the World Trade Center that has become one of New York's biggest tourist stops.

Center. A group of singers in Seattle organized the event, called the Rolling Requiem.

their own manner, individually or with close relatives. They raised flags — in some cases to half-staff - or illuminated car headlights or found another way. Jacque Hock of Derby, Kan., home-schools her three sons, but there were no classes Wednesday.

"We'll probably spend time in silence and prayer," Hock said Tuesday. "It's going to hit again. Some people remembered in It's something they're, always going to remember. We bought a candle and we're going to light it that day."

In Bethesda, Md., Sid Getz took his two children, ages 9 and 14, to synagogue for a special service. But the most genuine Page PAGE TWO

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Coosa Group of the Sierra Club** general meeting will be held Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Martin Hall, Room 234. Our speaker will be world traveler and adventurer, Dr. Kelly Gregg, of JSU. His topic will be "Easter Island: Archaeology, Ecology and Geography." He will have lots of slides to show. **Contact:** H. Blake Otwell, Ph.D., 782-5816, hotwell@jsucc.jsu.edu

**Delta Zeta:** Congratulations to all the sororities and fraternities on a great recruitment! Congratulations to our new members—we love you! Thanks to our Alumnea and our parents who assisted us with our success. Awards: Sister-Tavia, Twisted-Jones, Support-Brit, Responsible Rose-Nicole, and Terrific Turtle- Allie. **Contact:** Tavia McMunn- iamdaisycrazy@hotmail.com

**Hardcorps Go-Go Dancer Auditions:** JSU's Pep Band is looking for 8-12 young ladies who can dance! This is a scholarship-award opportunity to be a part of one of the most exciting groups at JSU. Auditions are Sept. 17-18 at 7 p.m. in the Performance Center of Mason Hall (attendance is mandatory both nights). **Contact:** Mark Fifer, 782-5562.

**Phi Mu** congratulates our 24 beautiful new members! We are so excited to have you! Special thanks to all alumni, parents and friends who helped make rush such a success. Best of luck to the men during fraternity recruitment! Hope everyone's semester is off to a great start. We love our Phis! **Contact:** Brianna Bladen, 782-6145.

**The SGA** would like to say "thank you" to all the participants and volunteers during Welcome Week. Also, remember that Senate Meetings are at 6 p.m. on Monday nights at the TMB and are open to everyone. Everyone have a great week. **Contact:** Andrew Symonds, 782-5495, bradleyjohn18@hotmail.com

**Zeta Tau Alpha:** We would like to congratulate all our new members, we love you guys! Thanks to Panhellenic for an awesome Recruitment and to the SGA for a wonderful Welcome Week. Good luck to all fraternities this week with recruitment as well. Go to class, have a great week and study hard. **Contact:** Amy Yancy, 782-6192, ztapsi@yahoo.com

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## CAMPUS CRIME

Sept. 5—Lakeidra Michelle Peckett, 21, of Birmingham reported forgery of emergency loans to JSUPD occurring at Bibb Graves Hall.

Sept. 5—Eul Kyo Jeong, 16, of Jacksonville, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Houston Cole Library.

Sept. 5—Douglas Mitchell Jarboe, 25, of Fayetteville, NC was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Pelham Rd. N.

### JSU's greeks playing "musical houses"

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

Last month Alpha Tau Omega lost their fraternity house in Paul Carpenter Village to a dwindling roster and an inability to collect rent from members.

ATO moved into their house four years ago when it was first built, but in mid-July of this year they were asked to leave by the University.

Their problems started back in January when the roster numbers "were very low," according to Doug Ford, a JSU alumnus and ATO's advisor. "To afford a house that nice, you have to have high roster numbers.

"Mid-July we had pretty much lost the house," Ford said. "We worked out an arrangement for a resident to stay there through August second or third so he could graduate,"

According to Ford, "The fraternity had too many active members that were unwilling to make their financial obligations in a timely manner, and as a result of that, the payments could not be made. We were two months behind and the school took over the home."

All of the fraternity houses are guaranteed by the school. If the mortgages aren't paid in a timely manner the school has the right to take it over. "Now, the land has always been owned by the school," said Ford, "but the home was owned by us. We had been making the payments. We put down a down payment and now the school has it."

Ford said, there may be ten or more rumors going around about why they lost the house. "The fact of the matter is it came down to money," he said. "If the bills were being paid there would be no other issues."

Ford also doubted the system that governs fraternity row. According to Ford, "the school had good intentions and made the commitment to co-sign the loan and it's not the school's fault ATO lost the house.

"I think the school needs to take a good look at it now that there's two of the homes out of six that have already been lost," Ford said. "I think the school ought to play a role in helping the fraternities collect the rent. We tried to get them to do that and they were unwilling to do it."

While friendly allowances exist, if a monthly payment cannot be made, these allowances can lead, as in ATO's case, to the loss of a home. Ford felt, if the University would collect the rent for the fraternity, these allowances wouldn't happen.

According to Ford, "The ideal situation is that you have a group that is going to pay on time, but

that obviously did not work for us. It's very hard to manage."

Kappa Sigma also lost their house in the fall of 2001 because they couldn't afford to make the monthly payments and they didn't have enough members to fill the house.

According to Justin Edge, the president of Kappa Sig, "It's working fine for the larger fraternities, but for the smaller ones, in the long run, it's going to hurt them."

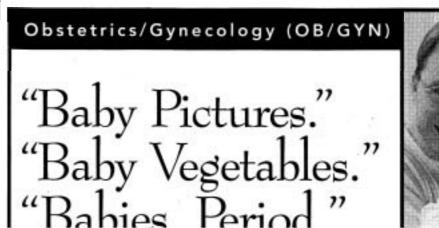
They were originally in a house with 17 beds and, at one time, only had six members living in the house.

"The house was just huge," Edge said, "and we just couldn't fill it."

He said if they had been in a smaller house that Kappa Sig would still be a part of Paul Carpenter Village. And for a fraternity their size, it was a waste to have a house there.

As to the University collecting rent for the fraternities, Edge said, "I would think that would be a bad idea ... I would think you would be able to collect your own rent. If somebody joined your fraternity and they're going to pay dues, then they should pay rent.

"They would have to if they were living in an apartment. I don't think it's the University's responsibility to collect rent on someone else's house."



Sept. 7—Donald Gene King, Jr., 29, of Jacksonville, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Mountain St. and Gadsden Rd.

Sept. 8—Patrick Chang Lan, 18, of Douglasville was cited by JSUPD for nuisance; loud music occurring at Trustee Cir.

Sept. 9—Johnny Fernandez Ellison, 19, of Decatur was cited by JSUPD for loitering occurring at the Sparkman Hall entrance.

Sept. 9-Frederick Gipson, 19, of Coosada was cited by JSUPD for sound ordinance violation occurring in Jacksonville.

Sept. 9-Ronald Martez Bennett, 19, of Pleasant Grove was cited by JSUPD for nuisance: loud music from a vehicle occurring at Trustee Cir. and Coffee Cir.

Sept. 9-Terrell Deon Mitchell, 18, of Huntsville was cited by JSUPD for nuisance: loud music from a vehicle occurring at Trustee Cir.

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.

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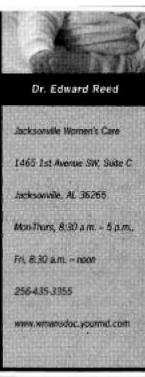
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"It's become particularly tight in the area of online registration," Delap said. "Only a couple hundred students at a time get onto the online registration. And because of the heavy traffic students have trouble getting on to register. So it's putting a big drain on our computer resources."

Resources in JSU's mail center are also strained. All of the justover 8,000 student mailboxes there are taken, and there's a list of a couple hundred students waiting to be issued one, mail center staff said last week.

Officials are already able to point to a number of sources for the increase in enrollment. Smith said enrollment is up "across the board," but that some categories of students showed larger increases than others.

"We haven't done a formal analysis, but there's an increased demand for graduate courses," Smith said. "Our undergraduate is up also, but the graduate's up a higher percentage."

Smith said new masters programs added in the last few years, such as degrees in emergency management and education administration, are likely contributors to the graduate increase.

Another sector showing an increase in enrollment is students from Georgia. "We have more Georgia students," Smith said. "I think ... the reason we're getting more Georgia students is the growth in Georgia. Their population's growing faster than Alabama. It causes, I think, some of them to spill over into Alabama institutions."

This fall's enrollment is the second consecutive year with an increase. Last fall's total of 8,478 was the highest number since 1990, when 8,448 students were enrolled. Enrollment began to decline after that, dropping to a low of 7,506 in 1993.

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moments of reflection, he said, was entirely internal. "It's a very personal thing,"

#### Stats, from page 1

"We had one case in a blue moon," commented Coleman. "I don't see this as a crime wave. Because the type students we have and the type patrols we have and safety measures we have, I think we have very rare instances such as this on campus."

Coleman attributes this low number of offenses to safety measures such as building walk-throughs, programs presented by officers, dorm guards and the screening process for those guards. And compared to other universities around the state. JSU is still one of the safest.

"We do screening on our applicants for dorm guards and we routinely do not hire people if they have something in their background that we do not like," said Coleman.

While we have the numbers, are they

really helpful? Coleman says they show that JSU is basically safe, but "it's really hard to tell whether your efforts are causing crime statistics to be lower or if it's some other factor." They are only reflective of campus-related crimes. And these statistics will be in students' mailboxes soon.

To find out what crimes are happening near them, students can go to UPD's

website for recent crime logs from the University and Jacksonville City Police Departments.

UPD has also started what they call "timely warnings," which let students know if there are going to be any hazardous situations students should know about. A few days in advance to such hazards, UPD will send an e-mail to all student e-mail accounts.



# WHY DID <u>YOU</u> COME TO COLLEGE?

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was entirely internal.

"It's a very personal thing," Getz said. "I just want time to think about how life has changed since then, because it has changed fundamentally for all of us."

One e-mail making the rounds suggests that people, wherever they are, recite the Pledge of Allegiance at noon and then say a silent prayer.

Rosemary Dremak, 64, of Akron, Ohio, intended to do that. She also wore red, white and blue. "This is an event that will never go away," Dremak said. Taking even symbolic action "keeps us united, keeps our faith going and keeps us strong."

Was all this be painful? For some, yes. But it also felt necessary. Something in the human soul, the American spirit, required it.

"It was real and terrible," the Rev. Bob Denton, executive director of the Victim Assistance Program in Akron, said of that day a year ago. "Those lost must be remembered, or we not only demean their worth but ours too."

Said Shirley Stark of Canton, Ohio: "I still get choked up." Stark is a member of the City of Flags Chorus, which will sing patriotic songs at Canton City Hall and at a Veterans Administration outpatient clinic.

"We want to join people together in song and remembrance, and help them work through the emotions of the day, and help them remember," she said.

Such efforts were not confined to the geographic boundaries of the United States.

In Kandahar, Afghanistan, several hundred American soldiers participated in an interfaith service, officers said.

Chaplains will lead prayers for remembrance and for the country. Col. James Huggins, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division's troops in Afghanistan, addreseds the soldiers. Then, after a 30-second moment of silence, the base's air raid siren wailed.

"People who can't make it to the service will know that's a moment they need to stop and reflect," said Maj. Scott Carson, a brigade chaplain.

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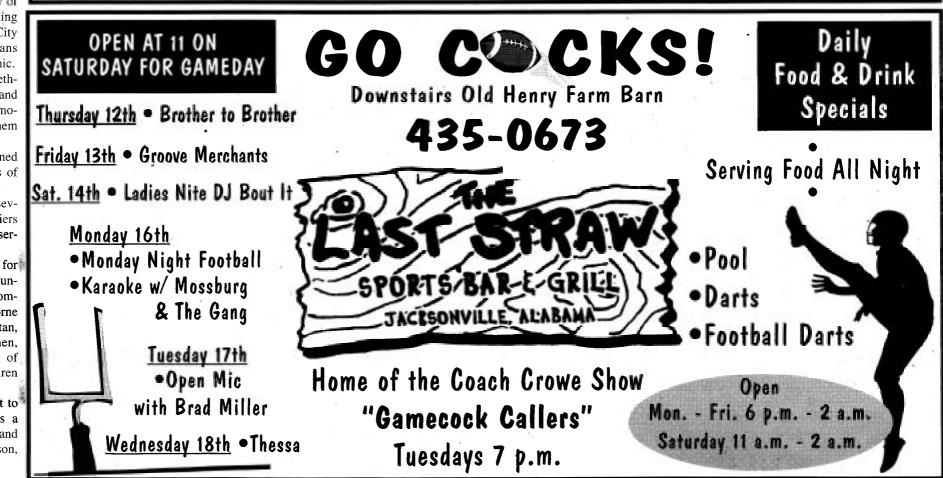
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**In Our View** 

## **On remembering**

It's amazing the difference a year can make.

The words you're reading in The Chanticleer today were written Sept. 10, 2002, the eve of the anniversary of what has become the most horrific date in American history. On that same date one year ago, our staff was putting together our third issue of the semester. It's interesting to look back now and see the stories we were working on that got crowded out by coverage of the awful news of the next day.

In this space, which we call "In Our View," we usually pick our pet topic of the week and come up with a position generally acceptable to most of the editorial staff. A year ago, we picked a topic that we thought was sure to be foremost on students' minds that week: parking.

Yes, we had written an honest and earnest little piece about the nature of the perennial parking and traffic issue, and proposed some steps students and administrators could take in solving it. It seems odd now that an issue so trivial in the grand scheme of things could have been so prominent in our minds at the time.

It didn't run, of course. That editorial was scrapped without discussion the next morning as we all learned of the nightmare unfolding in New York, Washington and rural Pennsylvania. Nothing would ever be the same again.

Or so it seemed.

Now, one year later, it almost seems as if we've woken up from the nightmare. Granted, we're apparently on the verge of war with Iraq, and there's still more news from Afghanistan in the media than one would have ever thought possible a year ago. But by and large daily American life and media coverage are the same as they were on Sept. 10 a year ago. Parking, we're somewhat surprised to realize, is a hot topic on our minds and on the minds of our fellow students.

The problem is, the nightmare was real, and we never woke up. So, does it say about us that we're a shallow and forgetful people that we so quickly reverted to normal after the loss of so much life, the destruction of so much that was beautiful? Perhaps, but perhaps there's more at work here.

If we as a nation were quick to return to normal after the attacks, maybe it says more about the attacks than it does about us. Thousands of innocents were murdered, beautiful and impressive structures were demolished and our society's open and trusting nature was violated and used against us. But we are so strong, so deep, so solid a nation and people that the summit of murder, destruction and violation could not topple us, or even come close.

Despite the pride we can all take in that idea, however, there is no excuse not to remember those that were lost, and what was done to us all. Though one year will turn into two, 10, 100, a thousand, we must always remember. Never forget.

## Hayes a breath of fresh air in SGA exec

In years past, JSU's SGA has **By Jamie M. Eubanks** *The Chanticleer News Editor* 

been accused of being idle

and gained the reputa-

tion of a "do nothing" organization. While many of those accusations were unfounded, there was little to show for their work.

However, there have been some changes to the SGA that has gained them some notoriety.

The new student section at Paul Snow Stadium is just one example of what the SGA is doing for the University and its students.

But one of the most notable changes comes in the form of a new president. This office should be a very respectable office that students would fight

for. But, again, previous presidents haven't held a banner for the

But, again, previous presidents haven't held a banner for the rest of the student population and fought for their best interests.

This complacency was mirrored by the most recent election. There was only one candidate who sought the office of president of the SGA. But it turns out that person was the man for the job.

Robert Hayes recently took a stand that many in his position wouldn't dare take.

The University tore down Rowan and Weatherly Halls and talked in meetings about turning

the areas into parking for students. But they finally decided to turn them into "grassy areas" because parking spaces might cost too much.

Instead of sitting back and taking this news as just another rejection, Hayes stepped up to the plate and said something. He took a stand against the administration. He didn't just give up on the students he is supposed to be working for. Hayes told University leaders that it was not in the students' best interest not to create parking here.

Not only is Hayes a great leader, who fights for his fellow students, he is a great person. He's one of those guys who would go out of his way to help someone and always has a smile for everyone. SGA serves as his vehicle to accomplish his goals of helping the student population.

Issues, like the parking situation, are being resolved and goals are being accomplished because of the stands students are taking against things that they see as injustices. But there are still those of you, who will complain and don't take the initiative to do something about these problems.

There is no excuse to complain if you aren't doing anything about it, because there are organizations in which to get involved that serve as vehicles to voice those opinions and views. And you don't have to be president of the SGA to make a difference.

The SGA allows students to voice their complaints at their weekly meetings on Monday night. We at The Chanticleer have an opinion page that allows you to publish your opinions for all to read. There are also various clubs on campus, such as College Republicans and College Democrats.

And for those of you who say there is nothing to do on campus, you haven't really looked. There is a club or organization for just about anything you could possibly be interested in. Habitat for Humanity has a campus chapter and is very active in helping others. Up 'Til Dawn helps sick children at St. Jude Children's Hospital. Making a difference is just a phone call away.

So the next time you're complaining about having nothing to do or about what you think is an injustice, just look around you, get involved in something and do your part. There's plenty here for you.



### IN YOUR VIEW

"How do you feel about changes to the campus parking policy made by the **University Police** Department?"

> --Compiled by Nicholas Thomason Photo Director



Lance Self Sophomore **Computer Science** 

"I think that regulations should have stayed the way they were."



Sheldon Ward Senior Physical Ed.

"I really think that is too much money. It should've stayed the same.



Cristy Grizzard Junior Marketing

"College students don't have that much money and they already get enough of our money.'



Amy Hill Junior Early Childhood Ed.

"The decal alone cost enough We shoudn't be trapped in for not paving a ticket. It's crazy."



**Brandon D'Acquisto** Junior Music Ed.

"When they make a good situation for parking, that's when I will pay more."

## After the sound and fury of Sept. 11, let's recommit to our democratic duties

#### By Kathy Read KRT Forum

WASHINGTON - Listen up America, the best way to honor the innocent victims of Sept. 11 is not with made-for-TV specials and selfserving political rhetoric. The best way is to show the world that we take seriously our status as the longest continuous democracy by thronging to the polls on Nov. 5 and voting.

Since 1945, U.S. voter turnout in federal elections ranks 139th among the world's 172 democracies with 48.3 percent of those eligible actually taking the trouble to vote. That's according to Sweden's Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, which ranks Italy first with a 92.5 percent turnout.

A laundry list of other nations stands between us and the top — including many that most Americans would be hard put to identify. One of the most obscure --- the Seychelles, a small group of islands in the Indian Ocean northeast of Madagascar - ranks second in voting enthusiasm at 90.5 percent.

Gravely intoned speeches and pro-

found observations by politicians, celebrities and commentators will dominate the airwayes this Sept. 11.

They'll reverberate from the World Trade Center site in New York, from outside the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., and from the still woods in western Pennsylvania where the fourth hijacked airliner crashed. And those words will be echoed a hundred times over from other sites across America where people gather to grieve and rededicate themselves.

Yet it's unlikely the rest of the world will much note nor long remember those expressions of patriotism, as sincere and as heartfelt as they will be. But people everywhere will pay attention — and pause to ponder — if Americans march to the voting booths in record numbers on the first Tuesday in November.

By doing that, we can match our words with our deeds. We cannot, after all, expect others to embrace democracy, unless we ourselves set a sterling example practicing it.

Among all forms of governments, democratic republics --- or, if you prefer, republican democracies — require

the most maintenance. And certainly they are the most fragile as well.

Consider that most of the humans who have lived on this small planet since recorded time have never lived fully free lives. Sadly, the majority of the earth's 6.2 billion people do not live in truly flourishing democracies even today.

Slavery still exists in Sudan and some other African countries. In far too many countries of the Arab world, women still are regarded as little more than chattels — vigilantly deprived of their basic rights.

How happy the oppressed of today's world would be to live in a nation governed by a freely elected president and legislature, with an independent judiciary that applies the rule of law rather than dictates it.

When Benjamin Franklin left Philadelphia's Independence Hall after the Constitution was adopted, he was asked what kind of government had been voted into place and he replied, "Gentlemen, you have a republic ... if you can keep it."

Keeping a free government, of course, requires more than just voting once or twice a year. It requires participating in democratic forums the year round — in our schools, in our neighborhoods, and in the larger communities surrounding them.

While the vast majority of Americans say they believe in a judicial system that starts with the presumption of innocence, in practice, far too many suggest this is merely lip service by using any excuse to avoid jury duty.

The mere thought of jury service, indeed, seem to sends waves of fear and apprehension through most Americans. While less than 50 percent of the eligible electorate actually enters a voting booth, less than 25 percent of eligible jurors ever end up in a jury box.

The next time you look for an excuse to avoid jury duty, consider that in many countries today the alternative to a trial by one's peers is often a firing squad.

From all the media hype about special programs and special sections this Sept. 11, I've become convinced that we're about to be overwhelmed by banality — a sound and fury that,

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while signifying something, does not signify the right thing.

The right thing to do on Sept. 11, 2002, it seems to me is to quietly reaffirm two of our major duties as citizens. Let's vote on Nov. 5 and let's serve on a jury if we're called. Those are among the best ways I can think of to show the world America's commitment to freedom still burns brightly.

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# JSU gets "real" with cast of MTV show

#### By Danni Lusk The Chanticleer Features Editor

"We live this section of our lives longer than any other section," said MTV's Road Rules cast member Rachel last Thursday night when the Real World and Road Rules visited JSU.

Students fired away questions about the one section each of the three cast members' life they lived on MTV. About 300 students attended the event,

according to Andrew

tor. 11th season of the Real World and myself." in Chicago.

Princeton to from MTV's "The Real World own play football

and living

through the effects of a divorced family, Kyle was the all-American guy on the show but did not want, to do what was expected of him.

Kyle got involved with Keri, another cast member, while on the show. She was the soft, Southern belle of the show and was able to charm everyone in the house. Kyle found himself in her spell, and soon was making some mistakes, by his own . admission, with his relationship with her. "I regret some of the mistakes I made with Keri because I was thinking with the wrong head," he said.

Keri was supposed to join the other three MTV stars on their JSU visit, but she didn't make it for unknown reasons, according would do anything to get attention. You would never even know he is a preacher's son.

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When Theo's news of him starring on the Real World made way to his church, many members had some negative reactions to the way he was living his life on the show. "I didn't go there to represent every black male in the United States," he said. "I went there to represent my family and myself."

Some members even went as far as leaving the church. "If y'all wanna let

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those members, "that's your fault." Theo is now running his party

planning business and is in a

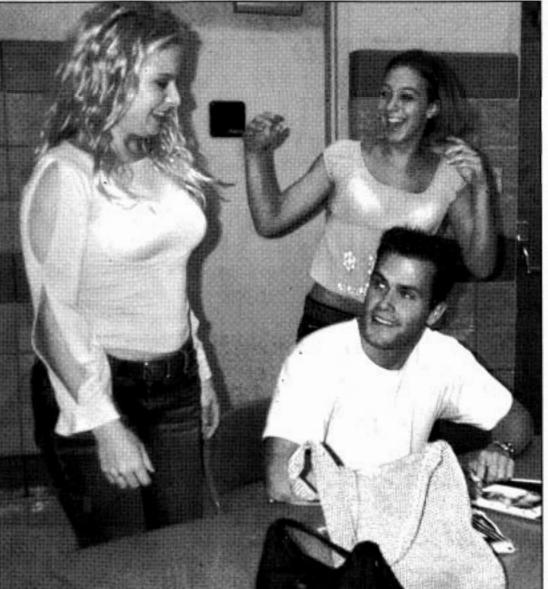
with

monogamous relationship. "I'm trying to be right by one, but it's so hard when I wanna be bad by so many."

Rachel, 19 from Miami, Fla., traveled on Road Rules 11: The Campus Crawl. The cast trekked across the United States, making stops at various universities and completing missions along the way. The Road Rules 11 season is still airing on MTV.

Rachel is more than just a "lipstick" lesbian, according to the MTV Web site. She is a spirited, athletic and competitive woman.

When asked about the sixth episode of Road Rules 11 when the cast made a stop at the University of Alabama in



The Chanticleer/Danni Lusk JSU freshmen Lindsey Hicks and Amanda Johnson bask in TV-star glow of Real World star Kyle, from the 11th season of the MTV program. Kyle and two other MTV reality-show stars were on campus Thursday night as SGA-sponsored entertainment.

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with a spoon.

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it in the form ably the most gross thing I've ever had to do in my life." of a smoothie. Rachel is currently living in but instead of enjoying the New York with Real World ease of simply Chicago cast member Aneesa and plans to start back to college drinking the phallic consoon.

All three cast members agreed they had a wonderful time had to eat it appearing on the MTV shows "Idol"-atry shows just how far we've sunk

By Danni Lusk The Chanticleer Features Editor

Kelly Clarkson, a small town girl from Texas, is now a major superstar, chosen to be an American idol by her peers.

With 16.9 million viewers in its last week, American Idol took the Fox broadcast channel by storm this summer making it the top-rated original summer telecast in over ten years.

The show was destined for fame from the beginning, offering glamour, entertainment and young fresh faces, but what really drove it to hitting the big spot?

Pure blood sport was the first appeal to viewers. With show's like "The Weakest Link" and "Survivor" giving real-world spins to television mixed with competition and mockery, viewers are always looking for a good quality cut-down.

Simon Cowell, one of American Idol's judges, was constantly cutting down contestants. At one point he even went as far as calling two of the male contestants "losers." And on the show's finale. they did a top five countdown of the best cut downs to contestants by Simon.

for unknown reasons, according Symonds.

Theo, 21 hailing from Riverside, Calif., also appeared on the Chicago season of the Real World. He was the outgoing, outspoken ladies man who University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Rachel had mixed feelings. While in Tuscaloosa, the cast had their bull horns stolen off the front of their RV and had some violent experiences which caused them to

Her least meal." favorite mission. but probably one the most entertaining ones to viewers, was when the girls had to eat a solidified and it became like

-Rachel, from MTV's "Road Rules" with a spoon. appearing on the MTV shows and they regret very little. "Because the "I felt like if I held back," cow penis had Rachel said, "I wouldn't be givso much fat

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**Intramurals kick off; new director has big plans** 

#### By Katja Sunnarborg The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU's intramural sports program has been active for years, yet this year brings with it a new intramural director and his goals for the program.

Allen Gilbert, JSU's new intramural sports director, and former JSU graduate, stressed that he wants more students to get involved, have fun together and at the same time meet new people.

For the last four years, Gilbert has been the Intramural Director at Birmingham Southern College. He graduated from JSU in 1997 and when the opportunity came about, he came back to Jacksonville, "away from

Birmingham," as he said.

As he did in Birmingham, Gilbert is planning to use the philosophy he learned while studying at JSU-to get intramural sports bigger and increase the participation.

While in the last few years, intramural involvement has been around 11 percent of the student population, Gilbert said he wants to get involvement around 15 to 20 percent. "School is much more than just books and classrooms," he said, "It's also about the friends that you make. And what is a better way than playing sports?"

Intramural sport involvement has its requirements, however. According to Gilbert, when a student is an athlete on

any of JSU's sport teams, they must wait one academic year before being able to participate in intramural sports.

Students who don't fall into this category, are welcome to sign up, get a team together and participate in the sports they like.

"For students that don't know enough people to form a team and especially if you are a freshman, there is a thing called 'free agent card,'" Gilbert said. "You fill out this 'free agent card' and when you show up for the first meeting with the teams, they can draft you on their team if they like."

According to Gilbert, at the end of the year there are awards to be given for the teams as well as individual athletes.

New to JSU, the All-Sportsmanship Award, will be given out this year. "After each contest, each team is rated on their sportsmanship," Gilbert explained, "how they acted during the game, how they co-operated with officials, were they good sports as a team and so on. We are here to promote, to act accordingly, to have fun and maybe do it again next year."

Right now students can sign up for golf and pre-season flag football until Sept. 12 and flag football and bowling until Sept. 18 at Stephenson Hall. The dates for other sports will be posted later on during the academic year. For more information contact Allen Gilbert at 782-5073.

testants by Simon.

The show also allowed viewers to see normal people like themselves make it big. Raw talent rocketed these teens and twenty-somethings into instant fame and viewers loved it. Not to mention the fact that the viewers held the power of voting someone off the show every week.

Although the show started out with raw talent, contestants singing a cappella at the auditions and choosing their own songs when the show began to air, it soon became apparent that the show was being taken over by the everfamous "corporate machine."

We heard less from the raw talent and more from the debating judges, dorky hosts and unending advertisements. The show and judges even started telling the contestants what songs to sing instead of allowing them to choose their own.

'The "machine" was taking over the raw talent and packaging it for today's pop culture.

So, my big question is can Kelly Clarkson, a beautifully talented young woman, survive the pop culture packaging she's being put through?

RCA recently released her first single and is planning to have her album out by late November. Although her voice is best fit for country and R&B music, we can only guess what the pop princes of RCA have in store for her.

Clarkson is a true talent and she does have the potential to be a musical idol, but true American idols aren't manufactured from some TV show. They are born and they work their way to the top, not just show up on TV and then depend on viewers (who are mostly between the ages of 18-24) who know absolutely nothing about talent to vote on who is the best. That's just plain horse shit.

## Friday classes an endangered species on Florida campuses

By Scott Powers The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. (KRT)-Friday classes are so rare at some Florida universities that many students and faculty enjoy a four-day workweek.

On campuses in Pensacola, Jacksonville, Tampa and Fort Myers, fewer than half the classrooms were in use Friday mornings, and more than three-quarters were empty by 3 p.m., according to state data from the past school year.

At the University of Central Florida, about half the classrooms bustled with students until around noon Fridays. But by 3 p.m. UCF, too, had only a handful of classes going.

Now, several schools have declared the short week a problem. But the situation has evolved over decades, and no one expects to fill Friday

schedules quickly.

UCF Provost Gary Whitehouse said Saturdaymorning classes were the norm when he was a student four decades ago.

"Certainly the president (John Hitt) is conscious of ours and most everyone's lack of productivity on Fridays. Really,'it has implications of the campus being too busy some days. If we can spread it out, it's much better.

"I'd like to say there is a simple solution," he said, implying that there isn't. "We're working on it."

There is resistance. Professors often like to have the day open for research, travel, faculty meetings and office hours. Students see Friday classes as something they can and should avoid.

"Usually, college students like their weekends to start on

Thursday nights," UCF senior Amara Chaudhry, 24, of Orlando said.

She almost got through her entire college career without taking one Friday class. But this semester she got stuck with two. She tried to convince herself to enjoy the novelty, but that didn't last.

"I kind of don't like it," Chaudhry said.

For many of her fellow students, Friday classes remain novel.

An Orlando Sentinel analysis of data on classroom use from last fall, reported by 10 universities to the state Division of Colleges and Universities, shows scheduling drop-offs everywhere, although it varies widely from school to school. Among the findings:

•From Monday through Thursday, 65 percent or more of classrooms on Florida's uni-

versity campuses were in use from 9 a.m. through 7 p.m. But on Fridays, only half the classrooms were in use at 9 a.m. That dropped to 44 percent by noon, 25 percent by 3 p.m. and 9 percent by 6 p.m.

•Weekends started especially early at the universities of South Florida, West Florida, North Florida and Florida Gulf Coast. USF never had more than a third of its classrooms in use on Fridays. By noon, 80 percent of the classrooms at USF and UNF were empty, and 90 percent were empty at UWF.

•Florida's three oldest, most traditional universities — Florida A&M, Florida State and Florida - offered the fullest Friday schedules. More than half their classrooms were in use at least until 2 p.m. But sharp drop-offs occurred after that.

•UCF. Florida Atlantic and Florida International were the middle of the state's pack. Between a quarter and half of their classrooms were in use at least until mid-afternoon Fridays.

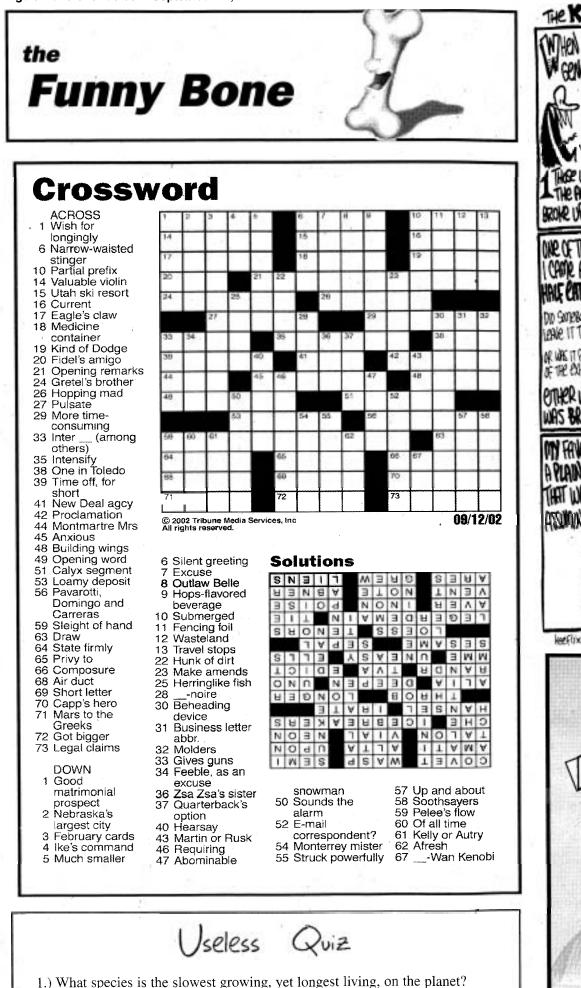
•By 5 p.m. Fridays, none of Florida's 10 public universities was using even a quarter of its classrooms. At Florida Atlantic, only three of 79 classrooms were used. At USF, only two of 159 were used. And at UNF none of 69 classrooms was in use.

Some schools, such as UWF, say their Friday schedules are fuller this year, although statewide data is not yet available.

"We're beginning to shift," UWF Provost Parks Dimsdale said.

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as commuter schools, such as UWF, UCF and USF, long assumed that Friday classes were too tough for working students who juggle college and jobs.

"The general impression has been that the students also find afternoons rather Friday inconvenient and would rather not take those classes," USF Arts and Sciences Dean Renu Khator said. Khator is leading a study there on filling out Fridays.

"We realize, obviously, that space is a crunch, and that is something we simply cannot afford to do anymore."

For university lobbyists trying to convince the Legislature to build more classroom buildings, space crunches are hard to explain when campuses are vacant on Fridays.

Also, almost all of Florida's universities are trying to become more traditional residential colleges anyway.

Maribeth Ehasz, who oversees the process on campus.

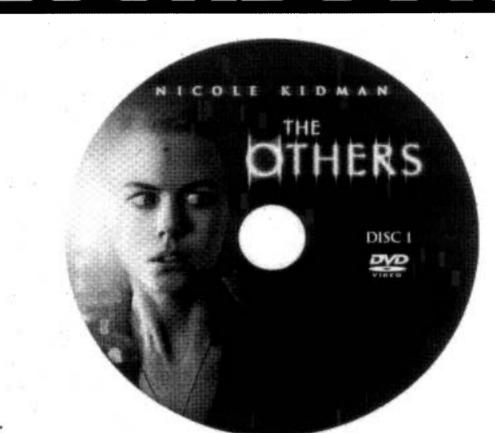
Many professors don't like Friday classes either. But they're not blowing the day off, UCF Faculty Senate President Michael Mullens said. Mullens is an industrialengineering professor.

"Most faculty are required to do significant research, and in order to maintain a research train of thought, it really helps to have some dedicated days you can focus on research," Mullens said. "Friday is a natural."

Of course, Mondays could make good research days too, he said. Or Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, for many faculty.

But professors who volunteer for Friday classes often find them a waste of time. Students don't sign up. And many who sign up fail to show up.

"We are in a consumer-oriented organization, and our consumers are students."



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become more traditional residential colleges anyway.

Scheduling is complex. UCF must fit almost 3,000 classes into about 150 classrooms to serve 39.000 students.

Schedulers can't put a 200student class into a 30-seat room, or a 30-student class into a 200-seat auditorium. Certain classes must run backto-back. Individual colleges at every university have their own demands. And most classes require two days a week.

So with Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Thursday combinations favored, Fridays often are the odd day out.

"It's an intricate process to schedule classes," said UCF Associate Vice President

ented organization, and our consumers are students," Mullens said. "And they will certainly choose the non-Friday classes first. Yet, if we offer those classes and they have to take them, they'll come."

Perhaps.

Rachael Weaver, 20, a junior from Orlando majoring in business management, said there are pluses and minuses to Friday classes. One plus: balancing a schedule so that no day is overloaded. The biggest minus?

"People like to go on vacation," Weaver said. "Friday is definitely the biggest blow-off day of the week."



**On The Square** 





## The Thrill isn't gone after all

By Anthony Hill

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The Chanticleer Sports Editor

I know that most of you are wondering, "What is 'Thrill' still doing on this page? I thought that he graduated."

Well, that's simple. I want to still be here.

I'm presently working with The Anniston Star, attending graduate school and still doing my thing with The Chanticleer. I spent the entire summer contemplating whether or not I should leave. I had a few opportunities, but I decided the best thing for me was to come back for at least a semester and enjoy the good things that are going to happen in the world of sports this year.

I worked in the athletic department for most of the summer, and I had one of the better experiences I've had in a long time. That was very different for me to work in that type of atmosphere. I got a chance to not only get closer to the athletes, I also got a chance to rub elbows with the top dogs in sports. I also met new coaches and players first hand.

I must admit that working in the athletic department was one of the most rewarding things I've done in a while. You never really know what's going on with sports until you work behind the scenes and see how everything is constructed. I saw the good, the bad and the ugly of what REALLY goes on within the building right behind Paul Snow Stadium.

Courtesy Lyle Barnard

JSU's senior quarterback Reggie Stancil looks for a target in the Gamecock's season-opening victory over Alabama A&M. Stancil has fully recovered from bruised ribs sustained in the second quarter of that game, and will start this Saturday against SEC foe Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss.

### Volleyball goes 1-2 at Toledo Tourney From staff, wire reports kills on the night.

The JSU volleyball team (3-4) played its second tournament of the season when it traveled to Toledo to play in the Second Annual Clarion Hotel Westgate Rocket Volleyball Classic last weekend.

With the victory the Gamecocks earned the chance to play Youngstown State and Toledo, but was unable to beat either team last Saturday.

In the first match of the day, JSU won the first game, but miscued its' hitting during the following three some hitting

Crowe says No. 24 JSU must have "zero turnovers" to have a chance in first-ever meeting with SEC team

#### **By Anthony Hill** The Chanticleer Sports Editor

**Gamecocks gear up for Miss. State** 

"This is the game we've been waiting on all summer," said JSU's all-conference safety Markee Coleman.

Yes, it's the game many students and supporters have been waiting on for the last nine months, when Athletic Director Tom Seitz announced the football team would play Mississippi State.

The Gamecocks will travel to Starkville, Miss. to play the Bulldogs on Saturday. The University will receive \$225,000 just for making the trip. This will also mark the first time JSU has played a Southeastern Conference opponent. The football team has had recent success against Division I-A opponents the last two seasons with victories over Louisiana-Lafayette and Arkansas State.

But, the game on Saturday

will be significantly different on all cylinders I don't think from any I-A opponent the football team has faced in the

"I'm sure this is the most talented football team JSU has ever played, to be quite honest with you," Head coach Jack Crowe said. "This is a very unique football game for our football team. I think playing an SEC team is somewhat of a benchmark game."

Some of the players on the football team have played against and with athletes of Mississippi State's caliber before. All-Conference linebacker Corey Warren played at Arkansas, defensive lineman Quintin Bowens transferred from the University of Alabama and All-Conference kicker Steven Lee played for UT.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we can play with Mississippi State," Warrren said. "When we're clicking there's a team in the country that can beat us."

Well, the Gamecocks will be a lot healthier entering this game than they were against Alabama A&M last week. Crowe believes the team will be a lot better with a few key places suiting up. The speedy wide receiver Ralph Jenkins will be one of the key additions to the Gamecock roster on Saturday's game. Free safety Russell Green is also expected to play.

"I think that our team, if we get Ralph up to speed, we should be better on offense," Crowe said. "We're not as good a football team without Ralph Jenkins, I know that. He's a 'stretch the field' guy for us and we didn't have that last week.

"Russell Green, on the other side of the ball, is still work-

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### Gamecock soccer drops USA 1-0; prepares for A-Sun conference opener against 1-3 Troy State

By Anthony Hill The Chanticleer Sports Editor

After beginning the season with two quality opponents, the Jax State soccer team (1-1) looks to be prepared for tonight's conference-opener



past.

behind Paul Snow Stadium. I'd be more than happy to talk about some of the stuff I saw and heard. But there are also events and information that I wouldn't dare spill to the general public.

I continued to have a feeling that things were really going to be good this year. I think this is going to be a special year for JSU, and athletics. In football, we have a great defense, good wide-outs, and of course, Rondy Rogers. In soccer, there's a great senior class leading the charge in Jane Little, Ashley Martin, Emily Hulbert, Angela Tribble and Cecelia Lounder. I can't forget to mention the talented volleyball team we have, along with a promising head coach in Rick Nole. And rifle team head coach Gerald Deboy said that his squad will be shooting well this season. What's new?

Well. I know that most of you are wondering what's being constructed behind the Coliseum. Well, that's where the new soccer complex is going to be located. It should be finished by the start of the 2003 season. At the conclusion of the football season contractors will begin reconstructing the field house and building a new athletic facility, which will include a new team meeting room/film room with seating for over 100 people, new coach offices, and a new exterior entrance. The sports medicine training room will also double in size. Oh yeah, the University is also building a two-story multi-purpose athletic center. It will be located next to the old Jacksonville High School gymnasium.

But, my favorite addition to the University and athletics was the hiring of my favorite JSU football player. Montressa "T-Dawg" Kirby was hired as the new wide receiver coach for the football team. With a guy like that guiding the wideouts, you can't help but believe they will be the difference makers this season.

Only time will tell what's going to happen with sports this year, but whatever happens I want to be here to see it. Go Gamecocks!

Classic last weekend.

The Gamecocks defeated Chicago State, but later dropped matches to host-team Toledo and Youngstown State. The volleyball team began the tournament by defeating Chicago State, 30-26, 30-22,

21-30 and 30-26 last Friday. Chicago State gave JSU a scare after it shot out to a 6-0 lead in the fourth game of the match. The Gamecocks finally tied the Cougars at 11, but just as quickly as the Gamecocks came back, so did the Cougars.

The Gamecocks finally went on an 8-3 run to finish the game and the match.

Alison Wright led the charge with 14 digs on defense, while freshman Kisha West added ten. Senior Sarah Taylor had ten kills, six digs and three service aces. Sophomore Danika Heartt contributed with three aces, while junior Meredith Duke had 31 assists.

Chicago State's Lisa Votteler and Andrea Rose each had 13 miscued its' hitting during the following three games, hitting less than .080 percent. Youngstown State took the match 3-1 (24-30, 30-23, 30-23 and 30-16).

Junior Jennifer "Jen Bren' Brenneman had a double-double against the Penguins (2-3), with 11 kills and 16 digs. West contributed with 20 digs, while Wright added 12 digs.

In the second and last game of the tournament, JSU lost to Toledo, 3-0 (30-18, 30-24, 30-16).

Taylor had an impressive outing with ten kills and West tallied 12 digs. Wright added another 11 digs on defense for the Gamecocks. For Toledo (6-0), Becky Radomski had 14 kills.

Brenneman's performance throughout the weekend, earned her a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

The volleyball team will return to action when it travels to Champaign, III. to play in the Illini Classic tomorrow.

tonight's conference-opener against Troy State (1-3).

The Gamecocks began the season with a 5-0 loss to the 17th ranked team in the nation, and got another tune-up when they defeated the University of South Alabama (3-2), 1-0 last Tuesday at University Field.

The Gamecocks switched from three forwards to only two in hopes of creating more room up front.

Mission accomplished. The Gamecocks frustrated the Lady Jags with their new strategy and caused confusion throughout the entire first half.

"South Alabama yelled at each other for about 15 minutes before they figured out our system." said head coach Lisa

Sophomore defender Breanne Milne steals from South Alabama midfielder Karen Monteleone in Tuesday's match. Milne scored the match's only point to give JSU the victory

Howe. "We're still kind of moving and getting a feel for things. There's still some kinks that we need to work on. But, I think it's a good system for us

and the girls should be successful."

South Alabama wasn't the eas-

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# **Rogers' Payton run brings** "sweetness" to a long career

### By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

For the second-straight season the Gamecocks enter the season with high hopes and confidence. It's also the second-straight season that JSU has a huge media darling. Last year the team and fans rallied around Ashley Martin.

This time it's All-American senior tailback Rondy Rogers. He has been the Gamecocks leading ground gainer the past two seasons. He finished last season with 1,447 yards and 13 touchdowns. So what if he only had 98 yards against "Alabama A&M last Saturday? He's still the man.

Rogers is also one of the leading candidates for the prestigious Walter Payton Award, which is given to the most outstanding offensive back in the distance on this course, so I , Division I-AA. Rogers is one of the 16 finalist announced by The Sports Network earlier this week. Past winners include Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair and Chicago

Bears tailback Adrian Peterson. "I've coached four All-Pro running backs and Rondy has made as many dominating plays as any one of them," head football coach Jack Crowe said.

The attention couldn't have come at a better time for the Jax State football team. Oddly enough, all of the ruckus, praises and attention don't seem very important to Rogers. He doesn't pay too much attention to the amazing statistics he puts up every season.

"I'm really flattered with all the attention I'm getting," Rogers said. "I don't think of myself in that way. I just want to define myself as a running back and person. I don't want to get complacent."

He seems to be driven by goals of being a good father, student and teammate. His\* support from home has always been the main concern in his mind.

"I have a great family," Rogers said. "I've always had a lot of support from my moth-



File Photo/Anthony Hill Senior running back Rondy Rogers

er and father. We had our tough times, where my mom and dad struggled, but the support was always there."

Rogers has used various elements to motivate him throughout the year. He began his journey to success as a walk-on fullback before earning a starting role at tailback. The hard times that Rogers went through as a freshman almost led him to another school.

"I gave serious thought to transferring," Rogers said.

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### Men's cross country finishes second at JU; women place 24th

#### From staff, wire reports

The Jax State cross country team ran in its first event of the year' when it traveled to Jacksonville, Fla., to compete in the Jacksonville University Invitational last weekend.

The men's team ran to a second-place finish to start the 2002 season, while the women finished 24th.

In the men's head-to-head competition. JSU beat Jacksonville University and Savannah State and finished only one point away from Invitation leader, Stetson.

After leading the first half of the race, freshman Matt Morgan sprinted his way to a secondplace finish with a time of 17:50 and senior Dayton Neihuss finished right behind him in third place with a time of 17:57.

courses were slow today," said head coach Aimee Dawson. "The men's winner had a time of 17:46. Our guys did excellent." On the women's side, Rachael Doak was the first to finish for the Gamecocks in the 24th spot with a time of 14:26 in the 3K. Traci Reid was second on the team and had a time of 15:17. Princess Thomas finished at 15:20.

"Both the men's and women's

"It was the first time we have run at JU and I think we did a pretty good job," Dawson said. "How the women finished did not reflect the way they ran.

"They still had a lot of gas in the tank, but it was hard to judge know we will improve."

The cross country team will return to action on Saturday when they travel to Huntsville to compete at UAH.

### Women's golf 11th in tourney

#### From staff, wire reports

The Jacksonville State women's golf team opened the 2002 fall golf season by finishing 11th in the Unlimited Potential/Baytree Golf Tournament in Hattiesburg, Miss., last weekend.

North Carolina Wilmington (897) won the overall tournament by 12 strokes over second place East Carolina (909). The Gamecocks finished with a total score of 941.

Adrienne Millican of East Carolina took medalist honors following a total score of 218.

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iest team to shut out. The Lady Jags have posted 34 goals in their last two matches. They beat Prairie View, 16-0 and walloped Jackson State, 18-0.

"That's impressive, because I don't think we could've scored more than 10 points in 90 minutes, no matter who we're playing," Howe said.

The Gamecocks didn't have to do much scoring against South Alabama. Goalie Amianda Stephens and the Gamecock defense played well enough to blanket the Lady Jags the entire game. Jax State rebounded from the tough loss to WVU by out playing South Alabama and out hustling the Lady Jags to most of the loose balls.

"The team played great tonight," Howe said. "The team looked entirely different from how they looked against West Virginia. This had nothing to do with me. The girls played well and did it tonight."

The game began as a defensive struggle, with both teams guarding their goals very well. The Gamecocks also improved with their shot selection. After only attempting one shot against West Virginia last week, they fired off 11 shots against South Alabama, with five coming in the first half.

Millican had rounds of one over 73, one under 71 and two over 74.

JSU's top finisher was newcomer Marilen Ruiz, who tied for ninth following a total score of 227. Ruiz shot a 79, 78 and a final round two-under 70. Florencia Moran finished tied for 25th following a total score of 232. Moran had rounds of 77, 75 and 80.

Angie Green tied for 75th after posting a 242 following rounds of 81, 79 and 82. Marie-Eve Dion (248) and Colette Murray (255) rounded out the competition for the Gamecocks.

cially Stephens. She finished the game with nine saves, with six coming in the second half.

"Amanda is good, and she's a great vocal leader for us," Howe said of Stephens. "She doesn't play like a freshman. She really plays like someone with a lot of experience. I think she's going to be one of the better players to come through this program."

The first half ended with the score knotted at nothing, but the Gamecocks came out in the second half with vengeance. Sophomore Breanne Milne slapped the ball past Rogers for the first and only score of the game, four minutes into the second half.

Jax State continued to attack the Lady Jaguar goal, but Rogers was able to stop the Gamecocks from penetrating the nets for the rest of the game. Tribble, Milne, Emily Hulbert, Jane Little, Liz Hendricks and Ashley Martin all recorded shot attempts during the victory, with Tribble leading the way with three.

Julia Herman led South Alabama in shot attempts, with three of her own. The Lady Jaguars finished the game with 14 shot attempts.

The soccer team will travel to Troy to face a struggling, but hungry Troy State team today. The same is set to start at 1 n m

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ing in a cast and **unable to** have contact," Crowe said. "If we can get him back, which I see as a possibility, but not probable, then we should be as close to full strength as we can."

The Gamecocks have to worry about more than just the MSU **football** team, they've also got to worry about the rowdy fans at Scott Field.

"They say it's one of the louder stadiums in the SEC, even though **it's not** the biggest," said offensive lineman Deon White. "It's going to be an experience for everybody."

The Bulldogs aren't a team that's **impossible** to beat. Troy State beat Mississippi State on its homecoming last year. Bulldog head coach Jackie Sherrill said his team, has been thinking of that game, as well as the upcoming JSU game, for a week.

"I don't think the guys will be looking ahead for whatever reason," Sherrill said. "They don't have to be reminded of what happened to us last year. We're also motivated to play Jacksonville State because we

didn't win our last ballgame." The Bulldogs were slaugh-

tered by the Oregon Ducks in Eugene during the first week of the season. "I think they're going to be hungry and very focused," said Crowe. Many people have mixed fcelings about whether the Gamecocks will pull off the win on Saturday. But, the players firmly believe they can shock the campus, and the world.

"Troy State beat them last year," White said. "They can be beat. It's going to be fun. I'm glad they are on the schedule. I'm very pumped up about the game."

"There probably aren't too many people that think we're going to have a chance to win," Crowe said. "We've got to take care of our own mindset.

"Anybody who thinks this team is going to go in there tight, you've got to think again, because we ain't. There's no pressure on us. We can have fun and enjoy the experience and play it for what it is. We're serious about playing these people. Very, very serious."

The game is set to kick-off at 6 p.m. at Scott Field in Starkville.



"But my mom **always told** me to never give up, so I didn't quit. I think that God answered my prayers."

Most of Roger's prayers seemed to get answered after Crowe became the head coach. Rogers said that he wouldn't be the player he is today without the support and confidence of Crowe.

"Coach Crowe came in with the offense that I wanted to be a part of," Rogers said. "I went to him and told him that I couldn't survive without a scholarship. I went to him and told him that I was hungry and hurting. He then evaluated some things and gave me a scholarship."

Many of the coaches and players think highly of Rogers. He's one of those players and people who make others adapt to him. His most impressive quality is his enjoyment of learning.

"I"m more of a **mental** player now," said Rogers. "The most important part of preparing for anything is to study. I consider myself to be a student of the game."

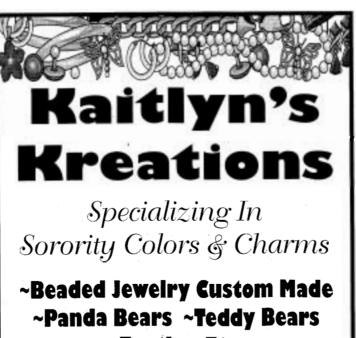
"He (Rondy) takes great pride in doing the little things," said running back coach Jimmy Ogle. "He studies not only what other teams are doing, but himself as well. I've been around some pretty good backs, some first round choices like James Stewart, Jamal Lewis and Travis Henry. I think they're all special in their own way, but what makes Rondy so special for us IS he's got such great leg drive. Rarely does that first guy bring him down. He just keeps going."

Senior All-Conference offensive lineman Deon White says that Rogers Is the kind of back that can make any offensive line look good.

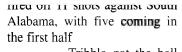
"He's simply a great back," White said. "I remember one play during the Stephen F. Austin game last year when I missed a block, and I just knew he was going to get smashed for a loss and just ran over about two guys and then took it (the ball) to the house. He's just that good."

No one knows what the future holds for Rogers or the Gamecocks. One thing that's for certain is that as long as Rogers is healthy the Gamecocks are a much better team.

"We're definitely better with him than we are without him," Crowe said. "I would buy a ticket just to see Rondy run."







Tribble got the ball rolling early by attempting two shots within the first two minutes of the game. Jaguar goalie Kyla Rogers stopped both attempts. As a matter of fact, both goalies played well, espeTroy to face a struggling, but hungry Troy State team today. The game is set to start at 1 p.m

"This is going to be a tough game," Howe said. "We'll use our depth more against them. I don't think I have to do much to get them ready for Troy. They know how to motivate themselves for Troy State."



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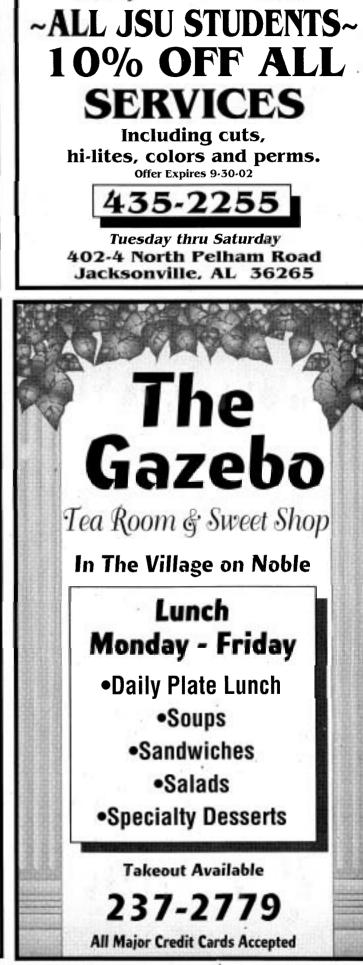
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# **1** on **1** with Thrill: soccer's Little big on field

#### By Anthony "Thrill" Hill The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Senior soccer player Jane Little is described as the emotional leader of the team. Little is more than the leader, she's also everyone's best friend. Most of the players confide in her when they have a thing or two on their minds.

She's also one of the most down-to-earth people on this campus. If you saw her out somewhere you probably wouldn't think that she's an athlete. She looks like a regular female at JSU. But after watching Jane play, you would know she's far from normal. Her play is a lot bigger than her name.

Thrill: How are you today, Jane?

Jane: I'm great. How are you doing?

Thrill: I'm pretty good. Thanks for asking. What makes this season different from past seasons besides the fact that you're a senior this year?

Jane: I think it's the fact



to be there. Thrill: Coach (Lisa) Howe described Coach Lisa Howe

you as the leader of this team. Do you recognize yourself as the leader? If so, what makes you a leader?

Jane: I think I do a good job leading by example. I have a basically 20 percent scorpercent stopping the other scoring. How big was the

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younger I played baseball with the boys. We didn't have a girls team. I got sick of playing with the boys so I played soccer.

Thrill: Is soccer big in Canada? It seems like it would be too cold. Jane: (Laughs) There's a

rising interest in soccer in Canada. We actually went into double-overtime with the U.S. women's team, under 19, in the World Cup the other day.

**Thrill:** Let's briefly talk about last season. It wasn't one of the better seasons for the Gamecocks or Coach Howe. What was the problem with the team last year? Jane: We definitely had some players on the team that didn't want to be there. That makes a huge difference. We also had some injury problems.

Thrill: What is your relationship like with Coach Howe?

Jane: (Long pause.) We've been through a lot together the last four years. I think we both know each other

well now. Therefore, our communication is growing. Thrill: Let me ask you this. Why don't women celebrate by throwing their shirts into the crowd after a soccer game like the men? Jane: I'm not sure the athletic department would appreciate that. Thrill: You have on sports bras underneath. You change before games. Why not just give the crowd something to remember?

Jane: Next game I'll do that for you "Thrill." (Both laugh.)

Thrill: Do you feel like the students here care enough about the soccer program? **Jane:** There's a selective group that cares about the soccer program. I think it could be expanded. Overall, students on campus simply need to be more informed with what's going on with the sports.

Thrill: Who's the funniest person on the team? Jane: I think we're all pretty funny. We joke around a lot and that makes for a fun atmosphere. We're all pretty damn funny (Laughs.). **Thrill:** Do you have any

funny road trip stories? Jane: (Laughs.)

Well, when I was a freshman I got left in Memphis. I thought I was early for a game, but I was actually late and Tiger Woods

Coach Howe made an example out of me. People still talk about that. They

wasn't funny at the time, but it's funny now. **Thrill:** What is the first

thing you do when you get in your hotel room during a road trip? Jane: I use the bathroom. (Both laugh.) Thrill: What other sports do you like to play or watch?

Jane: Basketball. I played basketball in high school, and volleyball. I really miss volleyball. **Thrill:** You all got pretty excited after the football team won last week. I heard everyone was going crazy in the hotel when Steven hit the game-winning field goal. How well do you think they'll do against

Mississippi Státe on Saturday?

Jane: I think the football team has been developing well as a team since Coach Crowe got here. I think they'll put a respectable effort

forth. I hope they win. Thrill: What athlete would



I think that's amazing. Thrill: What was the last even made a song about it. It CD you bought or burned? Jane: Dave Matthews Band, "Busted stuff." It's awesome.

> Thrill: If you could date any person, who would it be? Jane: My boyfriend (Mike Healey). (Laughs.) I got to say that.

Thrill: What made you decide to come to school all the

way in Alabama? You're all the way from Canada. Jane: It was a coaching connection. It was a good opportunity.

**Thrill:** Let's do some free association. Jill Dick. (Former JSU soccer player) Jane: (Laughs.) Great last name. (Both laugh.)



Thrill: Britney Spears. Jane: Good dancer. Thrill: Nova Scotia. (Jane's birthplace) Jane: Beautiful. Thrill: Chris Rock.

Jane: Funny. Thrill: George W. Bush. Jane: (Laughs.) Slow at times. Bad speeches. Thrill: Emily Hulbert. (JSU soccer player) Jane: Great friend. Thrill: BET. Jane: Black Entertainment Television. Thrill: (Laughs.) That's it. Thanks for the time, Jane. Jane: Anytime.



Jane: It's pretty crucial because you want someone in the net that's going to do a good job. I think that we've

Senior defender Jane Little

got a good freshman (Amanda Stephens) at that position that's got a lot of confidence. We believe in her.

**Thrill:** Who would you say are the most skillful players on the team this year?

Jane: Ashley (Martin) and



field?

**Ashley Martin** 

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Jane: I'm pretty vocal. I'm good in the air too. Thrill: Good in the air? Jane: Yeah. (Both laugh) I'm pretty short, but I can win the air balls. I have ups. White girls can jump. (Both laugh.)

Thrill: How did you begin playing soccer? What increased your interest in the sport? Jane: Actually, when I was

