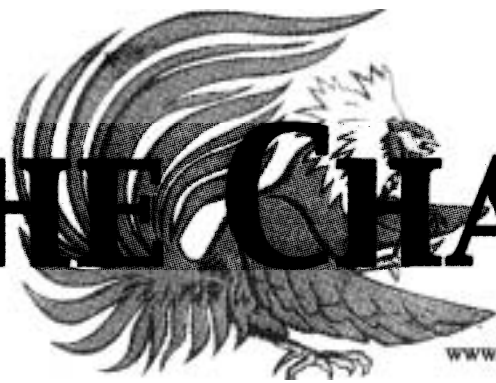


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SGA continues voter registration efforts

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

On Sept. 9, citizens will vote on the largest tax reform measure in Alabama history. To encourage students to take part, the Student Government Association sponsored a voter registration drive throughout the summer.

During the month of July, the SGA set up information table at each Orientation browse session to encourage freshmen to vote. It has been their goal to encourage all JSU students to become

more politically conscious and concerned about issues affecting their lives and the state of Alabama.

"We do not have an exact count of students who have registered," said Chris Cook, president of the Student Government Association, "but we handed out over a hundred applications at each Orientation session to incoming freshmen. We're confident that many have signed up."

The voter registration drive has been an ongoing program of the SGA for many years, as they

have tried to register as many students as possible. They have continuously made an effort to help students realize the potential of a single vote in helping to change state policies.

Whether they vote yes or no on Sept. 9, the SGA wants to encourage their fellow students to exercise their right of opinion. Elizabeth Davis, SGA committee chair of voter registration, hopes that this year's efforts will surpass those of previous years and wants to focus on educating the campus on the importance of voting.

"It is important to vote, because it is everyone's right as a United States citizen," Davis said, "and we have a great opportunity to make a difference."

The SGA kicked off the semester's voter registration efforts yesterday with a table at Get On Board Day. Students were able to fill out registration information at the table, and the SGA representatives were available to encourage students to vote on Sept. 9.

"Not only do students have a chance to voice their opinions

about what Alabama should be in the future," Cook said, "but the voter outcome on Sept. 9 will affect our university, our lifestyles and everything we do in Alabama."

Voter registration continues until tomorrow. For information call the Calhoun County Courthouse at 241-2930.

"I don't understand why people would not go and vote," Cook said. "If they want Alabama to be the way they think it should be, then they need to vote. It's voicing their opinion."

Students getting a new place of their own

Paul Snow Stadium will feature a new student section by the first game

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

The 2003 season marks the 100th year of football for Jacksonville State University. The first home game will kick off at 7 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium on Sept. 13. This game will also introduce a new and improved student section, designated exclusively for all those true student Gamecock fans.

With the coming of football's centennial year, University President Bill Meehan formed a committee to help evaluate some areas of major concern with JSU athletic support. The athletic support committee was made up of several University staff members, members of the athletic department and several student representatives.

The major goals of the committee focused on increasing student participa-

Heads Up!





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Gamecock Soccer kicks off a new season on a new field —

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Peaceful demonstrators assemble at the capital

By Mark Niesse
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Defenders of the Ten Commandments monument in the Alabama Judicial Building are preparing to peacefully resist its anticipated removal this week.

More than 100 demonstrators gathered on the courthouse steps Sunday knowing the 5,300-pound monument could be moved in the early morning hours of Monday or Tuesday as the business week

gets under way.

“There is a national call out to families and Christians all over the country to come to Montgomery and support the word of God,” said Steven Hopkins, a minister from Burnet Bible Church in Texas. “Americans are being arrested for standing up for the word of God.”

The group plans to block the removal of the monument by blocking the doors of the building by kneeling and locking hands.

Some of the demonstrators

have been at the courthouse since last week. But they said

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• *Jeremy Jordan at the capital in Montgomery*

the longer they were there, the more committed they were to staying.

“I got more energy since I don’t know when — God gave me strength,” said Scott Campbell of Gurley in north Alabama, who has kept vigil there since Thursday. He wore a sign that quoted Psalms: “The fool hath said ... there is no God.”

A few people in the gathering were there to represent those who want the monument removed.

“I’m here to check out the circus,” said 21-year-old Jeremy Jordan of Montgomery. “I thought

church was supposed to be separate from the state.”

Opinions on the Ten Commandments monument were more varied among people at church services Sunday.

Most people, wearing their Sunday best, said the marker makes an important statement — bringing religion to the forefront and breaking down laws to keep God out of public life.

But many argued that Chief

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committee focused on increasing student participation at football games and giving the students something they could call their own. The new student section now gives students their own bathrooms, concession stands and designated gate.

Athletic Director Jim Fuller is confident that the new student section will bring about improved attendance at the football games. “It’s my understanding that this is what students wanted,” Fuller said. “We wanted to accommodate their needs and the needs of the Marching Southerners.”

According to Greg Seitz, Sports Information Director, the new student section will be located closer to the Gamecock Fieldhouse, stretching over sections W thru T. “The band will act as a buffer in sections R and S between the students and visitors,” Seitz said, “This will help prevent non-students from entering the section and taking seats.”

The student-designated bathrooms will be located directly under the stands, and students will enter the gate closest to the new designated section. The ultimate plans for cultivating a more student-friendly environment at home football games are just in the beginning stages.

SGA President Chris Cook served on the committee as a student representative and is confident that the improve

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By the numbers:

Number of football games JSU has played since the first game in 1904

793

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Women’s Soccer:

Friday - vs. University of Alabama, 7 p.m.
Aug. 31 - at Birmingham Southern

Football:

Saturday - at Alabama A&M, 6:30 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball:
Saturday - vs. Gardner-Webb

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JSU alumnus named new housing director

By Rosalind Moore

The Chanticleer News Editor

Jacksonville State began searching for a new director of University Housing when former director Marie Humphrey resigned last spring. After a nationwide search, JSU ended up choosing one of its own: alumnus Kevin Hoult.

Hoult is originally from Hartselle, Ala., and graduated with a bachelor's degree from JSU in 1997. After completing a master's degree in 1999, Hoult moved to Ohio and became coordinator of Student Activities and Residence Life at Shawnee State University. For the past two years, Hoult worked at the University of Tennessee as residence manager. He began

working at JSU during the first week of August.

As the new University Housing director, Hoult has spent his first few weeks preparing for the current semester and learning the intricacies of JSU's housing system.

Hoult is excited about the future of the JSU housing department and is looking forward to a year full of exciting new experiences and the future development of the office. "Through my former experience, I want to bring in ideas about things I have previously encountered," Hoult said, "and that I hope will be effective here, and I have gained skills in working with students and staff."

Last year, University Housing underwent many

changes in its processes and leadership. Hoult hopes to bring positive and effective ideas that will work for the campus community. He listed several important items on his list of major goals for the office. "We want to continue cooperating with the physical plant to improve residence hall conditions," said Hoult.

Other issues of focus included more residence life programs for students, exploring

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"Our office is working extremely hard on the waiting list," Hoult said, "and each day we are trying to get stu-

dents off of the waiting list and into spaces."

Hoult is looking forward to working with his new staff and making improvements for the future of JSU's housing department. He considers one of his major strengths to be his leadership style and ability to work with others. He hopes his new ideas and experiences will bring positive changes to the department.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **JSU Disaster Team** organization and recruitment meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium on the 2nd floor. Please come and hear how you can be a part of this exciting organization. Refreshments will be provided. **Contact:** Maryann, 782-8254.

• **The Organizational Council** meeting will be held at the President's House on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. The Organizational Council is the governing body for all the student organizations on campus. All organizations are required to send at least one representative to the meeting. **Contact:** Alesha Ingram, 782-5491.

• **The Society of Professional Journalists** will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 4 p.m. in the Self Hall conference room. Everyone is invited to attend and to find out more about the organization. **Contact:** Mike Stedham, 782-5713.

• **JSU Peer Educators** will host a "Health Fair" Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. RMC Wellness bus will be in front of TMB to provide blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes screenings. Gold's Gym, Calhoun County Health Department, County Extension Services and Counseling Career Services will be on site. **Contact:** Norma Penny, npenny@jsucc.jsu.edu.

• **Delta Sigma Theta** will host Delta Week 2003: Crimson Candyland, Sept. 1 - Sept. 7. Come kick it with the lovely ladies of the Kappa Beta chapter. Monday: Cotton Candy Caribbean Festival at 7 p.m. Wednesday: Laffy Taffy Talk Show at 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Fun Day on the Quad.

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ments will breed a better fan atmosphere for students. "The new student section will have a more laid-back atmosphere," Cook said, "and there may also be plans to cultivate a tailgating area in the grassy section near the fieldhouse."

Cook hopes that this area will develop into a place where grills can be put in and create a place for students to enjoy pre-game activities. The addition of student-designated bathrooms, concessions and seating will help to

dents about the new section," said Fuller, "and I told them I was really excited, and I think they are also."

"The new position of the Marching Southerners will give them a better opportunity to showcase their music to the fans in the red seats," said

ever, be worried about where their guests will sit. "Guest tickets will be available for purchase that will allow any guests of students to be admitted into the student section," said Seitz.

Overall, the committee is confident that these new improvements will increase student participation at games and foster a better fan atmosphere.

Cook has high hopes that the new section will allow campus organizations to set up informational tables and help get more students

igned bathrooms, concessions and seating will help to foster a more student-exclusive atmosphere.

"The visiting team will remain on the side of the student section," said Seitz. "The JSU cheerleaders will be located in front of the student section." The area will not be gated, but there will be signs and barricades to designate the area and keep out non-students.

The Marching Southerners will also get a new home in sections R and S. "I talked with some of the band stu-

Marching Southerners.

• *Jim Fuller*
JSU Athletic Director

Seitz. The athletic department thinks that all the improvements will make a difference at JSU football games.

The committee hopes that the new student section will decrease student disturbances and police intervention at home games. They hope that students will be able to enjoy games better.

Students should not, how-

up informational tables and help get more students involved on campus. Cook wants to encourage students to check out the new section.

"Wouldn't you come to a game if you knew that no one was going to take your seat," said Cook, "and that you've got something that is always going to be there with your own concessions and bathroom? I know I would."

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

CAMPUS CRIME

Mar. 24-- Joshua Lee Sauls, 21 of Boaz, AL was arrested by JSUPD for driving under the influence occurring at Forney Avenue and Cole 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.

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Moving In



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With the help of her family, incoming freshman Ashley Smith of Chattanooga, Tenn. moves into Sparkman Hall during the busy move-in week before school.

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Justice Roy Moore should abide by his oath to respect the rule of law and obey a federal court order to haul the washing-machine sized display of the commandments from the building that houses the Alabama Supreme Court.

The issue has torn the consciences of Christians who can't decide which law to respect – the law of God that Moore says he's upholding or the rules of the American legal system?

Tanya McLemore, carrying a Bible and wearing a gleaming cross on a necklace, said Moore is doing the right thing by following his beliefs.

"A man stood up for what is right, and he's taking a lot of criticism," said McLemore before the 11 a.m. Sunday service at First Baptist Church in downtown Montgomery. "But the Ten Commandments are the basis of our law and our government. It's important to know where we came from."

To some, the monument needs to be in the rotunda of the court building, to give a statement about the primacy of God's law and to reform a society in a state of decay because it doesn't have widespread support of a higher power.

"If it weren't for God, we wouldn't have this country now," said Adam Taft, a 20-year-old carrying a worn Bible into Ridgecrest Baptist Church. "I feel strongly about it – it's the right thing to do."

At Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, worshippers said they want the Ten

Commandments in public life, but they had reservations about the way Moore has handled the situation.

Moore, himself a Southern Baptist, had the monument installed in the dead of night on July 31, 2001, and he has resisted all attempts to have it removed despite losing court battles at all levels and being suspended with pay Friday.

"It was forced down our

throats. This has taken the focus off of God and put it on a man," said Debbie Stack outside Frazer.

Moore has pledged to argue his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, and a citizen's group plans to file a federal lawsuit Monday in Mobile claiming their First Amendment rights are being violated by the monument's pending removal.

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In Our View

Time to grow up, Time to vote

On Sept. 9, the people of Alabama will vote on the largest tax reform package in state history. Whether or not voters approve Gov. Riley's proposal, the outcome will directly affect the pocketbooks of JSU students.

Sadly, if past elections are any indicator, college students will be conspicuously absent from the polls on Election Day. It's ironic that our state's youngest eligible voters – despite their need for independence and desire to be respected as adults – are so willing to let others make such an important decision for them.

If you are still not registered to vote, your chance to have a voice in this latest referendum is running out. The registration deadline is this Friday. Don't know how to register? Go by the SGA office on the fourth floor of the TMB and ask. They'll be happy to help.

Incidentally, as long as you turn 18 on or before Sept. 9, you can register for this election, even if your birthday is after tomorrow's deadline. But if you wait until next week to register, it'll be too late. You'll be stuck with the repercussions of whatever decision everyone else made while you were busy doing something else.

Registration isn't even half the battle, though.

Depending on whom you listen to, a yes vote on Amendment 1 will either solve the most severe funding crisis this state has ever seen, or it will give those pork-happy Montgomery boys another billion dollars to waste.

So how should you vote? That's where adulthood is earned. Special interest groups on both sides are pouring millions of dollars into campaigns to sway your vote. The worst thing you can do is only listen to one side and follow blindly wherever they lead you.

Study all you can about the tax package. Find out what supporters and opponents have to say. Do everything you can to ensure that when Sept. 9 rolls around, you'll know enough to decide for yourself.

We'll do our part to present both sides of this important issue.

But you need to do your part, too. Register, research, and remember to vote.

You're an adult now. It's time to let your voice be heard.

A billion dollar blank check? I don't think so

How would you like to have a boss that gave you 1.2 billion dollars to spend?

That's a real nice guy, I would say.

Well, that's exactly what Bob Riley is giving the Alabama State Legislature if Amendment 1 passes on Sept. 9 – 1.2 billion dollars of free money.

Governor Riley's plan to raise double the budget deficit is a good idea, however some legislators, and myself, are a bit nervous about what is going to happen to the money once it is split between the General Fund

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer
Editor in Chief



and the Education Trust Fund.

Riley says on his Web site the money is going to expand the Alabama Reading Initiative. He says it is going to give certain teachers a pay raise for accepting positions in "hard-to-staff schools."

But he also admits that the money will not be earmarked. Meaning it's free for legislators to earmark it for whatever needs

money on their personal agendas.

Even State Sen. Roger Bedford, D-Russellville and co-chairman of the General Fund budget-writing committee, said in a recent interview with the Decatur Daily that, "This is free money, unearmarked, and it can be spent on anything that the Legislature deems appropriate, whether the governor supports it or not."

To students, the tax increase on things like auto repairs and oil changes will harm our very small incomes. And the federal taxes for Social Security and

Medicaid that are already taken out of our meager paychecks will be taxed by the state. This means you'll pay tax on tax money you've never even seen.

The increase in property taxes may force some apartment and house owners to raise rent to make up for the hit to their wallets.

And cigarette smokers will pay 31 cents per pack in taxes instead of the 16.5 cents it is right now.

Sure, if this amendment doesn't pass, tuition will more than likely go up. But when in the past five years has it not gone up? And where would you rather lose money, directly out of your pocket now, or four years from now when you're paying for low-interest student loans with a job that pays a good salary?

And if this amendment passes, we will progressively be paying more and more taxes until the year 2008. By that year, state and local property taxes will have been raised a total of \$467 million.

In the end, if we as students allow this amendment to pass, we will be paying now out of our meager incomes and later out of our hard-earned salaries.

So, if it were all up to me I'd rather keep my own free money now and later, rather than give it to unreliable politicians with personal agendas.



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IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Have you registered to vote?"



**“Have you
registered to vote?
Why or why not?”**

*--Compiled by
J. Wilson Guthrie
Sports Editor*



Tim Barker
Freshman
Pre-business

*“Yes, I want to have a say in
government. I don’t want all old
people making decisions.”*



Cobie Carlisle
Sophomore
Undecided

“No, I don’t know where to go.”



Zac McClendon
Freshman
Art

*“Yes, so I can keep bleeding heart
liberals out.”*



Erin Smith
Junior
Education

“Yes, I don’t know.”



Ellis Williams
Grad student
Psychology

*“Yes, I registered a long time ago.
The older you get, the more
important issues become.”*

Voting yes to Amendment 1 should be an easy choice

Deciding to support Gov. Bob Riley’s \$1.2 billion dollar tax plan in the statewide referendum on Sept. 9 should be simple for a college student.

**By
Ben Cunningham**
*The Chanticleer
Guest Columnist*



lucky. State Troopers can’t collect a fee from

everybody who makes it home safe because they’ve pulled over a drunk driver. The courts can’t charge the families of

murder victims for prosecuting the killer, or ask them to pay to lock him up in prison or to execute him. You’ll have a revolt on your hands if you try to charge tuition at public K-12 schools.

These are services we all benefit from as citizens, and we all pay our part in taxes to keep the system running. But more importantly, they’re places you might be looking for a job. You are going to need a job after you graduate to pay back those student loans, right?

So what’s your major? Since this is JSU, there’s a good chance it’s education. Good luck finding a job if school systems are forced to lay off teachers when the tax plan doesn’t pass. Music ed? Nobody’s going to need band directors if they can’t afford music programs.

How about criminal justice? If it’s forensics you want to get into, forget it. There won’t be any new jobs in the labs anytime soon. The State Troopers and Alabama Bureau of Investigation will probably be cutting their already bare-bones staff – not adding new positions.

So you don’t want to work for the government? You’re a business major? Or finance? Economic development will likely stall, as the state won’t be able to afford industrial development programs, job training or the big tax breaks used to lure companies like Honda and Hyundai here in the past. That will affect just about everyone looking for a job in the private sector, as the effects of slow growth – or even recession – take a toll on the economic food chain.

All this could be remarkably different if the plan passes. State agencies would have the money to fund everything they did last year, and they’d actually have the cash to start making improvements.

Tuition won’t go down – it never goes down – but it could rise more slowly. And JSU might actually be able to add a few new things around campus to justify the extra money you’re giving them.

Schools could recruit more teachers – perhaps you – and maybe even pay them what they’re worth.

Freshmen who come to JSU after you might not have to worry about student loans, since the tax plan includes a program to pay tuition for Alabama high school graduates with at least a B average. It’s just like Georgia’s plan except it’s paid for without a lottery.

State law enforcement might actually get the money to hire more troopers, forensic

investigators, prison guards, etc. Does anybody smell jobs?

The state could see loads of improvements in industrial development, better roads and humanitarian services. Basically, our state could realize the potential that has been held back so long by a broken system, and doing so could mean lots of job opportunities in the public and private sectors.

If the plan fails, we’ll have two options. First is for the Legislature to come up with some money – though certainly not \$1.2 billion. The state will at best maintain the status quo in education and government, and if you think that’s good enough, you need to lay off the pipe.

The second option is no new taxes of any kind, and let state services be slashed when the Legislature passes a budget \$675 million smaller than last year – raising your tuition and making your prospects for a job pretty scarce.

So you don’t have to “do the right thing” on Sept. 9, as the signs and stickers say. Just do it for yourself. Vote yes on Sept. 9 and see what you and this state can accomplish.

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Hard work pays off for JSU's Spirit

Change is sometimes for the best

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

For the second year in a row, JSU's Spirit Drum and Bugle Corps made it to the Drum Corps International World Championship finals in Orlando, Fla., finishing in 12th place on Aug. 9.

"We were very excited; the competition was very stiff. At quarterfinals we were at 14th and then in semifinals the next night we jumped two places," explained Ken Bodiford, the Executive Director of Spirit. "The kids gave an outstanding performance, and we were able to make it to the top 12 in finals once again."

The corps was founded in 1976 and first competed in 1977, placing 23rd in the DCI Championship. Spirit has operated as the summer marching ensemble of JSU since the 2002 season. Auditions are usually held the first week of December, and about 350 students from all over the country come each year to try out, but only 135 are chosen. They are selected based on musical ability, marching skill, attitude, discipline, dedication and commitment.

Members then gather once a month during the winter from September until May and practice for the weekend, as much as 10 hours a day. On Memorial Day weekend, all students move into the campus and start practicing everyday for about 20 days, 10-12 hours a day. "It's really physically demanding, and by the end of the summer some of these kids



Courtesy Mike Morris

Merrell Holmes performs with the Spirit Drum and Bugle Corps, which recently finished 12th at the Drum Corps International World Championship finals.

the top athletes in the nation," according to Bodiford.

During the summer the members of the corps travel about 12,000 miles around the country by bus and are hosted by different high schools in each state they visit. They sleep on gymnasium floors, use facilities provided and use the football field to practice. That is the routine every day, and most nights there is a competition. The corps is judged on musical excellence, technique and visual effectiveness.

It is estimated that the top 20 drum and bugle corps perform

the year, including live and televised performances. Clips from the top 12 corps performances will be aired on Aug. 30 and 31 on Alabama Public Television, giving good exposure for the University and the music department.

"Everything relates to the final competition in the end of the summer where all the corps in the world are competing against each other. The goal every year is to make it to the top 12, because that is the most elite group," according to Bodiford.

What makes these kids do it

activity. All the students have to pay to participate, and it is about as close to being in the military as you can get. It also takes the marching activity to the highest performance levels, "because you're striving for perfection, and you break down every single movement as much as you can to get as close to perfection as possible," Bodiford explained.

"We would give a great show, and we'd think the scores would go up, and it would go down. I was afraid the kids would be depressed and their motivation be low,

morning ready to work harder," said Bodiford.

Even though the conditions were miserable during the finals week and the competition level high, Spirit was able to pull it out. "It was an absolutely wonderful group of kids to work with; probably the most talented I have ever worked with," said Bodiford.

"Their performance kept getting stronger every single night. Although the scoring was sometimes inconsistent with the judges, it had to be one of the most resilient group of kids I have ever worked

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



It feels good to be back, but it felt even better to be home. I have two places where I love to be, yet the distance between those two is sometimes overwhelming. Now that I'm back in Jacksonville and starting my last year, I can't help myself missing my "real" home back in Finland. Yet when I go back home, I miss this place that has begun to feel like home as well. It is hard to be in the "wrong" place all the time.

I often wonder why do we even leave home? Sometimes I find myself thinking how much easier my life would have been if I had never left my home country. There would not be this other place to miss, or most importantly these people I've gotten to know during these three years I've stayed here. The missing is the worst part: not being able to hop into my car and drive home whenever I feel like it.

Yet for most people the answer is clear. They leave to go to school, to be independent for the first time and to learn how to survive on their own. I guess that would be my answer as well; I came to get an education, to learn English and to be on my own, but at the same time I could have done that a little bit closer to home.

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For example, my niece is now 8 years old. She started second grade almost two weeks ago. I had no idea how big she had grown to be until I went home this summer. I felt like I had missed something huge, her being one of the biggest parts of my life. Every time I go home I feel like I should be doing a hundred things at the same time just so I won't miss anything. Yet nobody can do that - I know for sure that I can't.

What I wasn't able to do was to catch up on all the things that had happened during the spring, but I also realized that people grow up and things change no matter where you are. It wouldn't make a difference if I were home; there would still be missed moments, and my niece would still be able to surprise me. Looking back and "what-if" thinking is not worth it in the end.

I do not regret a moment I've spent here. I have learned so much and met so many interesting people that it makes this all worth it. The most interesting person I have met is myself. I had no idea how much courage I had in me until I came here. I have gone over my limits and found out that while being a human being, I am still able to do whatever I set my mind to do. My mother tells me that all the time, but it has not been until now that I started to believe her.

In the end this is what we are here for, to believe in ourselves and to build a future. Most if not all of us have our other lives somewhere else, and while we miss that other place where we also belong, we still try to build this new life somewhere else. In times of doubt - "is it all worth it?" - the answer is yes. What comes out of it might be a changed person, but at least it will be a stronger and much richer one.

SGA kicks off with Welcome Week

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

It's that time of the year again when the SGA welcomes all the new and old students to the campus with Welcome Week and all its free activities.

"The Welcome Week is for the students to feel like this is their home away from home," according to Mardracus Russell, the SGA's Vice President of Student Activities.

The week started yesterday with "Cookout on the Quad," where the SGA served free food for students and faculty. At the same time, with Get on Board Day, all the organizations on campus had a chance to be seen and heard in front of the campus community. It also gave an opportunity for students and faculty to get to know each other and interact for the first time before school starts, explained former SGA President Robert Hayes.

"One of the main reasons behind Welcome Week is to get students involved. It is just a good opportunity to see what SGA does, get involved and sign up for stuff throughout the year," said Jennifer Mince, SGA Director of Publicity.

The week continues tonight when comedian Rodney Johnson will be entertaining students at Mason Hall's Performance Center at 7. Friday, a soccer game will take place at the coliseum field, when JSU will take on

Alabama. Saturday, JSU Football will kick off the 2003 season in Huntsville against Alabama A&M.

"Being part of the games, SGA wants the campus community to know that we want to be more involved with student athletics and show our support to the teams in our campus this year," according to Emily Williams, Vice President of Student Senate. "This is why we want all the students to join the soccer game this Friday with SGA to support our team."

"A new thing from last year will be the Movie Night on the Quad on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., showing 'Bringing Down the House,' since last year we had problems with the projector," said Williams. "To make sure the entertainment won't stop to the first week of school, movie nights will continue through the year." In case of rain the movie will be shown at the auditorium on the third floor of TMB.

A hypnotist will perform this year during Welcome Week at TMB Auditorium on Wednesday at 7 p.m. On Thursday, Sept. 4, a tax reform pep rally will be held, bringing several public officials, including Gov. Bob Riley and JSU President Bill Meehan, to Jacksonville City Square at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the rally is to explain and inform about the tax reform referendum for the whole Jacksonville commu-

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Check out the "J" List every week for a list of stuff to do from J to Z.

Today

- Comedian performing @ 7 p.m. Mason Hall Performance Center

Tuesday

- Movie night on the Quad feat. "Bringing Down the House" @ 8:30 p.m.
- Philadelphia rock band "Silvertide" @ Brother's 11 p.m.

Wednesday

- Hypnotist @ TMB auditorium 7 p.m.

Thursday

- MTV's Real World Cast Members @ Leone Cole 7 p.m.

Beating Around the Bush

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- 8/29/03 Caddle - Brother's
- 8/30/03 Ethan - Brother's
- 9/2/03 Silvertide - Brother's
- 9/3/03 Laney Strickland and JJ Stevens - Brother's

Birmingham

- 08/29/03 Colonel Bruce Hampton & the Code Talkers - Zydeco

Atlanta

- 8/28/03 Tony Bennett - Saloon
- 8/29/03 "Sprite Liquid Mix Tour" featuring N.E.R.D., O.A.R. and Robert Randolph & The Family Band- HiFi Buys Amphitheatre
- 8/30/03 R. Kelly and Ashanti- Philips Arena
- 8/31/03 James Brown - Chastain Park Amphitheatre
- 9/01/03 Ben Folds and Tori Amos - Chastain Park Amphitheatre
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Powderfinger

Vulture Street

★★★★★

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

They've been around the traps for the better part of the decade, but Australia's Powderfinger have made little more than a dent on the worldwide music market. Adored Down Under to the point that they are now considered a national treasure, America and the rest of the world has been slow to warm to their brand of straight-ahead, good-time rock and roll. However, with the recent release of their fourth album, "Vulture Street," the Brisbane boys are set to claim some much deserved praise.

The first track on "Vulture Street" is quite possibly one of the most obviously and aptly titled opening tracks in music history. "Rockin' Rocks" is by no means the best track on the Aussie five-piece's latest offering, but it sets the tone for one of the best rock records to be released this year. It uses "Rock" twice in two words for Christ's sake. Clearly the Powderfinger boys had rocking in mind when they sat down to formulate this album, and the end result is a foot-to-the-floor, motor revving, windows-down, hair flowing, singing-at-the-top-of-your-voice masterpiece.

Following the formula from their previous albums, Powderfinger straddle the line between rock cliches. Despite one too many well-placed "babies" or "honeys," the strength of this album is



Courtesy Universal Records

break-up song, and while Matchbox 20 would lament breaking up with a girl like this, Powderfinger merely snarls at her, "You better step back and see the mess that you left/ then go and tell it to somebody who cares."

For all the straight-out, balls-to-the-wall rocking this album possesses, several tender moments left over from their previous albums "Internationalist" and "Odyssey Number 5" sneak their way in. The third track on the album, "Since You've Been Gone," is an ode to lead singer Bernard Fanning's younger brother, who died the previous year in a car accident. Its "cry me a river" sentiment is easy to overlook because of its power-chord

wrapping. Indeed, it could be a break-up song or just a dedication to a close friend who has grown distant, but that is the strength of Powderfinger's ballads; they have an amazing ability to relate to each individual differently, but still on a personal level.

The second of these songs, "Sunsets" is a more obvious song about missing an opportunity with a girl that may never happen again. It's an old tale, but one that is told with a childlike freshness and emotion. Plus these are songs that Dave Grohl would totally cut his arm off to have written.

If Powderfinger ever do get bogged down in their attempt to break the world scene, they can take solace in the fact that they possess, without a doubt, one of the best rock talents on the planet. If you get a chance, check this album out. They're nice young boys too, the Powderfinger lads. The type of clean-cut, ambitious rockers you could take home to meet your mother.

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nity, according to Williams. Later that evening MTV's Real World crew from Las Vegas will meet students at Leone Cole at 7. A poster sale on the Quad will end the week on Friday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

"One of the most important things SGA is trying to say is that a lot of people don't realize that they are automatically members of the SGA, and they can get involved with anything," said Mince. "Basically we just want people to know that we are not an intimidating organization, and we want people to get involved. This is one of our biggest goals this year, to try and make it diverse so that people can find what they like."

"If students have any new ideas for activities on campus, the Office of Student Life welcomes the students to come by the office at fourth floor of TMB or call 782-5491," according to Russell, "and they might see their ideas happen."

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placed "babies" or "honeys,"
 the strength of this album is
 that it is able to display a
 modest charm that bands like
 Matchbox 20 are unable to
 obtain. While the music bears
 a resemblance to Rob
 Thomas' group, it stands
 apart because of its dirt-street
 toughness.

"Vulture Street" is the
 tougher, older brother to
 "Yourself or Someone Like
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Attack of the incoming freshmen: Opening today

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Welcome back JSU! I don't know about all of you, but I am glad to be back at the Friendliest Campus in the South.

Many things have changed the outlook on the sports world since I left you late last spring. Kobe Bryant is probably the biggest story, followed shortly behind by the Baylor University shootings and the Sammy Sosa bat-corking incident.

But our folks at home are worried a lot more by the prospects of our beloved Gamecocks being led by a first-time starter.

I have seen the tapes on this guy and he has an arm. A good arm. You never can tell about a first-timer though.

Will the team trust him? Will he have the strong leadership drive it takes to bring this team under his wing and prove to them he deserves this?

I don't know. I won't know until Saturday. But like many of you, I have trust in coach Crowe.

Now the soccer situation is a bit fuzzier. My favorite player to watch, Emily Hulbert, is not returning.

Questions answered for 100th season

By Gary Lewis
The Chanticleer Managing Editor

As the gridiron Gamecocks enter their centennial season of football and first season in the Ohio Valley Conference, two questions are on everyone's mind.

Who's going to be the quarterback? And who's going to replace Rondy Rogers, the long-time anchor of the JSU running game?

Neither Anthony Mayo, who finished the 2002 season as the starting quarterback, nor sophomore Maurice Mullins, who saw limited action last year, nailed down the starting job during spring practice.

When the dust settled during two-a-days, though, it was Mullins who came out on top. Mayo will go into the 2003 campaign as he started the 2002 season: as the back-up.

The tailback position was even more unsettled going into August. Senior Kory Chapman brings the most experience to the table, rushing for 311 yards on 89 carries in 2002. Junior Oscar Bonds, a transfer from Tennessee Tech, hasn't touched the ball yet for the Gamecocks, but his numbers at Tech were

impressive. Both of these backs impressed coaches during two-a-days, and though Chapman is listed as the starter, both players will get a lot of carries this fall.

The fullback position will once again be filled by the big body of Marcus Mitchell. Though limited by a wrist injury this summer, Mitchell should be at full strength for Saturday's A&M game, giving the Gamecocks an unstoppable force in short yardage situations.

Whoever carries the ball for the Gamecocks may find it a little harder to find running room now that All-American offensive guard Deon White has moved on to the NFL. However, the line is anchored by preseason All-OVC left tackle Levet Jones, so the young players around him will have no problem finding a leader. Until the retooled offensive line gels, JSU can at least breathe a sigh of relief when the special teams take the field.

Two-time All-American punter Richie Rhodes will be returning for his junior season. For the past two years, he has led the Southland Conference in punting, averaging 43.0 yards per punt in 2002, with 15 punts pinning the opponents inside the



The Chanticleer/ J.Wilson Guthrie

Maurice Mullins (center), a sophomore from Camilla, Ga., goes through passing drills with Anthony Mayo (l), a junior from Attalla, Ala. The two went head-to-head for the Gamecocks starting quarterback job throughout spring drills, with Mullins beating out Mayo during August practices. Mullins will take his first starting snap Saturday against Alabama A&M.

20-yard line.

Senior Steven Lee will again be placekicking for the Gamecocks, and sophomore Maurice "Smoke" Daughtry will once again electrify crowds with his blazingly fast kick returns.

After the first game at A&M, the Gamecocks will welcome an old friend back to town for their home opener. North Alabama, a rival from the Division II era,

will be coming to town on Sept. 13. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. and all JSU students are admitted free with student I.D.

The following week, the 'Cocks will face their first-ever Big 12 opponent, as they travel to face the University of Kansas. A home game with Eastern Kentucky on Sept. 27 heralds the beginning of Ohio Valley Conference play.

Of the OVC teams, only

Tennessee Tech and in-state rival Samford faced the Gamecocks in 2002. Both were hard-fought contests, but JSU won both, defeating Tech 35-39 and the Bulldogs 37-23.

Such close, high-scoring games may be the norm in the new conference, assuring Gamecock fans of excitement this season and beyond. You won't want to miss it.

Mullins throws for 222 in JSU's final scrimmage

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Gamecocks held their final scrimmage of the preseason last Saturday in preparation for their 2003 season opener against the Bulldogs of Alabama A&M. The game will kick off

reminded me of the year when we came out and scored 70 points against Cumberland."

Last year the team started with their backs against the wall after trailing 17-0 at the end of the first half. The Gamecocks eventually won the game on a last-second field goal, 20-17, but

they're ready to play. I've got nothing to be concerned about other than just being in the right frame of mind," said Crowe.

The scrimmage was capped by Maurice Daughtry's 87-yard touchdown reception to end the first half. Sophomore Maurice Mullins finished 10-for-16 for

combination against an A&M team defense that has had to replace Robert Mathis, who departed for the NFL. His departure should free up room for preseason First Team All-Conference left tackle Levet Jones to open up huge holes for the JSU running game.

front.

The Gamecocks will send Maurice Mullins as the number one quarterback as he makes up one piece of a very young football team. The Gamecocks will have to mature early and work through the inexperience to make their inaugural Ohio

player to watch, Emily Hulbert, is not returning. One of the most fun players to watch get mad, Angela Tribble, is not returning. And most of all, my sports features writer, Jane Little, is not returning either.

It won't be the same team without them. But I have faith that this team will pull together as in the past and begin to build on the freshman talent that they have.

It seems to be the attack of the freshmen. Every year they take over, messing up the parking situation and invading the campus and local hangouts. Whining because they have no friends or that there is no one to hang out with.

Or worse, they have too much fun and fail out within a year. You hope that student athletes would not fall into either one of those categories.

But we do have a lot of freshmen coming in this year on all of our teams. So once again I ask, are they ready?

I was in housing Monday getting some things worked out for a special friend. We watched a few people, obviously freshmen with their parents, wondering why they didn't go right into a dorm when they had just paid for everything that day.

Then, not wanting a freshman to waste her money, I offered my advice not to buy a book until she went to class.

Once again, are they ready?

And again I don't know. This incoming group will make the same mistakes and accomplish the same goals that every other incoming group in the past has.

It is all a part of growing up, something that we all have to do. And something that these young athletes will also have to do.

against the Bulldogs of Alabama A&M. The game will kick off Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in Huntsville.

Going into the last week of preparations, head coach Jack Crowe wants to get the team mentally prepared for the opening kickoff. "A year ago, I thought we were ready for the season and not necessarily the kickoff, but this scrimmage

eventually won the game on a last-second field goal, 20-17, but this year Coach Crowe wants to establish some focus and urgency to be ready on the first snap of the game.

"There's no way, when you've never played before, to get past what has to be taught only in a game. I think the young players, we need to see them in a game. I think the older players,

most than. Sophomore Maurice Mullins finished 10-for-16 for 222 yards and one touchdown.

Junior Oscar Bonds led the Gamecock rushing attack with 104 yards on six carries and one touchdown, while senior Kory Chapman had 93 yards on five carries, including a 48-yard score.

Kory and Oscar are going to be a one-two punch rushing

through the inexperience to make their inaugural Ohio Valley Conference season a memorable one.

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Howe works with good attitude and young leaders

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Last season the women of the Gamecock soccer team were eliminated in the semifinals of the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament. Angela Tribble, Jane Little and Emily Hulbert led the Gamecocks to one of their best seasons and best finishes ever.

But that dynamic trio will not be returning, nor will the team ever make it to the semi's of the A-Sun tournament again. Things are changing in Jacksonville.

"To step back from it and look at our team and their accomplishments and what it took to get into that game against Central Florida," said Lisa Howe, head soccer coach. "We didn't hang our head about the year. We were still very positive."

And that positive attitude is what keeps this team alive.

JSU will be losing Tribble, their all-time leading scorer; Hulbert, their main ball distributor and assist leader; and Little, their senior defender.

Howe is not worried about losing such talent — she is worried about the leadership that will have to come from somewhere else.

"Last year where all of our leadership came from seniors," said Howe, "this year it will come from more sophomores and juniors."

Howe expects a lot of that leadership to come from

Breanne Milne, who was second in scoring last year to Tribble, and Joanna McCaughey, a Canadian freshman with a lot of playing time.

And the team will need this leadership as they move from the comfortable and predictable A-Sun to very unpredictable Ohio Valley Conference.

JSU decided to move all its sports teams from the A-Sun and Southland conferences to the OVC, and Howe is happy about it.

"In the Atlantic Sun you had the top team 10-0, the bottom team was 0-10, and everyone else was 9-1, 8-2, and it was this real pretty picture," explained Howe. "In Ohio Valley the top team has two losses and the bottom team has two or three wins; everybody beats everybody."

And Howe also believes that the move will help her ability to get players, and she thinks that the teams and their resources are more evenly matched.

"I think that it's going to help us recruiting-wise," said Howe, who spoke of recruiting wars with Orlando teams. "And our facilities match up better with teams in the OVC."

And facilities are what Howe is most proud of this year. Most people have noticed the huge field behind the baseball complex has been turned into a very nice soccer facility.

"I walk out there now and get chills," said Howe. "I mean I can imagine the first day of pre-season when we are all out there on it together. It's gonna be a

real nice feeling."

Bleachers will be added at midfield, and fans will also be able to sit in an area Howe has affectionately deemed the "grassy knoll," which is a hill on the east side of the field.

Howe enjoys the formal and less formal seating, where she says that the students who yell at the other team and really get into the games will most likely sit on the hill.

Also Howe says that the drainage on this field is much better than the other field, which they shared with the softball team. The field is also longer, moving from a restrictive 104 yards long to a much more accommodating 115.

And as far as her home opener against in-state behemoth Alabama, Howe hopes that the field, the hill and the bleachers will all be full.

"We just kind of scheduled it to be a big home opener, and maybe you're supposed to open your stadium with someone that you are supposed to beat 4, 5, 6-0, but that's not what we wanted to do," said Howe. "We wanted to play a team that would help us showcase our new facility and also a team that pushes us to our limit, and that's what Alabama will do."

Howe hopes that attendance will reach 1,000, which would be the team's largest crowd ever. Also she believes that the Gamecocks could pick up their first-ever win against a team that has never beaten JSU easily.

"I think that conditions are



The Chanticleer J. Wilson Guthrie
JSU head soccer coach Lisa Howe (r) walks the new soccer field at the Gamecocks' practice Tuesday in anticipation of the team's home opener against Alabama. Howe is very optimistic for her team and their new stadium.

ripe," said Howe. "Where I think that we have that edge of being on a new home field and we have that edge also of we are

someone that they could overlook easily."



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