Jacksonville State University will lose about $50,000 in funds and once again tuition may be forced to rise

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

The approval of the education and General Fund budgets last week in a special session of the legislature means change for Jacksonville State University.

"Unfortunately there won’t be any new money coming into JSU because the state, with a very clear mandate — more than 2 to 1 — denied the tax referendum," President Bill Meehan said in an interview with The Chanticleer last Thursday.

The special session of the legislature was solely focused on providing Alabama with a balanced budget for the next fiscal year. However, there were no plans made for any new revenue measures for this year. According to Associated Press release, the $1.2 billion General Fund budget will cut funding to many state agencies by about 18 percent.

In February, there may be some measures of revenue proposed for the 2005 year, but right now the focus remains on this year and how this will affect JSU. "This year will be very difficult for us," said Meehan. "We will lose, all and all, about $50,000 from JSU."

Meehan feels that Gov. Riley has been good to institutions in higher education by proposing an equal amount of funds for the operations and maintenance portions of the budget as compared to last year.

Programs that will be affected through these cuts are the Alabama Police Corps program, the Joe Ford Economic Development center, and JSU’s Aerospace Development center.

Other cuts that relate to the budget, but are not directly in it, will affect in-service center programs that provide professional development for teachers.

According to Meehan, the small business development center will be cut state-wide, which will in turn affect JSU’s programs and economic development through the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

Eliminated programs will include summer writing programs that help teachers develop more effective ways to instruct and educate high school students. Additional teacher retirement costs will also be borne by the institution. "The legislature did give us about 46 percent of our costs, but there’s still about $280,000 that will not be picked up by the state," Meehan said.

Other institutions will also have to pick up health-care costs of retirees. However, former-President Dr. Harold McGee got JSU involved in PEHIP (Public Employees Health Insurance Program). Because that program already covers these costs, JSU won’t have to pay more.

JSU will also begin to shop around for a cheaper telephone service. About $50,000 to $100,000 will now have to be spent on long-distance services.

"Now all this is bad and unfortunate, and it’s difficult," said Meehan, "but I’m really more concerned about next year. Next year is going to be even tougher."

The state will not generate enough revenue, unless it’s passed in February, and Federal one-time funds will have been used for this year. "We’ll do everything we can to keep tuition from having to go up during this year," Meehan said. "We know we will have to ask tuition to go up next year. There’s no doubt about that."

The trustees will meet in October to discuss future budget plans. University officials still have a goal of 10,000 students, and after reaching that goal they will think about enrollment caps.

"We won’t be providing all the services we used to have," said Meehan, "but we’ll still be here. Our primary purpose is instruction and moving students towards graduation. And that’s what we’ll do."

‘Do Not Call’ list: Is it the end of the Telemarketing Industry?

By Daniel Spratlin
The Chanticleer Contributing Editor

"The judge in this case is dead wrong, and I’m sure his decision will in turn be overturned," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. "We should probably call the bill the ‘This Time We Really Mean It; Act’ to cure any myopia in the judicial system."

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SGA catches jungle fever with ‘Welcome to the Jungle’ homecoming theme

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

This year’s homecoming theme is very different, a little bold and imaginative. This fall the SGA wants everyone from alumni to faculty to consider themselves queens and kings of their own little piece of JSU tradition.

Some of the JSU traditions that will go on during homecoming week include the Homecoming Queen pageant, a bonfire at Paul Carpenter field, the traditional homecoming parade featuring the Marching Southerners and area high school bands and of course Gamecock football.

According to homecoming committee head Alison Pierce, the theme of homecoming this year is “Welcome to the Jungle.” The SGA submitted several suggestions to the University homecoming committee, which is made up of selected students and University officials, and those officials send back recommendations.

“We wanted a theme that could get everyone in the football spirit and that we could be really creative with,” said Pierce, “and ‘Welcome to the Jungle’ is a really cool theme to get people pumped up about it.”

This year’s student volunteers and SGA senators involved in the homecoming committee have played a major role in planning and implementing the plan for Homecoming 2003.

“The SGA has done a great job getting members on the committees and letting them know when meetings are being held,” Pierce said. “Because we have a larger committee this year, more organizations have been willing to participate and get their members involved in some

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New server speeds up JSU Internet service

$30,000 BellSouth connection eases strain, students can access Web more easily

By Jamie Eubanks-Watts
Special to The Chanticleer

Imagine trying to pour 50 gallons of water through a straw, said Sean Ponder, manager of Academic Computing Services, in an interview last spring with The Chanticleer. That’s what Jacksonville State University’s Internet service could have been like if changes hadn’t been made last spring.

Increased enrollment had steadily slowed Internet service at JSU, but in the spring the University added another server and service has rebounded, Ponder said.

“Everything seems to be going very well,” said Randall Harper, director of Computer Services. “We had our connection to the Internet through the Alabama Research and Education Network, and it has limited capacity.”

Thus, AREN served as the straw through which the University was trying to pour 50 gallons of information. Adding more and faster computers and newer technology caused the University to exceed the capacity available on AREN.

The solution was another server. BellSouth is the new provider, and it costs the University about $30,000 a year for the connection, according to Harper. AREN was virtually free. The state pays for AREN through the Alabama Supercomputer Budget.

All computers on campus were switched to the BellSouth connection except for the residence halls and public libraries and public schools that continue to use JSU’s connection to AREN, Harper said.

“This year, the residence halls have the same capacity the entire University had at this time last year,” said Harper. This gave the dorms speedier access, because fewer computers were vying for the space.

All dorms are wired for Internet access except Sparkman and Daugette. Harper said there are long-term plans to wire these dorms. And state funding issues may push those plans further into the future.

Fitzpatrick Hall, which serves as the co-ed freshmen dorm, has experienced some complications which Harper attributed to old equipment.

“We worked with Student Affairs to purchase new network hardware for Fitzpatrick,” he said.

Computer Services headed off complications caused by increased enrollment and students are no longer forced to compete for a piece of the Internet straw.

Counseling and Career Services sponsors women’s support group

By Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU’s Counseling and Career Services office sponsored its first women’s support group on Monday.

The "Women Coping with Relationship Issues" group is designed to give women a place to talk about their problems, discover solutions and find out what resources are available to them, according to Fred Mays, one of the counselors who supervises the meetings.

"We had a lot of women, students and staff, coming in with all kinds of relationship problems," he said. "We hope that a support group for these women will show them that they aren’t the only ones who are going or have gone through this."

The meetings are confidential and are supervised by two University counselors, Mays and Linda Shelton.

"There will always be bad days," said one woman. "Those are the ones where you need someone you can talk to, someone that will understand, because she’s been through the same thing herself."

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Order of Omega - Applications for acceptance in JSU’s greek leadership honor society are now available in the Office of Student Life, 402 TMB. Must have GPA above all-greek average, 64-semester hours by Fall 2003, and leadership in the greek community and JSU. Applications due Oct. 15. Contact: Megan Radison, 782-5491.

Peer Counselors - Good Day Gamecocks! Congrats to the football team on a great game Saturday! Interested in becoming a member of the Orientation Team 2004? Come by the Office of Student Life and pick up your application today! Contact: Tim King or Misty Cassell, 782-5491.

Zeta Tau Alpha - We love our new members! we had a great new member/E.C. retreat last weekend. Congratulations to our Gamecock football for their victory over Eastern Kentucky. This week is Big/Lil week and we can’t wait for tonight! Have a great weekend everyone ad GO GAMECOCKS! Contact: Angela Estes, 782-6176 or pinkgirl@200918@jot.com

JSU Writer’s Club - The Writer’s Club meets Wednesdays on the 7th floor of the Houston Cole Library at 3:30 p.m. Bring any piece of writing to be shared! New members are always welcome. If you cannot make the Wednesday meeting, email our contact, and we’ll start off-campus weekend meetings if enough interest. Contact: Jessica Summe, jsu4812k@student-mail.jsu.edu.

Alpha Psi Omega - Alpha Psi Omega will be hosting a FREE carwash at Pizza Hut from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Oct. 4. Donations are gladly accepted, and all proceeds support the JSU Drama Department. Contact: Jeff Klevorn, 435-9330.

Sigma Nu - Thank you Drew and Eric for the letters. They’re Great! We’re looking forward to homecoming with the ladies of Delta Zeta. Congratulations Sunny, our new sweetheart. Contact: Trey Parrish, 435-9809.

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Campus Crime

- Sept. 25 – James Robert Baker, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for D.U.I. occurring on Hwy 204.
- Sept. 26 – Christopher Blake Hollingsworth, 20, was arrested by JSUPD for possession of alcohol on Mountain Street.
- Sept. 26 – Kristopher Kirk, 20, was arrested by JSUPD for possession of alcohol on Mountain Street.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Sallis Hall. These reports 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.
Mason Hall elevator fire causes little damage

By Daniel Spratlin
The Chanticleer Online Editor

A small elevator fire drew police and firefighters to the basement of Mason Hall the afternoon of Sept. 24. University Police and the Jacksonville Fire Department responded to a 911 call at about 6:15 p.m.

“The motor of the elevator starting smoking, and the smoke spread throughout the bottom floor,” said UPD Officer Carnell Buford. There were no reported injuries, he added.

Trustee Circle was temporarily closed, and traffic was diverted to Millican Street.

The fire was quickly suppressed and officials reported that there was minor damage to the structure.

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of the events like the pageant and banner competitions.”

The focus of this year’s homecoming festivities is involvement and celebrating JSU traditions. “I think homecoming is a time when the school can come together for the same purpose and celebrate,” said Tim King, co-head of the homecoming committee. “All the alumni come back and see the school, and it’s an opportunity for the community to interact with the school.”

This year’s homecoming committee also wanted to make the activities more inclusive and student-friendly for those who may not be in large organizations.

“For smaller organizations that don’t really have enough people or funds to build floats and don’t have yards for yard decorations,” said Pierce, “we have added events they can participate in and eliminated events like the yard decorating to take so much of the focus off fraternities and sororities,” Pierce stated.

However, Pierce said there are events like dress-up days and banner competitions that smaller organizations can participate in. The presence of a wide range of organizations getting involved in homecoming week gives the school as a whole more of an incentive to do other things for the University.

Ultimately the goal of Homecoming 2003 is fun and an escape from the norm of classes, tests and books. The SGA wants to encourage all students to participate in homecoming events this year. The “Welcome to the Jungle” theme encourages students and alumni to abandon their everyday concerns and join in on an imaginative week of JSU spirit.

The homecoming shirt says it all with its slogan, “It’s easy to be humble when you’re King of the Jungle”’ The SGA wants students, organizations and alumni alike to join in with the fun and festivities. They want everyone to show off their school spirit and help the football team welcome Tennessee Tech to this jungle on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

Homecoming activities will kick off with the selection of the top ten candidates for Homecoming Queen next Thursday. During the week of homecoming there will be dress up days, such as “craziest outfit day,” “COCKY shirt day,” “pajama day,” and “homecoming t-shirt day.”

The homecoming committee would also like to encourage organizations to participate in banner and float competitions and join them at the traditional JSU bonfire the Thursday before the game, when the Homecoming Queen will be announced. For more information or questions, contact the Office of Student Life at 782-5491.

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Slamming the phone on those telemarketers

My mother has an interesting habit. Here’s how it works. The phone will ring. Mom will pick it up and say hello. She’ll pause for a couple seconds, and then, with an agitated tone in her voice, she’ll say, “We’re not interested.” Then she’ll slam down the phone. Hard.

That last part always makes me chuckle. She goes through phones like most people go through boxes of Kleenex. I guess when you slam down a phone that hard that often, the electronic glizmos inside will give up the ghost sooner or later.

The reason for Mom’s abuse of innocent telephones is something most of us are intimately familiar with. It’s a four-letter word in my family: telemarketers.

Imagine our delight, then, when we found out that Georgia has enacted a do-not-call list that would, in theory, prevent telemarketers from calling us at all hours of the day to peddle such wares as credit cards, carpet cleaning and vinyl siding.

Why, the yearly savings in new telephones would be staggering! I was even happier when I found that a National Do Not Call Registry was being put into place by the FCC and FTC. As an Alabama resident who gained nothing from Georgia’s list, frankly, I was growing a little tired of daily reminders from “Steve” or “Mary” telling me that I could save thousands in credit card debt by consolidating my debts into one low monthly payment.

I’m a little crueler than my Mom, though. Like many of my friends, I’ve used these little moments to make life miserable for the telemarketer on the other end of the line.

I’ll interrupt their sales pitch to ask them a story. You know, the usual stuff—like how they visit to the zoo when I was 7 scared me for life, because no one bothered telling me in advance what goes on in the monkey house when no one else is looking. I’ve found that I can win bonus points with the telemarketer by asking if their pre-approval of my creditworthiness is their little way of saying, “I care.”

Digging deep into the deceptive dollar trap of tuition aid

By Neal McCluskey

Americans, it seems, have never been better educated. Between 1970 and 2000 the number of individuals enrolled in institutions of higher learning increased by 43%, from 10.4 million to 14.8 million. That means more people are going to college, and therefore more students are applying for financial aid. And, according to a report by the Cato Institute, the amount of student aid given out increased by 144% during this period.

In the past, federal and state aid was provided to students based on need. But now, with the advent of the market-driven model of education, students are paying more for tuition and fees, and the government is paying even more to help them. This has led to a crisis in the government’s ability to fund education.

The problem is that the government is not providing enough money for education. In fact, the government is providing less money than ever before. The result is that students are paying more and more for tuition, and the government is providing less and less money.

The government needs to find a way to provide more money for education. One way to do this is to increase the amount of federal aid provided to students. This would help to reduce the burden on students and their families.

On the supply side, federal aid makes universities less sensitive about their own costs. "Increases in financial aid in recent years have enabled colleges and universities to raise tuitions, confident that cursory— but emphatic— nod, with quotes from recent articles in Newsweek and Forbes: “Because parents and students keep coming back for more, there is ‘no market constraint to keep them from raising tuition.’ Newsweek quotes ing expensive, “celebrity” professors. That is, unless tuition and other funds become more scarce.

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act is an excellent opportunity for all the college-educated folks in national Do Not Call Registry
number of individuals enrolled in institutions of higher learning increased from 8.5 million to 15.3 million. Likewise, from 1971 to 2001, the percentage of 25- to 29-year-olds in the United States holding at least a bachelor’s degree rose 71 percent. So why, as Congress prepares to reauthorize the federal law governing higher education, are policymakers so unhappy?

The answer is the ever-rising cost of college tuition, and the anxiety it’s causing the public. Fortunately, a new report from the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce, “The College Cost Crisis,” contains clues to the solution — if only policymakers would see them.

As the report — released to herald the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act — begins, it identifies the tuition rocket’s likely fuel: “Beginning with the Higher Education Act of 1965, the federal government ... has provided significant funding to help ensure that low- and moderate-income families can afford college.” However, the report notes, the money is “not ... being spent on the education of those who need it most.”

In the aggregate, billions of dollars of student aid artificially inflate demand — and average tuition — as students who might not have gone to college do, and others attend more expensive institutions than they otherwise would have. “The College Cost Crisis” acknowledges that federal aid has produced just such an effect: Pell grants alone, it boasts, have “made the dream of college a reality for millions of students” by helping to “defray the cost of higher education.”

The “Bennett hypothesis” — the theory that as long as something is paid for, costs will go up — makes sense, especially in light of government’s guarantee of an affordable college education for all who want one. It’s a reality corroborated by Murray State University President Dr. F. King Alexander, who in a recent hearing told the House Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness that some schools do, in fact, raise tuition because government will cover it.

Unfortunately, despite Alexander’s revelation, subcommittee members spent little time digging deeper into the Bennett hypothesis. It’s an attitude reflected in “The College Cost Crisis,” which gives Bennett’s theory only a passing comment to keep them from raising tuition.” Newsweek quotes Ronald Ehrenberg, director of the Cornell Higher Education Research Institute, as saying, “People continue to knock on their doors. And, of course, the federal government continues to increase spending.”

So what does the report suggest as a possible solution to the tuition inflation problem? Colleges and universities policing themselves. It would rely on “commitment from the higher education community to not only acknowledge the problem but work toward addressing it, and broad cooperative efforts from all stakeholders in higher education.”

Good luck. If the Bennett hypothesis is true, schools have no incentive to rein in costs. As long as colleges are in competition, and university jobs and salaries depend on schools drawing kids away from competitors, institutions of higher learning won’t stop buying the latest equipment, building new facilities, and hiring expensive administrators. It’s a losing battle for the public.

Letters to the Editor

A note about our letters policy

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As stated below in our masthead every week, we at The Chanticleer welcome letters from our readers. All letters for publication must be limited to 300 words and must be typed.

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We reserve the right to refuse publication of any submission.

Your letter must be received by noon on the Monday prior to the desired publication date. There must be at least two weeks between publication of letters from the same person. Rebuttals will be published no later than two weeks after publication of the article, editorial or letter in question.

We’re taking this opportunity to remind you of our policy that several of the letters we have received this semester have been as many as 1,400 words over the stated 300-word limit.

Whenever possible, we will edit your submission down to the proper length so that your thoughts can be published, but the only way to guarantee your submission is run in the full, unabridged context you intended is for you to limit your thoughts to 300 words before delivering your letter to us.

We invite you to keep your letters coming. Whether you agree or disagree with us, we love to hear what you have to say!

Thank you,

The Chanticleer staff
JMA meeting
The October meeting of the Jacksonville Merchants Association will be at 6 p.m. Monday in the Board Room of AmSouth Bank on the square. The agenda will focus on Saturday’s Mountain Echoes Festival and initiating plans for holiday activities and events.

Rummage sale
Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center is sponsoring a rummage sale from 7 a.m.-noon Saturday in the McWhorter Activity Center. First United Methodist Church. Donated items can be dropped off at the McWhorter Center Friday only. Persons having items that need to be picked up before this date can contact the JCC at 435-1891. For more information call Chalcy Evans at 782-9369 or Phyllis Thompson at 435-8850. Proceeds will be used to support the Medical Assistance Program and food pantry.

Church yard sale
There will be a yard sale beginning at 7 a.m. Oct. 10-11 at Four Mile United Methodist Church, behind Sports Nut on Alabama 21. Proceeds will go toward the Protestant Women of the Chapel.

Youth rally
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 810 Church St., S.E., will host the first annual Youth Rally for Christ on the square at noon Oct. 18. The citywide rally is designed for youngsters to enhance their understanding of Jesus Christ. There will be praise dancers, drill teams, musical presentations and preaching by youth ministers. There will be food, prizes and goody bags. All churches are urged to participate. For more information call Caroline Ross at 435-3362 or the church at 435-3696.

Camping revival
A revival at Piedmont Congregational Church will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, with Rev. Glen Studdard, and 7 p.m. Friday, with Rev. Brenda Smith. A youth rally is at 6 p.m. Saturday, with Rev. Danny Jones. There will be special Spaulding, David Umling and Steve Minkin. For more information call Karen Green at the center 741-4626 or Hayes Jackson with the Extension system at 257-1621.

Tootsie Roll drive
The William Zinn Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will conduct its annual Tootsie Roll Fundraising Drive Oct. 10-13 at stores throughout Calhoun County. Volunteers will exchange candy for donations to The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties, which serves people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. Call 236-2857 for more information.

Gene Fair rally
The fourth annual Gene Fair Community Rally will be held at Anniston’s Zinn Park from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 11. The rally starts with a parade to the park from the Community Meeting Center at the corner of Noble and West 16th Streets at 10 a.m. Festivities, which also include games and entertainment, are free. The event is designed to recognize the achievements of people with mental or physical disabilities. For more information call Gene Fair at 820-2018.

Disabilities
The Greater Calhoun County Area Governor’s Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities will hold its 20th Annual Disability Awareness Luncheon Oct. 15 at Jacksonville State University’s Houston Cole Library. Tickets are $15 for individuals and $120 for a corporate table. Call 238-9313 to RSVP by Oct. 6.

Lions schedule poster contest at Kitty Stone
“Create a Brighter Tomorrow” is the theme of the 2003-04 Peace Poster Contest, sponsored by the Jacksonville Lions Club for sixth-grade students at Kitty Stone Elementary School. Students select a medium as outlined in the contest rules to draw, paint or sketch their interpretation of the contest’s theme.

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international (semifinal and final judging). At the lower level, the winner will receive first, second, third prizes and honorable mention. At the international level, a group of judges from the media, art, literary and youth community select 24 finalists. From those 24 posters a panel of judges select the grand prize winner. The remaining 23 posters are named merit award winners.

International grand prize winner will receive a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City. After the ceremony the winner will receive a cash award of $2,500 and an engraved plaque.

Two family members and the sponsoring Lions Club president or a club member will accompany the winner to the award ceremony in February or March.

JHS program receives grant from Chevrolet
Jacksonville High School Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) chapter was selected by the national association to receive a $500 grant from Chevrolet Motor Division as part of Chevrolet’s community initiative, Chevy ROCK (Reaching Out to Communities and Kids).

SAVE is a nonprofit organization with more than 2,700 members in 155 public schools across the nation. It is dedicated to teaching children about the consequences of violence and substance abuse. The Jacksonville chapter had its first program in 1998. It has had 35 students graduate and continue full time in college or the military. It has also taught 5,000 young people in the last several years, three times the current membership. The chapter has sponsored three annual poster contests with over 300 entries each year, and 600 students in the last three years. It also has a library of 200 books and drill teams that have competed at the state and national level. It is sponsored by the Jacksonville Lions Club.

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SAVE is a nonprofit organization with more than 1,200 student-run chapters in elementary, middle and high schools nationwide that empower students to lead school safety efforts.

JHS was one of a select number of chapters from across the country chosen to receive a grant to enhance or expand its SAVE activities in its school and community.

JHS has led an active SAVE chapter since October 2002.

The chapter advisors are Ellen Bass and Kristy Ellard. This year the chapter hopes to hold a spring promotional cookout and promotional dance as well as use the SAVE Essentials’ Manual to plan activities.

In addition the chapter hopes to send a chapter delegation student to the annual SAVE Summit.

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**School Menus**

**Wednesday, Oct. 1-Thursday, Oct. 2**

**Elementary**

Wednesday: Barbecued chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, French bread, garden salad, fruit.

Thursday: Pizza, corn on cob, garden salad, apple pie.

Friday, Oct. 3: In service. No school.

Monday, Oct. 6-Friday, Oct. 10: Fall break.

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**Wrecks**

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As for the 266 accidents that have been worked by local law enforcement officials, Thompson explained that most occurred from people either failing to yield the right-of-way or following too closely. Interestingly enough, DUIs were not a major player in Jacksonville’s roadway mishaps, but people not in control of their vehicle were.

“People just need to learn to drive more defensively, if they do not do so already. If you drive as safe as you can, and watch out for other drivers, you stand a better chance of avoiding accidents down the road.”

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**JHS**

New Liberty Baptist Church, 5353 New Liberty Road, will have a yard sale beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday. Proceeds will assist in hosting the women’s conference in November.

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**Athletic boosters**

The Jacksonville High School Athletic Boosters will host a free rose show from 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 11 at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 113 Brown Ave., Rainbow City, just off U.S. 411. For more information, call Mr. Rickert at 435-4033.

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**Educator classes**

Master environmental education classes are being offered by the Calhoun County Career Technical Center on Church Street South and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Being a master gardener is not a requirement. Lecturers include Dr. David West, Dr. Bill Deutch, Dan Jones, and others. There will be special singing each night for more information call 447-8907 or 523-3163.

**Youth fun day**

Youth fun day is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Piedmont Congregational Holiness Campground. All youth are invited. All activities are free. For more information call 447-8907 or 523-3163.

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**NAMI programs**

The NAMI Jacksonville affiliate will have two programs in October. At 7 p.m. on Oct. 9, state commissioner Sawyer and five panelists will be in the Montgomery Building, Jacksonville State University. The public forum is “Mental Illness and the Road Ahead - Public Policy, Police, and Psychiatric Service.” The regular monthly meeting is at 6 p.m. Oct. 14 in the community room (former florist shop) behind L. K. Brown Funeral Home. The speaker will be a local social security representative who will discuss issues that impact individuals with severe mental illness. Call 435-5240 for more information.

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**Stereophonics**

**You Gotta Go There To Come Back**

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Stereophonics are about as big a band in the UK as anyone not named John, Paul, George, Ringo or Jesus. On the strength of their first three albums they have amassed a serious cult following. If they released an album using only kitchen utensils for instruments it would probably still go to Number One, such is their popularity.

However their latest release “You Gotta Go There To Come Back” leaves them sounding less like a British band than one straight outta LA. Although they only mixed and produced the album there, lead singer and songwriter Kelly Jones appears to be having a serious love affair with LA. Although they only mixed and produced the album there, lead singer and songwriter Kelly Jones appears to be having a serious love affair with LA.

Thus, “You Gotta...” falls short of their previous work. Jones’ trademark gruffness is still there, and his whiskey and pack-a-day habit show no signs of slowing down. What is missing though is the intimacy and classiness of their previous work.

Several tracks on the album, including the opener, “Help Me (She’s Out Of Her Mind),” and “Madame Helga” are funkier and more guitar-driven than anything they have ever done. The former swaggerers with attitude while the latter would probably sound really good live, if that’s any consolation. However, neither really does anything to excite.

Sandwiched between these two songs is the first single off the album, and the first indication that Jones still possesses the ability to write a really great tune. “I been down and I’m wondering why/ these little black clouds keep walking around with me,” he laments. Charming backing vocals help to make this the equal of “Step On My Old Size Nines” from their last album.

I do have a concern for Jones though. If his lyrics are any indication, he has been getting high recently, a lot. Not that drugs haven’t helped create some of the best albums of the past 40 years or so. Just look how interesting the Beatles got in their later years. It’s just that sometimes too much nose candy can make artists think they are much more interesting than they really are.

Stretching the 13 songs out to an hour is one example of this, especially when a lot of the songs sound two minutes too long. Jones sings that “he’d rather be high,” “he’s been flying,” “pretending (he’s) high,” “getting high on most things,” “dropping pills for you” and been “as high as the city.” It just comes off as a bit of a wank after a while.

Not that this album doesn’t have flashes of pure brilliance, because it does. “Climbing the Wall” is beautiful and soulful, while the piano-driven “Nothing Precious At All” is a perfect example of Jones’ amazing ability to describe the plight of the losers of the world.

And finally, just like their previous albums, Stereophonics cap things off with a bang. “Since I Told You It’s Over” is a sorry note to a brokenhearted lover that’s pretty in all the right ways. It almost makes you forget the places where the album stumbles.

Overall, “You Gotta Go There To Come Back” is a bit like watching the first half a porn movie. It leaves you a little excited, slightly aroused, a little confused, but ultimately, unsatisfied.

**Vertical Horizon**

**Go**

Review by Jordan Brewer
Special to The Chanticleer

My senior year of high school, I remember going to see a band called Vertical Horizon live at Oak Mountain Amphitheater in Birmingham. At the time, they had a song being played on the radio called “We Are.” It was a catchy song, but I remember the live show just blowing me away. You could feel their energy and the enthusiasm and heart that they poured into every one of their songs.

One song they played, “Everything You Want” seemed to say everything that I had felt for this one girl I had a crush on. I immediately went to go get the album. I found a whole album of great songs about love and life. Songs like “You’re A God,” “Give You Back” and “The Best I Ever Had” seemed to hit home for a lot of people who had ever been in a “real relationship.”

Vertical Horizon shortly after sold over a million albums and had their videos playing on MTV and VH1. They also seemed to be on every talk show after that. But a few years passed by, the album started falling off the charts, the television stations stopped playing the videos, and soon Vertical Horizon just vanished.

Everyone (including myself) figured that they were one of those one-album wonders that broke up and disappeared off the face of the earth, until now.

After a three-year hiatus, Vertical Horizon has released their fifth album, “Go.” Just recently the first single from the album, “I’m Still Here,” was the number-one most added song at radio. The song follows the same formula as the hits that broke Vertical Horizon to the mainstream. It’s a romantic song that guys and girls alike can rock out to. “I’m Still Here” has a very catchy melody and an even catchier chorus. It’s about challenging relationships and having the strength to get through the good and bad.

Critics have been praising the song for its guitar-driven melody and its catchy chorus.

“Call me close, once again. Call me teacher. Call me friend. Just like the first time. Call my name. It echoes in the walls around this room. It’s all you. And I don’t know if you hear me there. But when it’s darkest and no one cares, I will hear you forever.” These are a few of the lyrics to another one of the standout tracks on “Go.” “Forever” is a song about being away from someone you love, and how painful it is to not have that person there.

It’s true that Vertical Horizon has been categorized as just another pop-rock band with too much alt-rock guitar riffs, sappy lyrics and an overall over-polished sound. However, in all honesty, isn’t that what most record buyers like – catchy pop rock? Take into consideration the sounds of Lifehouse, Tonic, The Calling and Matchbox Twenty. Attention fans of any of the previously listed bands! Vertical Horizon’s “Go” has the sound and the songs that you would really dig. For fans of the last album, you, as well, shall not be disappointed.

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**Sundays college worship**

**8 pm**

It’s God, skits
it has done among students since TV24 doesn't do surveys. “The only feedback we get is if somebody calls and asks about it or wants to be in it,” according to Ortiz. “What we hope is if somebody watches it for the first time, it will get them interested, and they will continue watching it in the future.”

For now, “Jax State Today” is run by TV24, but McGaha hopes that one day the communication department and its students will take it over. “The school was actually coming up with something, but they were going to get an older person to host the show. I felt that students would relate better to another student,” according to Ortiz. “I want to get the ‘Jax State Today’ show in the minds of the students. We want to be the talk of the town.”

• Amado Ortiz
  Co-host

anything that has to do with it; shooting footage, editing, running audio, anything at all,” according to Ortiz. “It is something you can put on your résumé. That’s the only way to learn, by being part of something before you go into the real world. You need hands-on experience, and this is the best

The “Jax State Today” show airs every Monday from 2:30 p.m. until 3 p.m., on TV24, cable channel 9. To get more information, or to be part of the show, contact the TV24 office at 782-5133.
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by Corey McDaniel & Brian Stone

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CHARLESTON, S.C. — Call it bad karma or bad luck, but one John’s Island man had it when he walked into a bank trying to cash some stolen checks.

Genarre Lashard Gibbs, 20, walked into a BB&T bank Tuesday with two stolen checks, according to Charleston County sheriff’s deputies.

The problem with the checks, though, was that they belonged to Michael Erwin Wollam, 33, of Johns Island, an employee at the bank, deputies said.

Gibbs approached a teller at the bank with two of Wollam’s checks, deputies said.

The teller recognized the name on the checks and showed them to Wollam, who was working at the time, according to deputies. The teller then stalled Gibbs, deputies said, while Wollam called the sheriff’s office.

Deputies arrived and arrested Gibbs. He is charged with two counts of forgery.

Charleston County sheriff’s spokeswoman Capt. Dana Valentine said Wollam got lucky. “Of all the banks in Charleston County, for (the suspect) to pick the same one where the guy who lost the checks works is outstanding,” she said.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. — A woman bit two librarians after they tried to stop her from stealing about $70 from the public library’s cash drawer.

One of the librarians, Debbie Barry, said that a man tried to distract her Saturday while a woman grabbed the money and fled.

Barry and fellow librarian Christina Crouch chased the woman outside and wrestled with her while library patrons called police. The woman bit Crouch on the chest and Barry’s thumb before the man pulled her free and they ran off.

“When I grabbed her it was kind of stupid,” Barry told the Journal Review newspaper. “What I should have done was yanked her hair and sat on her, but I didn’t think of it at the time.”

Anna M. Davis, 24, and her live-in boyfriend, Kevin T. Kamradt, 25, were caught a few minutes later, police Officer Bob Rivers said. An officer at the Montgomery County Jail reported finding $71 in Davis’ underwear.
Gamecock special teams give them the momentum

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Well I underestimated the a** out of our beloved Gamecocks. I did call the three missed PAT's though. And someone had a breakout game. It just wasn’t Mayo. But at least they won right?

And who do they owe it to? The special teams, no doubt. I thought that after the fumble-causing hit on the punt return that Prater had to be dead. Or the guy that ace hit was waking up somewhere in Piedmont.

Coach talked about risk takers and the special teams and how it took a special person to play on special teams because of the speed and the hits that are involved in the plays.

After seeing Prater take the momentum of the game on his shoulders and tear off down the field going after a return man like that, I know why special teams are so special.

Had they not blocked two kicks and caused a fumble or two JSU would not have had such a command of the game that they had.

And I don’t really think there are too many defenses that could recover quickly enough to challenge the special teams.

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks had a lot of shining moments this past weekend. The volleyball team opened up conference play with huge wins, and the football team won their first-ever Ohio Valley Conference game, beating down Eastern Kentucky, 49-14.

That’s not all that was shining this weekend, as one of the Gamecocks made his return to the football team. Courtney Bolden, a junior from Decatur, returned after being out the first three games with a concussion.

Eastern Kentucky came into Jacksonville highly touted, but left highly upset, as their top-ten passing efficiency offense never materialized.

What’s the reason for all the success this week, and why didn’t the Gamecocks have the same result against Kansas? The answer might be that Kansas was a Division I school, or JSU might have used a different scheme, or hey, it could have been Courtney Bolden wreaking havoc on the EKU quarterback all night long.

If Courtney is responsible, he won’t be the one to tell you. In fact, in his words, he’s not the reason at all.

Courtney had a sack and one quarterback hurry in last week’s game and insists he’s back for good.

Courtney had enough time to put aside knocking heads in practice to catch up with Chanticleer sports.

Q: How does it feel to be back? Courtney: You know it felt good, I was just anxious to get out there and contribute.

Q: Explain your role on the team. Courtney: Well, I just want to make plays, lots of plays and hope our team can come out on top.

Q: Who’s your favorite NFL player? Courtney: Mike Vick. I know he’s hurt right now, but he’s a good player.

Q: What’s your favorite sport other than football? Courtney: Basketball. Q: When you’re not playing football, you’re doing what? Courtney: Watching football or playing video games. We can’t go to the bars during the week, but that’s OK, because I think it’s going to keep as focused all year.

Q: Can we expect this performance from the football team every week? Courtney: For sure, no doubt. We had a good week of practice last week, and I think my teammates are just more focused now, so we’ll be good in the conference.

Q: So you think you’ll win the conference? Courtney: I’m not going to say we had better competition in the Southland, but we just got a better chance in the OVC, because we were in the toughest D-IAA conference.

Q: Is there a game on the schedule the team is looking forward to? Courtney: The Samford game, because they’re doing so good right now, and they are real close.

Rhodes gets second OVC Player-of-the-Week nod

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State All-American punter Richie Rhodes has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Special Teams Player of the Week following the impressive 49-14 win over Eastern Kentucky in the Gamecocks’ OVC opener on Saturday and earns his second OVC Player-of-the-Week honor this season.

Rhodes finished the game with five punts for a 43.9-yard average.

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Derrick Sistrunk takes one Colonia during Saturday’s game against Eastern Kentucky. JSU trounced EKU, 49-14, in the Gamecocks’ break-out game.
there are too many defenses that could recover quickly enough to stop a drive from the 1-yard line that started with a blocked punt. So there is one we can chalk up to the special teams.

Then they recovered a blocked punt in the end zone. That’s two.

Chapman had a 70-yard kick return. That put the Gamecocks inside the red zone for a score. That’s three.

The special teams also had a fumble recovery that led to a score. That’s four.

And the special teams directly accounted for four of the Gamecocks’ seven scores.

So if they hadn’t had such a good game, maybe things would have been different.

And not to take anything away from Rhodes. He could kick-start the space shuttle.

The most consistent part of the JSU team is by far the special teams.

So let’s compare teams this week. Murray State is 1-4, and lost last week to Tennessee Tech, who has been on a bit of a roll if any team in the OVC has.

Murray has a good QB and runs the same type offense that we have seen since UNA. The fact that the game is on TV will slow the pace down a good bit, which could possibly be in JSU’s favor.

The slower pace could give time for the offense to settle into some kind of a rhythm and get things going. On the other hand, big plays by the special teams could be slowed down along with the momentum of the game.

The Gamecocks must get in a rhythm early in the game and take out the home crowd advantage for Murray. Murray needs to shut down the JSU run, and with it the entire offense.

Gonna call it again this week, folks. And I will give it to Murray, 28-14.

Ohio’ Valley Conference Special Teams Player of the Week, the conference headquarters announced Sunday. A junior from Alexander City, Rhodes led JSU to an incredible 32 punts downed on the 1-yard line that started with a blocked punt. So there are too many defenses that could recover quickly enough to stop a drive from the 1-yard line that started with a blocked punt. So there is one we can chalk up to the special teams.

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**Gamecock Notes**

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

**Gamecocks are off to the races**

JSU’s first-ever Ohio Valley Conference game turned out to be a coming out party for the Gamecock offense. Jax State scored a season-high 49 points and racked up 313 total yards last Saturday against Eastern Kentucky.

**Hey get off our jockeys**

Five JSU rushers gained more than 20 yards on the night with Oscar Bonds leading the way with 133 yards on 18 carries. The team’s 49 points was the most since a 72-10 rout of Cumberland University to open the 2001 season.

**Go to the whip!!!**

JSU special teams was something serious, as they blocked two punts against the Colonels. Skylar Mansfield blocked an EKU punt to set up an early scoring drive. Darrell Prater took it up a notch, as he blocked a second-quarter punt and took it in two yards for the touchdown.

**You can lead a horse to water but you cant make him drink**

Jacksonville State has scored on 10-of-13 trips inside the opponents’ 20-yard line this season, including 5-for-5 against Eastern Kentucky last Saturday. Meanwhile, the opponents have scored just 10-of-17 from JSU’s red zone, a success rate of only 58.8 percent.

**Hey Willlllberrr, this stuff’s not real**

Next Saturday’s showdown at Murray State will mark the second of three games Jacksonville State will play on artificial grass. JSU played on Astroplay when they played Kansas. JSU will finish the year with a showdown against Southeast Missouri State, who also play on AstroTurf.

**It’s going to be a photo finish**

“There are also four teams that jumped out there and got home wins. What’s going to be a factor is who will be able to win on the road. I clearly think that this is going to be the week that separates the pretenders from the contenders. I think we are going to be able to get in this race and stay in this race, but we have got to become a better offensive football team.” - Coach Crowe
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Soccer on a roll for OVC

By Shane Herman
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Although the Jacksonville State soccer team has yet to play a game in the Ohio Valley Conference, statistically, the squad is holding its own in the new league.

The OVC’s recent release of season statistics shows the Gamecocks right in the middle of several key categories. JSU can be found in the middle of the pack in several team statistics, including shots-on-goal, points, goals, assists, goals allowed and attendance.

Other categories, however, have the Gamecocks among the conference leaders. JSU’s four shutouts this season is second only to instate rival Samford, who has recorded six shutouts in eight games. JSU is also second in corner kicks with 48 on the year. Eastern Illinois is slightly ahead with 49 corners.

The Gamecocks are also found at the bottom of a pair of categories. The team’s 61 fouls on the year is lowest in the OVC. JSU averages just under nine penalties a game. Jax State also ranks last in saves with 24 for the season. The low save-total, however, is due not because the Gamecocks give up a lot of goals.

The team simply has simply not been allowing many shots. Goalkeeper Crista Wood leads the conference in shutout percentage. The freshman is a perfect 2-0 after recording shutout in her first two collegiate starts in front of the net. Five other goalies in the OVC have two shutouts each, including the Gamecocks’ Amanda Stevens. Samford goalkeeper Crystal Royall leads the league

Gamecocks’ streak comes to an end

By Michael Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State soccer took to the road for a single game this week against Mississippi State. They returned home from Starkville without the results that they were hoping for, as they dropped a 4-0 decision to the 5-3-1 Bulldogs. The loss dropped the Gamecocks to 4-3-1 and ended their five-game unbeaten streak.

Jacksonville State was out-shot by the Bulldogs, 17-7. The Gamecocks did out-save the Bulldogs by a seven to five mark. Jacksonville State led the foul charge 13 to 10. Corner kicks were even at five.

The first half featured no scoring, as JSU held their own against Mississippi State. The Gamecocks only attempted three shots to the Bulldogs’ six, but Amanda Stevens recorded four saves in the half, compared to three for Mississippi State goalie Lisa Marzotto. The second half featured all the scoring, as the depth of the Bulldogs began to take over. The first goal was scored at 10:05

Volleyball still hot; unbeaten in Ohio Valley play

By Michael Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

If anyone were to look for the hottest team on campus, they would need to look no further than Pete Mathews Coliseum. That is where the Jacksonville State women’s volleyball team plays.

Those Gamecocks are currently sporting a healthy 11-3 record after three big wins this week, defeating Samford on the road, 3-2, Mississippi State in Starkville, 3-0, and Gardner-Webb in North Carolina, 3-0. This gives Jacksonville State a seven-game win streak and a five-match win streak as well. They haven’t lost since playing Alabama on Sept. 19.

The first game of the week saw the Gamecocks travel to the Bulldogs of Birmingham, in the first
Crystal Royall leads the league with five.

JSU lead coach Lisa Howe said she has watched the team improve in many areas since the first two games.

“We have improved so much since our losses in August,” said Howe. “After the opening weekend, we identified the areas where we needed the most improvement. We concentrated on individual defending, staying compact, goal-keeping and fitness. The tie with South Alabama would have been a loss if we had not improved in these areas.”

Individually, no JSU players can be found among offensive statistical leaders in the OVC. The Gamecocks’ balanced attack has prevented any one player from turning too many heads. Instead, nine players have recorded goals this season for JSU.

Six players have one goal, two have two scores and only one, Joanna McCaughey, has three on the year. The sophomore got her third goal of the season during the Gamecocks last game.

“It’s good to have a balanced attack,” Howe said. “The other team cannot focus on shutting down just one of our players. In the last five games, we have scored from short range, long range, crosses and set plays.”

After starting the season 0-2 with losses to Alabama and Birmingham-Southern, the Gamecocks put together a five-game unbeaten streak. During the streak, JSU recorded four shutouts.

After losing a game to Southeastern Conference member Mississippi State last Friday, the Gamecocks shut out 10th-ranked Emory University (9-2) on Tuesday at home.

With the victory, Jacksonville State moves to 5-3-1 on the season.

The Gamecocks will open play in the Ohio Valley Conference on Friday night with a home game against Tennessee-Martin. Kickoff is set for 7.