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## Tough road ahead for Alabama institutions of higher learning

*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 also 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.



Courtesy of JSU/Steve Latham

Alabama Gov. Bob Riley

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 profes-

sional 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 new 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

More than 50 million telephone owners — nearly half the nation — had been looking forward to the end of telemarketers disrupting their dinners.

Now it looks as if that will have to wait.

The National Do Not Call

"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

## Viewing the 'Voyeur'



The National Do Not Call Registry was the product of both the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission, who each adopted new rules prohibiting companies from calling consumers who do not wish to receive sales calls by telephone.

However, in the past two weeks, two different federal judges have ruled in favor of the Direct Marketing Association and other industry groups, saying the FTC overstepped its authority in implementing the national "do not call" list.

The first ruling came from U.S. District Judge Lee R. West in Oklahoma City, who said that Congress had not given the proper authority to the two executive branch agencies to implement the program.

The House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate responded quickly, voting by a combined 507-8 to fix the loophole and grant the agencies permission to pursue the program.

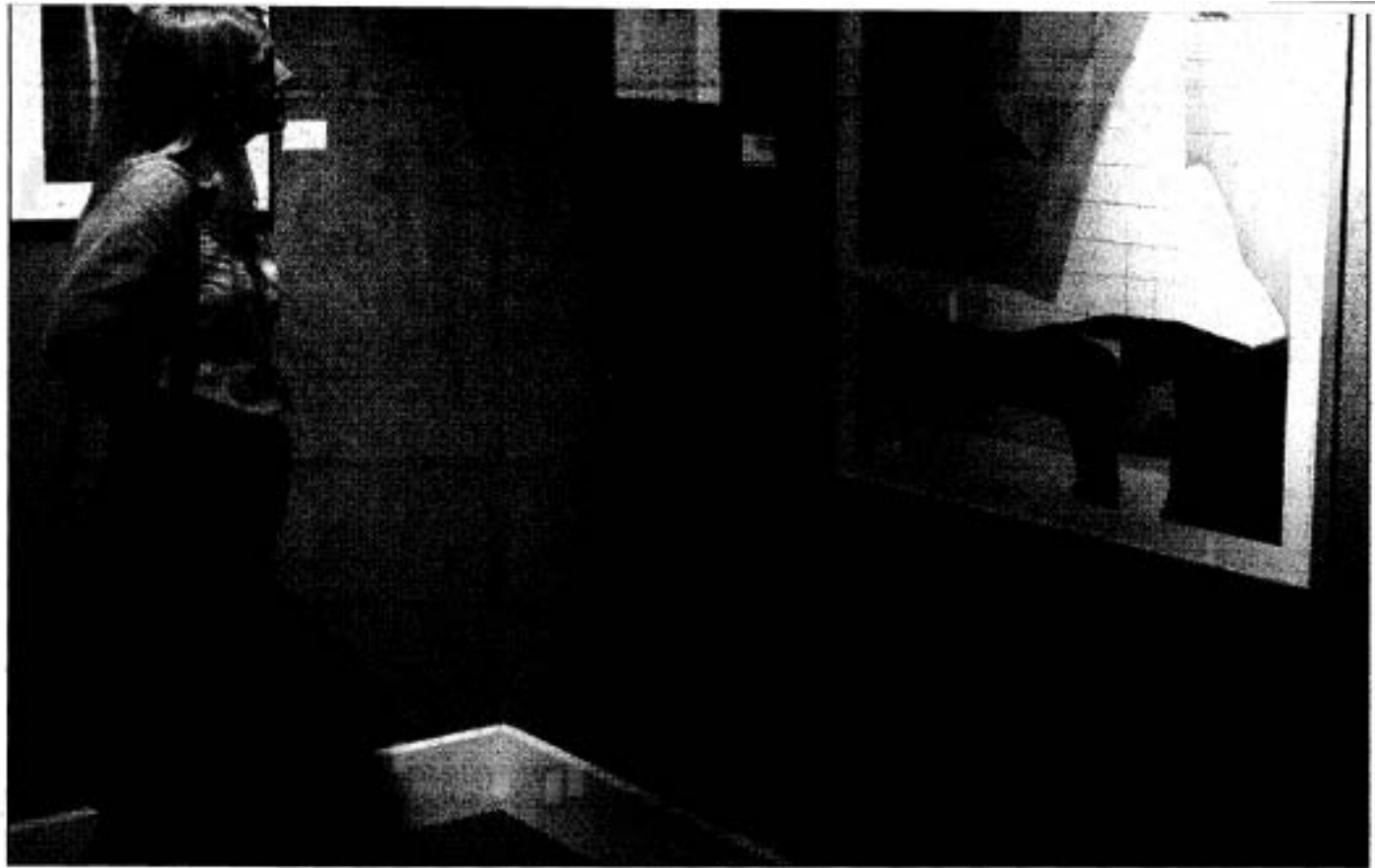
any myopia in the judicial branch. The bill leaves no doubt as to the intent of Congress."

During the House debate, Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., held up a piece of paper he said had the judge's phone number written on it and jokingly threatened to distribute it.

That idea had already occurred to angry consumers, who posted the judge's office and home telephone numbers on Web sites after the ruling and encouraged people to call and complain.

Unfortunately, only an hour after thinking they had fixed the problem, congressmen and senators learned that a second federal judge — this time in Denver — had ruled that the program was unconstitutional. U.S. District Judge Edward Nottingham ruled the list violated the First Amendment because it does not apply equally to all kinds of speech, blocking commercial telemar-

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Anne Carr, a graduate of JSU, studies a painting by Bob Shelton. Shelton, a professor of art at Birmingham-Southern College, was the guest artist for the JSU art department's first gallery showing of the year. Shelton received an undergraduate degree at the University of Memphis, now known as Memphis College of Art. The exhibit featured paintings and graphic art designs that Shelton created from as far back as 10 years ago to only just a few months ago. The paintings feature an oil painting technique and the graphics, a combination of stenciling and spray enamel. Shelton has received many awards and accolades and has been selected for 150 juried exhibitions. The painting pictured above is an oil design called "Voyeur."

## SGA catches jungle fever with 'Welcome to the Jungle' homecoming theme



The Chanticleer/Rosalind Moore

Homecoming committee members Doug White, Sara Thompson and Rachael McCombs discuss final responsibilities with committee head Alison Pierce and co-head Tim King. Homecoming 2003 "Welcome to the Jungle" will take place Oct. 20-25. Next week will kick-off homecoming preparations with the Homecoming Queen top 10 pageant.

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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### By the numbers:

Listed capacity of JSU's Paul Snow Stadium:

**15,000**

### Gamecock Scoreboard:

Football:

Sept. 27 - JSU 49, ECU 14

Saturday - vs. Murray State 2:30 p.m., Fox SportsNet

Volleyball:

Sept. 26 - JSU 3, Tennessee State 0

Sept. 27 - JSU 3, Gardner-Webb 0

Friday - at UT-Martin 7 p.m.

Soccer:

Sept. 26 - Mississippi State 4, JSU 0

Sept. 30 - JSU 1, Emory 0

Friday - at UT-Martin 7 p.m.

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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.

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keting calls but not calls from charities.

Ironically, Judge Nottingham's office phone number was registered with the National Do Not Call Registry on July 28.

Telemarketers have claimed the list would devastate the industry and wipe out as much as half of its \$100 billion in annual sales. Others say that estimation is overblown.

Consumers, however, seem to be in favor of the list. During the first hour that the "do not call" list Web site went live in June, 380,000 people signed up their numbers. Since then, 31.1 million phone numbers have been registered at the Web site, 10.9 million by calling toll-free at 1-888-382-1222, and an additional 8.6 million numbers that were transferred from existing state lists. That brings to 50.6 million the total number of phone numbers registered in just over three months.

Duane Ferree, a 21-year-old teacher from Marietta,

Ga., spoke for many consumers last week when he said he was "outraged" by the ruling. "I voiced my rights by putting my number on that list. Now they're taking it away."

The FTC expects the list to block 80 percent of telemarketing calls. The rules will require telemarketers to check the list every three months to see who doesn't want to be called. Those who call the listed people could be fined up to \$11,000 for each violation. Consumers could file complaints to an automated phone or online system.

However, there have been rumors suggesting that some call centers will use the list to telephone millions of people they aren't supposed to call, in order to jam the courts and prove that the government lacks the manpower to enforce this law. To this, Ferree replied, "people don't like telemarketers now. If your goal is for them to hate telemarketers and shoot them on sight, then that's a good way to go."

## 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."

Information about various

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Baptist Campus Ministries** - Hey JSU! Don't forget Celebration on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m., AGAPE Lunch, Wednesdays from 11:15-12:45 p.m., and Bible Study, Thursday at 6 p.m. Go GAMECOCKS! **Contact:** Gary, 435-7020 or gbritt@jsucc.jsu.edu.

• **Delta Zeta** - We had fun at intramurals this week. Congrats Gamecocks on a great game Saturday! Our sisters of the week are Nicole and Allison. Molly gets twisted sister of the week ... literally! Have a great week everyone! **Contact:** Jessie, 435-4366.

• **Student Health Center** - The Student Health Center will administer flu vaccinations for JSU students and employees beginning Oct. 15. The cost for vaccination is \$15.00. Appointments will

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## Attention

• **Student Health Center** - The Student Health Center will administer flu vaccinations for JSU students and employees beginning Oct. 15. The cost for vaccination is \$15.00. Appointments will be scheduled for Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and Friday morning from 8:30-11 a.m. **Contact:** Student Health Center, 782-5310 for an appointment.

• **English Competency Exam (ECE)** - The Fall Semester 2003 ECE will be given at the following times: Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6-7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 22, 3-4:30 p.m. Registration deadline is Oct. 15. Absolutely no late registration. Optional Workshops will be held: Oct. 13, 6-7 p.m. and Oct. 14, 3-4 p.m., Room 250, Merrill Building. **Contact:** Susan Sellers, Stone Center Room 112, 782-5512 or ssellers@jsucc.jsu.edu.

• **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 and GO GAMECOCKS! **Contact:** Angela Estes, 782-6176 or pinkgirl1820018@aol.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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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

• Sept. 25 - James Robert Baker, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI 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 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.

the same thing herself."

Information about various help hotlines and counseling services is also available at the meetings.

The next meeting is Oct. 13 on the third floor of the Theron Montgomery Building at 12 p.m. Other counseling services are available in the CCS office on the third floor. Call 782-5475 for information on these services.

"No one deserves to be mistreated and no one has to stay in an abusive relationship," said Mays. "We're here to show [these women] that there are other options and tell them what resources are available to them."

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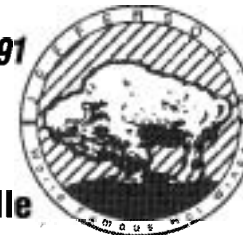
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## Mason Hall elevator fire causes little damage

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 fraterni-

ties 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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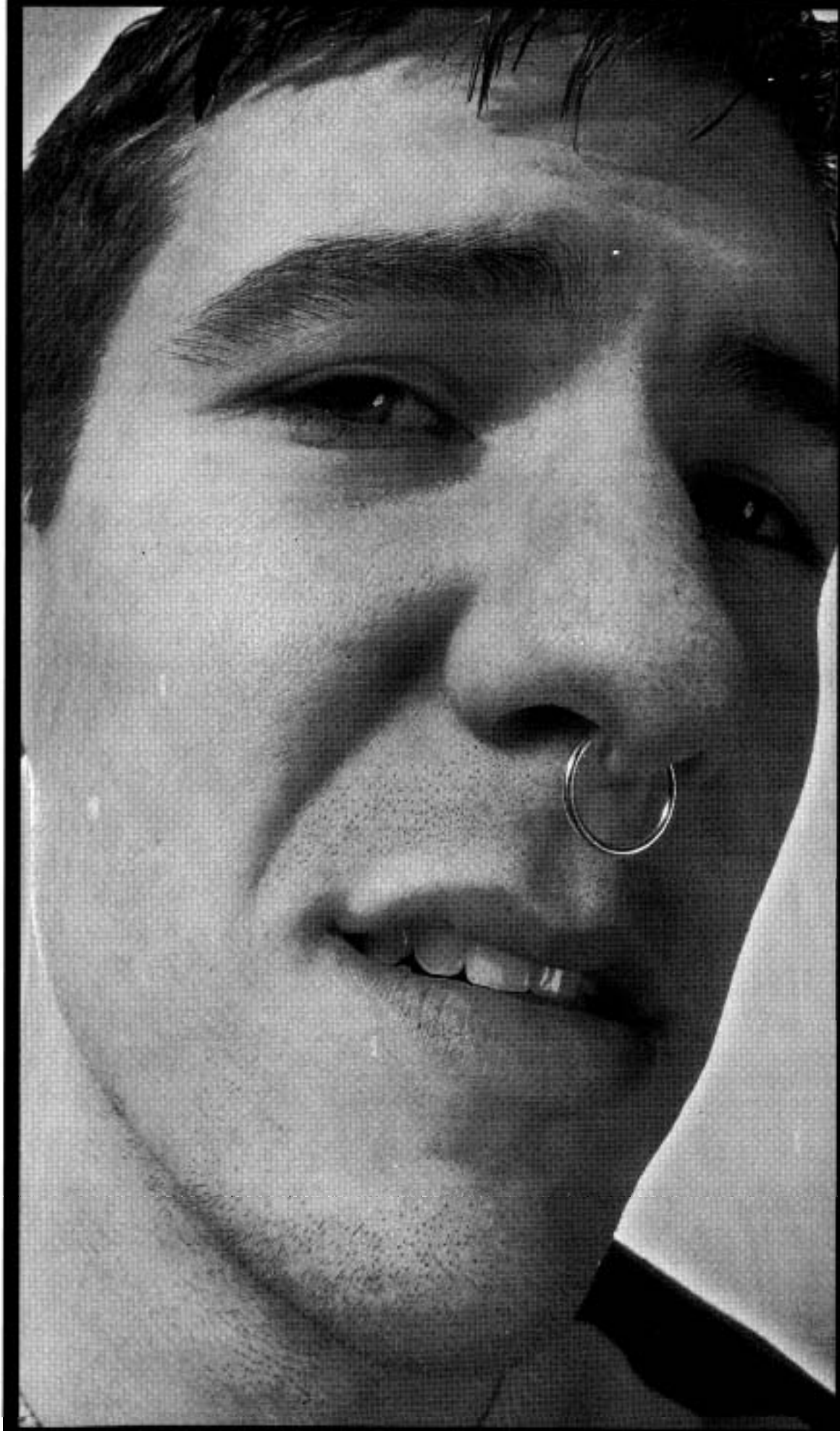
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# OPINION

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## IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**“What do you feel is the biggest problem facing JSU students right now?”**

--Compiled by  
Gary Lewis  
Managing Editor



**Ashley Corley**  
Sophomore  
Pre-dentistry

*“Parking is a huge problem. I don't have a car, but my rides have a lot of trouble parking.”*



**Jermaine Garner**  
Sophomore  
Undecided

*“No student life. No people come to student activities on*

## 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 gizmos 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 had 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!

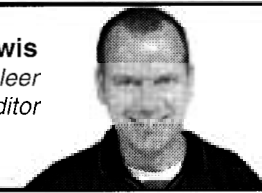
I was even happier when I found that a National Do Not Call Registry was being put into place

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 crueller 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 tell them a story. You know, the usual stuff ... like how that visit to the zoo when I was 7 scarred me for life, because no one bothered telling me in advance what goes on in the monkeyhouse 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 credit worthiness is their little way of saying, “I care.”

**By Gary Lewis**  
The Chanticleer  
Managing Editor



Of course, there's always a load of fun to be had when they ask for “Mrs. Lewis.” Last time I checked, I'm still single. But if the telemarketer doesn't know that, why should I clue them in? Playing the part of the outrageously jealous (and completely irrational) husband is fun, when a strange man calls asking to speak with your wife. Trust me on this.

Sometimes, when I'm feeling less creative, I'll just tell them they want to speak with my dad. “Hang on a second,” I'll say. “I'll go get him.”

Then I'll put the phone in the refrigerator.

They hang up, eventually.

But most of the time, I, like tens of millions of other Americans, simply hang up. Those are the times when I'm busy doing something else, like eating, or studying, or maybe even waiting for an important phone call.

Sales calls are really annoying at those moments. And it's precisely because of moments like these that a national “stop calling me” list is a great idea. Fifty million Elvis fans can't be wrong.

Apparently, though, a telemarketer's right to free speech is more important than your right to eat your Wheaties in peace, at least according to U.S. District Judge Edward Nottingham. He ruled last

Monday that the national registry violated telemarketers' rights by blocking commercial calls but not political or charitable ones.

“The FTC has chosen to entangle itself too much in the consumer's decision,” he wrote.

Um, your honor, sir, wasn't it the consumer's decision to sign the registry in the first place?

Because he and the telemarketers' crack team of legal experts found a constitutional loophole, there won't be a quick decision on this issue. Even the combined efforts of the executive and legislative branches — not to mention the wishes of the people — are powerless against this latest legal maneuver, for the short term, at least.

In all honesty, though, the National Do Not Call Registry was doomed to failure from the start. It's a classic example of swiss cheese legislation, full of so many holes it would've been impossible to enforce.

But there's something to be said for trying. My mother's telephone certainly appreciates the gesture.



## Digging deep into the deceptive dollar trap of tuition aid

**By Neal McCluskey**  
Cato Institute (KRT)

Americans, it seems, have never been better educated. Between 1970 and 2000 the number of individuals enrolled in institutions of higher learn-

income students and families are not prevented from receiving a postsecondary education simply because of financial circumstances.” This year it accomplished that by “investing roughly \$90 billion in higher education, with the bulk

of the aid makes universities less sensitive about their own costs.

“Increases in financial aid in recent years have enabled colleges and universities blithely to raise tuitions, confident that

cursorious — 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



weekends.”



**Laura Guyton**  
Sophomore  
Secondary education

*“Students would face less problems if their focus were set on things above, rather than things of this earth, as in Matthew 5.”*



**Janeka Phillips**  
Junior  
Business

*“I think it’s a combination between housing and parking. With increased enrollment, each is important.”*



**Evan Wilkins**  
Sophomore  
Communication

*“I think there’s a lot of problems, but the biggest problem is the parking situation, especially in front of Bibb Graves.”*

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 policy makers 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-

ing roughly \$90 billion in higher education, with the bulk of that money, about \$65 billion, going directly to students. ...”

Though the \$90 billion figure for overall federal higher education funding is staggering, the prime suspect for ballooning tuition costs is the only slightly less staggering \$65 billion going directly to students. Consider its effect on demand: A student will “purchase” education at a price he can afford. Extra education money enables him to pay a higher tuition.

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 edu-

leges and universities blithely to raise tuitions, confident that federal loan subsidies would help cushion the increase,” said then-Secretary of Education William J. Bennett in 1987.”

The “Bennett hypothesis” — the theory that as long as someone ensures the bills will get paid, colleges will raise tuition — 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

strait 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 hir-

excellent opportunity for all the college-educated folks in Congress to explore the real causes of skyrocketing tuition. Unfortunately, if “The College Cost Crisis” is any indication, higher education will continue to be treated as a federally ensured entitlement, driving politicians to keep on fueling the tuition rocket they say they want to ground.

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We’re taking this opportunity to remind you of our policy because several of the letters we have received

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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.

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Thank you,  
The Chanticleer staff

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### 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 JCOC 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.

### Asberry camp meeting

Asberry Baptist Church will hold an old time camp meeting revival with three different

Spaulding, David Umling and Steve Minkin. For more information call Karen Green at the center 741-4626 or Heyes Jackson with the Extension system at 237-1621

### 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 Anniston 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.

### Campground revival

A revival at Piedmont Congregational Holiness Campground 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

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funding, professional development funding and library enhancement funding.

First and foremost, the deepest cut to education will come by way of textbooks funding. Jacksonville City Schools lost a total of \$100,000 with this cut. Because of this loss in funding, the system will only be able to purchase new math workbooks for kindergarten through second grade.

"The biggest problem with this," explained Mackey, "is that textbooks are replaced on a seven year cycle. Math books, which are now seven years old, were slated to be replaced this year. Now, that is placed on hold."

Mackey noted that a group of superintendents have urged the state superintendent to delay the adoption of new math books for one year, meaning no new books will be purchased this year and the calendar will just be completely pushed back for one year. They will lose the opportunity to purchase books this year, but things will only be moved to an eight year cycle before purchase of new books, rather than forcing math books to face to cyclic rotations before purchase.

"Unfortunately," added Mackey, "there is also a group of superintendents asking to keep the schedule in tact and allow for the purchase of new math books. That, to me, would be completely unjust. It would mean that the majority of kids in our state will be denied new math books, while children in wealthy systems will get new books."

"That is completely unjust and unfair to treat the majority of the children one way and a select few of them another."

The state board is talking of forming a committee to weigh the pros and cons of both sides of the argument. According to Mackey, if the purchase of math books is not delayed by one year, the students in our local schools will have to wait seven more years for new math books, which will make our books 14 years old before they are replaced. While this may not seem like much, when you consider how much wear and tear occurs on the average school book in a year, then multiply that by 14 years it is astronomical. Also, with the speed of our world and how quickly practices, principles and theories change, 14 years of learning the same limited scope of concepts

and software," explained Mackey.

Making the situation even more serious for Jacksonville is the fact that our federal technology funding is also coming in well below the radar of needs and will not help to offset this cut in the way it will for other school systems. The reason for this stems from how the federal government arrives at how much they will fund an individual area.

"Those figures are based on the census numbers," explained Mackey. "Since our census numbers are wrong, our federal technology funds are off as well. "The only way to get those funds back is to get them to fix the census figures. Well, the city has been back and forth with them on that and it does not look like they are willing to hold a recount."

One of the best things about this cut in funding, if there can be a silver lining in this cloud, is the fact that nearly 70 percent of the money spent on technology in Jacksonville comes from local money.

"The state and federal governments have never done a good job of supporting technology," added Mackey. "That has always been a local initiative."

Still, with the cuts in technology funding, one of the biggest things that may fall by the wayside is the newly acquired automated lunchroom accounting system. This system keeps up with all the money for lunches and allows a student to simply enter his personal ID number to pay for lunch.

"The reason this was established," noted Mackey, "extremely disappointed that such a program could end up on the cutting room floor, "was so that no one, including principals, know who is on free or reduced lunch. It takes the stigma associated with this away and allows the children to utilize the much needed service without facing ridicule from their classmates."

The problem arises from the fact that our system is outdated to the tune that you can no longer even purchase replacement parts for it. Because of that, the system was facing a replacement process that will hit somewhere in the \$10-20,000 range.

"Without this system," continued Mackey, "then we will be forced to go back to the old pen and paper way of accounting lunchroom sales and funds. That will completely reduce anonymity

ability to send teachers to workshops and conferences or bring in people to hold in-house workshops.

"Every year," explained Mackey, "they are coming up with new strategies and new ideas for teaching our children. These are things that could help our children locally."

"Besides a large body of research shows that the most effective strategy for improving the performance of children in classrooms is through professional development. More than classroom sizes, new books or anything else, placing qualified and highly motivated teachers in the classrooms, greatly benefits the children."

Finally, the city system will lose \$15,000 in library enhancement funds, which severely limits their ability to purchase new books to stock school libraries. Fortunately, Kitty Stone holds two book fairs each year that helps with the purchase of about 50 percent of the new books they buy each year. They are generally able to raise \$9-10,000 during these fairs, and are hoping that trend will continue or even grow during the upcoming year.

"What the state has done," explained Mackey, putting the whole budget into a nutshell format, "is made strategic cuts so that salaries would not be affected and we would not be forced into mid-year layoffs. The problem here, however, is that we are still having to cut about \$150,000 worth of things that we need to stay cutting edge."

While the final budget is not due in until Friday, but preliminary reports indicate that Jacksonville could face an additional \$70,000 in school bus funding cuts. Mackey insists this shortfall will be covered out of local funds.

"Transportation has never broken even in Jacksonville," explained Mackey. "The state has never paid enough money to even cover the cost."

Another danger facing Jacksonville is that our local funds are only \$500,000. From that, we will have to cover some of these shortfalls, while paying salaries on all school secretaries, electric bills, water bills, and other things. These funds are based on property taxes, which is the largest factor behind the planned push for a property tax increase that the school board and city council are preparing to introduce to the public.

## 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 prize 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 to 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

Assembly Baptist Church will hold an old time camp meeting revival with three different preachers speaking at 10 a.m. each day Oct. 6-10. Lunch will be served. Night services will be at 7 p.m. with Rev. Marlon Greenwood. For more information, call Rev. William Cain at 435-4245.

### Church yard sale

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.

### Yard and bake sale

St. Luke's Church, corner of Ladiga Street and Church Avenue, one block east of the square, will have a yard and bake sale from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday in the Parish House. Proceeds will benefit the outreach ministry.

### Rose show

The Gadsden Rose Society will host a free rose show from noon-4 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 113 Brown Ave., Rainbow City, just off U. S. 411. For more information, call Mr. Rickett at 435-4033.

### Athletic boosters

The Jacksonville High School Athletic Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 13 in the library.

### Educator classes

Master environmental educator 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 Deutsch, Dan

change, 14 years of learning the same limited scope of concepts and calculations would put our children behind and at a serious disadvantage.

### Youth fun day

Youth fun day is from 10 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.

### 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 K. L. 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.

### PARD game

The parks and recreation department will sponsor two games Thursday. At 5:45 p.m., the Bruisers will play Blue Thunder, while the Snakes and Red Dragons face off at 6:45 p.m.

### Purse show

A purse show by E' La Nell Designs, sponsored by the auxiliary, will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Jacksonville Medical Center.

"The only way we would be able to buy new books this year," continued Mackey, "would be if the City Council comes through and funds it."

Mackey, however, is a realist who knows this will not occur because the city is facing their own dire economic situation and has already informed him that they are simply not in a position to do more, funding wise.

The second area local school funding will be cut is in the way of technology. The upcoming budget completely slices away any technology funding, to the tune of \$19,000 from Jacksonville schools alone.

"This money would have been used to update our computer infrastructure, purchase new computers and purchase new servers

lunchroom sales and funds. That will completely reduce anonymity for those children on the free and reduced lunch programs and that is just not right.

"We have to find some way to avoid going back to the stone ages here."

Additionally, the city school system recently set up web sites for each of the schools so that parents can go on-line, check the progress of their children daily, keep up with homework assignments and stay informed, aware and involved. Without funding, Mackey suggested the possibility that these web sites may be forced to close because of the cost of updating and maintaining them.

Jacksonville schools also face a \$6,000 loss in professional development funds. As with technology money, however, the bulk comes from local and federal money with only about 25 percent coming by way of state funding. This cut will limit the system's

## 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 close. Interestingly enough, DUIs were not a major player in Jacksonville's roadway mishaps, but people not being in control of their vehicles because they were talking on the cell phone or eating or putting on makeup or shaving

was.

"You see that a lot more lately," noted Thompson. "Everyone seems to be in such a hurry to get from place to place that they are getting behind the wheel of their vehicles and doing everything except paying attention."

In terms of areas that are most susceptible to traffic altercations in Jacksonville, either side of Pelham Road is the clear cut favorite. Thompson noted that from the first of the year until now, there have

been a total of 51 accidents on Pelham Road, North, from Francis Street north to the city limits. During that same period, there were 108 accidents on Pelham Road, South, from Francis Street south to the city limits.

At probably the busiest intersection in Jacksonville, Pelham Road, North, and Mountain Street, there have been 14 accidents this year.

"The number of accidents on our roadways," concluded Thompson, "has and always will

be directly related to the number of people we have in town. That is why, on average, we experience a good deal more motor vehicle accidents during the fall and winter than we do in the spring and summer.

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.

## School Menus

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1-

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

Kitty Stone Elementary

Wednesday: Barbecue chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, french bread, garden salad, fruit.

Thursday: Pizza, corn on cob, garden salad, fruit.

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

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

Jacksonville High School

Wednesday: Pizza, corn, garden salad, fruit.

Thursday: Homecoming meal — Hamburger steak, hobo fries, rolls, sautéed onions and gravy, garden salad, apple pie.

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

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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 L.A. Although they only mixed and produced the album there, lead singer and songwriter Kelly Jones appears to be having a serious love affair with the Sunset Strip.

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



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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 swaggers 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 pervious 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.

McGaha.

At the moment, "Jax State Today" is run only through volunteer work. "We don't get paid to do this. Similar shows before us have disappeared because there was not enough interest and help to cover a 30-minute show. What we need is more volunteers to help with

"I want to get the 'Jax

way. If you mess up, you'll learn, and when you go out there you know already."

When there are over 9,000 students at the campus, some of them traveling from outside areas, it is not an easy task to get the students in front of their TV sets and interested in the community. Even though other attempts in the past have been less successful, Ortiz sounds hopeful, "What I want is to get the 'Jax State Today' show in

## Vertical Horizon

Go

★★★ 1/2

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



Courtesy RCA

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.

### from TV Show, page 5

dent organizations on campus an opportunity to come to the show and share their events. "Basically we cover it all: sports, news, events, organizations, bands, everything for everybody. We don't want anyone to feel left out," Ortiz said.

The show has run four times so far, but it is hard to tell how it has done among students since TV24 doesn't do surveys

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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

**"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

hopeful, that I want to get the 'Jax State Today' show in the minds of the students. We want to be the talk of the town. When somebody mentions Jacksonville State, we want people to think of our show as well. We want it to be part of the community, and when I'm gone it would continue running on TV."

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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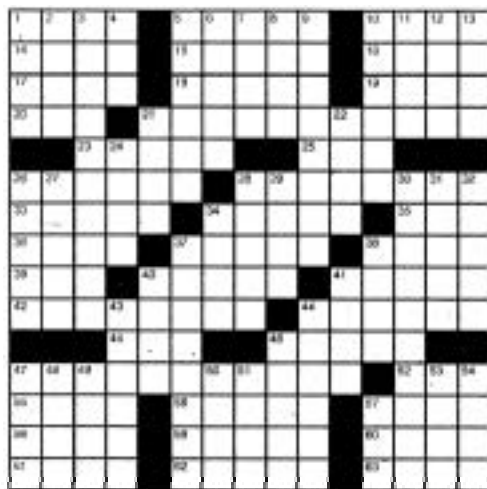
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 17 Civil unrest  
 18 Girder piece  
 19 Tiny bit  
 20 Mil. honor  
 21 One-armed bandit  
 23 Prepared to pray  
 25 CD-  
 26 Charge with carbon dioxide  
 28 Heads toward  
 33 Conflict  
 34 Took on cargo  
 35 Actress Balin  
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 37 "The Sanction  
 38 Tough journey  
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 44 Virgil's hero  
 45 Wide shoe width  
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 55 Bill stamp  
 56 Boxer Roberto  
 57 Give a hoot  
 58 Eye covetously  
 59 African antelope  
 60 Topmost point  
 61 Prepared to drive  
 62 Fender flaws  
 63 Extremely

- 7 Root vegetable  
 8 Kicker Jason  
 9 One who makes comments  
 10 "Tragic Overture" composer  
 11 Abominable snowman  
 12 Black, in poetry  
 13 Identical  
 21 Abel's brother  
 22 For both sexes  
 24 Shuttle grp.  
 26 Sour-tasting, old-style  
 27 Senior  
 28 One of Satan's nations  
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- 10/02/03 Fischerspooner - Earthlink Live  
 10/03/03 Califone and Clem Snide - Echo Lounge  
 10/04/03 Three Degrees of Freedom - Peachtree Tavern  
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## Stoopid News

NORFOLK, Va. — A sudden, irresistible urge. A portable toilet. A confrontation with an angry construction worker. Now, a federal lawsuit.

William Tremmel, 68, of Altoona, Pa., needed to go. Badly. So

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a federal lawsuit.

William Tremmel, 68, of Altoona, Pa., needed to go. Badly. So he dashed to the nearest portable toilet on the Virginia Beach boardwalk.

Problem was, it belonged to construction workers for Weeks Marine, a company hired by the city to replenish the beach. And those workers were fed up with outsiders using the company can.

They retaliated, Tremmel claims in a lawsuit filed last month, by driving a bulldozer or front-end loader to the toilet and blocking the doorway, pinning him "inside the rank tomb."

Tremmel is seeking \$100,000 for the Aug. 19, 2001, incident. Weeks doesn't deny its employee blocked Tremmel in the toilet but says the worker was within his rights.

Tremmel says he was locked inside for 25 minutes. He claims members of his family shouted at the worker, but the man left and returned with his foreman, who chastised Tremmel through the closed door and accused him of trespassing.

Tremmel says the "abduction and false imprisonment" caused him "humiliation, mortification, shame, vilification, injury to his feelings, mental suffering, insult and indignity." Tremmel and his wife were celebrating their anniversary.

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.

Genarroa 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.

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# Sports

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## Gamecock special teams give them the momentum

By  
J. Wilson Guthrie  
The Chanticleer  
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Well I underestimated the heck out of our beloved Gamecocks. I did call the three missed PATs though. And someone had a break-out 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 he 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

# Bolden returns with a vengeance

By Amado Ortiz  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

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 ECU 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 us 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: Well, I'm not going to say we had better competi-



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Derrick Sistrunk takes on two Colonels during Saturday's game against Eastern Kentucky. JSU trounced ECU, 49-14, in the Gamecocks' break-out game.

tion 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.

Q: What's the one thing the Chanticleer readers need to know about you? Courtney: I don't know. I guess that I'm a real nice guy, and thanks to the students for showing their support during the rain last game.

## Golf goes to one-hole shootout

From staff reports

Jacksonville State survived a sudden-death one-hole playoff to defeat

## 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

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 43.8-yard

the 2001 season. He also finished with one punt inside the 5-yard line in the second half, as JSU improved to 2-2 on the season and 1-0 in the league. Rhodes has now punted 25 times this year for a 43.3-yard average. He has also had four touchbacks, six punts downed inside the 20, and three punts fair caught. Only 12 punts have been returnable. For his career, he has 124 punts for over three miles, with a 43.9-

in his career, for an incredible .992 unblocked punt percentage. This second OVC Player-of-the-Week honor goes with his other list of accolades, which include third-team All-American honors in his first two seasons, three player-of-the-week honors in the Southland Football Conference, two National Player-of-the-Week honors and two first-team SFL All-Conference nods.

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.

vived a sudden-death one-hole playoff to defeat Southern Mississippi and claim the team title at the 19th annual First Reliance Bank Intercollegiate Golf Tournament on Tuesday.

Southern Miss shot the lowest team score on Tuesday, an even-par 288, to tie the Gamecocks at 9-over 873 for 54 holes and force the playoff.

The playoff consisted of each squad's five team members playing the par-4 18 hole, with the four low scores counting. JSU finished the hole at 1-under-par, while the Golden Eagles finished 3-over.

"Basically, we played good in every spot," said JSU head coach James Hobbs. "We didn't play spectacular, but we played solid. We got one or two good rounds out of every-one."

JSU placed three golfers in a tie for 12th place. Senior Nick Mackay, junior Matias Anselmo and sophomore Chase Deck each finished the 54 holes with a 2-over-par score of 218. Sophomore Patricio Cozzoli tied for 26th with a total score of 222, and Bryan Rozier finished tied for 40th with a score of 226.

Charlotte led after 18 holes, while JSU owned the 36-hole lead. It marks the third time the Gamecocks have captured the tournament title, having previously won in 1998 and 1999. It was the first team playoff in the event's history.

The 54-hole tournament was played on the par 72, 7,041-yard Country Club of South Carolina course.

Jax State returns to action Oct. 12-14 at the UT-Chattanooga Fall Intercollegiate, a tournament the Gamecocks have won the past two years.

Ohio Valley Conference Special Teams Player of the Week, the conference headquarters announced Sunday. A junior from Alexander City, Rhodes helped lead JSU to an

with five punts for a 43.8-yard average, including a season-long 68-yard punt, which was the third longest punt of his career. His longest was a 74-yard effort against Troy State in

career, he has 124 punts for over three miles, with a 43.9-yard average per punt. He has an incredible 32 punts downed inside the 20, 13 fair caught and 12 touchbacks. Rhodes also only has one punt blocked

two first-team SFL All-Conference nods.

Rhodes and the Gamecocks return to action this weekend, as they travel to Murray, Ky., to face the Murray State Racers.



# JSU Sports Standings



## Football

	OVC	PF	PA	Overall	PF	PA	Stk.
Samford	1-0	41	31	3-1	133	119	W1
Tennessee State	1-0	41	10	3-2	153	85	W1
Jacksonville State	1-0	49	14	2-2	80	86	W1
Tennessee Tech	1-0	49	24	2-2	111	116	W2
Eastern Illinois	0-0	0	0	1-3	48	81	L3
Eastern Kentucky	0-1	14	49	1-4	106	197	L3
Murray State	0-1	24	49	1-4	81	135	L4
Tennessee-Martin	0-1	10	41	1-4	44	194	L4
Southeast Missouri	0-1	31	41	0-5	54	124	L5

### Saturday, Oct. 4

Eastern Illinois at Southeast Missouri\* - 11:30 a.m. (TFN)  
 Tennessee Tech at Tennessee-Martin\* - 2 p.m.  
 Jacksonville State at Murray State\* - 2:30 p.m. (FOXSN)  
 Samford at Eastern Kentucky\* - 5:30 p.m.

## Volleyball

	W-L	PCT.	Stk.	W-L	PCT.	Stk.
Murray State	3-0	1.000	W3	8-4	.667	W8
Jacksonville State	2-0	1.000	W2	11-3	.786	W4
Eastern Kentucky	1-1	.500	L1	10-6	.625	L1
Morehead State	1-1	.500	W1	8-7	.533	W1
Austin Peay	1-1	.500	L1	6-8	.429	L1
Tennessee Tech	1-1	.500	L1	6-8	.429	W4
Samford	1-1	.500	W1	5-8	.385	W1
Eastern Illinois	1-1	.500	W1	4-11	.267	W1
Southeast Missouri	1-1	.500	W1	2-12	.143	W1
Tennessee State	0-2	.000	L2	4-9	.308	L2
Tennessee-Martin	0-3	.000	L3	2-14	.125	L2

### Friday, Oct. 3

Jacksonville State at Tennessee-Martin\* - 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 4

Jacksonville State at Murray State\* - 12 noon

## Soccer

	OVC					OVERALL				
	W-L-T	PCT.	PTS.	GF	GA	W-L-T	PCT.	GF	GA	
SE Missouri	1-0-0	1.000	3	5	0	5-2-3	.650	15	11	
Tennessee Tech	1-0-0	1.000	3	2	1	6-5-0	.545	24	18	
Tennessee-Martin	0-0-0	.000	—	0	0	5-2-1	.688	25	10	
Samford	0-0-0	.000	—	0	0	4-2-3	.611	11	3	
Jacksonville State	0-0-0	.000	—	0	0	4-3-1	.562	13	13	
Eastern Illinois	0-0-0	.000	—	0	0	4-4-2	.500	22	16	
Murray State	0-0-0	.000	—	0	0	3-4-3	.450	16	18	
Morehead State	0-0-0	.000	—	0	0	2-5-1	.312	12	29	
Austin Peay	0-2-0	.000	0	1	7	2-6-1	.278	8	16	

### Friday, Oct. 3

Tennessee-Martin at Jacksonville State

### Sunday, Oct. 5

Murray State at Jacksonville State

# 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 Willlllberrrr, 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

## Gamecocks kept momentum...

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The Gamecocks did not lose any first-half momentum in the opening minutes of the third quarter.

After a 70-yard kickoff return by Chapman, quarterback Maurice Mullins came in to lead JSU on a six-play, 30-yard drive ending with a four-yard touchdown pass to Milas Randle.

The defense never let up all game as they were putting a helmet on the quarterback every time the ball was snapped.

Junior Courtney Bolden, in his first game back since concussions had him sidelined, threw a massive hit on EKU quarterback Matt Guice for the sack.

The remainder of the game continued to swing in the favor of the Gamecocks. A 45-yard field goal by Steven Lee and touchdown runs by Oscar Bonds and Clay Green put JSU in front, 49-7, with 7:46 remaining.

The Gamecocks' 49-point score was the team's highest point total since a 72-point effort against Cumberland to open the 2001 season.

"I think it was a very important football game," said Crowe. "The good feeling I have as a coach is that we asked our players to do something for this football game and they did it. They devoted themselves and their time to make sure for each other that they were totally focused on this football game. We played with a lot of focus."

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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 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-for-2 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 Stephens. Samford goalkeeper Crystal Royall leads the league

# Gamecocks ride over Colonels, 49-14

By Amado Ortiz

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Everything was clicking on all cylinders this past weekend as the JSU offense, defense and special teams triple-teamed Eastern Kentucky to win 49-14 at Paul Snow Stadium.

Jax State recovered three EKU fumbles and picked off two passes to go along with two punt blocks to send a statement to the rest of the league: We Belong.

The offense rose to the challenge as junior Oscar Bonds rushed for 133 yards and a touchdown to lead JSU to their first-ever Ohio Valley Conference win.

"Winning at home big against a program that's been traditionally a good program in the league is a good start," said JSU head coach Jack Crowe following JSU's first OVC game since the Gamecocks joined the league earlier this year.

## Gamecocks' streak comes to an end

By Michael Vaughan II

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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 Luisa Marzotto. The second half featured all the scoring, as the depth of the Bulldogs began to take over. The first goal was scored at

Marcus Mitchell scored on the Gamecocks' first play from scrimmage after Jonathan Crutcher recovered an EKU fumble at the Colonels' 1-yard line. The dive play up the middle gave JSU a 7-0 lead just 1:11 into the game.

Less than two minutes later, Skylar Mansfield blocked an EKU punt to give Jax State possession at the Colonel 21-yard line. Kory Chapman found the end zone five plays later to put the Gamecocks ahead 14-0 with 10:05 left in the first quarter.

Darrell "Maintenance" Prater rounded out the first-half scoring for JSU as the senior recorded the team's second blocked punt of the night. He recovered a loose ball at the Colonel 2-yard line and returned it to the end zone to give JSU a 26-7 lead at the half.

"One thing I hope our team learns from this is that the kicking game has a way of just



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Gamecock head coach Jack Crowe said last week that the JSU defense had to step up and play better football to win. The defense allowed the EKU Colonels zero rushing yards in the first half of play Saturday and came out the victor, 49-14.

determining the momentum of a game quicker than the offense or the defense, unless there is turnovers," said coach Crowe.

"We found more people making plays in this game than we have so far this year. The focus and the physiological energy that we

played with was the determining factor in the game."

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## Volleyball still hot; unbeaten in Ohio Valley play

By Michael Vaughan II

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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, Tennessee State in Nashville, 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

Jacksonville State then traveled to Music City, USA to face Tennessee State for another OVC match. This battle against the Tigers proved to be much easier than the Samford match, as Jacksonville State swept TSU by 32-30, 30-13 and 30-21 scores. This bumped JSU's conference record to 2-0 (10-3 overall). The attack was crucial. In game two, the Gamecocks only committed two errors to 16 kills, giving them a spectacular .538 attack percentage for the game. Overall, they out-attacked Tennessee State by a .364 to .136 gap. They also out-blocked TSU 13-3. Individually Christina Cary had an outstanding game, as she recorded 22 huge kills, followed by Jessica Starck with nine and Jennifer Brenneman with eight. Meredith Duke led the assist charge with 28, and she threw in an ace for good measure. Suzi Terrell recorded a solo

Crystal Royall leads the league with five.

JSU head 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.

via zero. The second half retained all the scoring, as the depth of the Bulldogs began to take over. The first goal was scored at 55:06, when Heidi Ondra took a pass from Elke D'Hollander and beat the JSU goalie in a one-on-one situation. That was followed five minutes later when Sara Moore knocked in a header off of a Karen Sandrik pass to give MSU a 2-0 lead. The Bulldogs managed to add two very, very late goals, as Betty Ann Casey scored both goals, the first with 1:11 remaining. The second, in a rarity in a lopsided game, came off a penalty kick with only 18 seconds left on the clock, in a move that shocked the Gamecock faithful.

The Gamecocks were led in the game on shots by Joanna McCaughey and Dausha Hudak, who had a pair each, and one shot was recorded by Breanne Milne, Kim Peterson and Liz Hendricks. Amanda Stephens played the entire game, and while allowing four goals, she did record seven saves.

On the season, the Gamecocks are now even in goals with their opponents, as JSU has both scored and allowed 13 goals. Jacksonville State has an 8-7 margin in the first half, but has been outscored 6-5 in the second half. JSU has out-shot opponents by a 114-79 margin, leading in all periods except for double overtime.

The Gamecocks play next against Tennessee-Martin on Friday at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday against Murray State at 1 p.m. Both games are at home.

The first game of the week saw the Gamecocks travel to the Bulldogs of Birmingham, in the first Ohio Valley Conference game in Jacksonville State sports history. It was the first OVC game for Samford's volleyball team as well. The two teams treated the sparse crowd to a great match, going the full five before JSU pulled out the win. Samford took the first game 30-15 and looked to roll easily. Jacksonville State would have none of it, however, as they took games two and three by 30-28 and 30-27 finals. Samford rallied to win the fourth game 30-26, to set up the dramatic fifth game, won by the Gamecocks 15-10. Jennifer Brenneman ended with a double-double for the Gamecocks, as she recorded 11 kills and 12 digs. She also had three service aces. Three other Gamecocks finished in double-digit kills, as Christina Cary had 14, Shari Weyer tallied 13, and Jessica Starck had 10. Assists were split between Emily Withers and Meredith Duke, who had 26 and 20, respectively. Cary tied Brenneman with three aces, and Weyer led the team with three block assists.

good measure. Suzi Terrell recorded a solo block, while Cary and Weyer added three block assists each.

Jacksonville State then took a step out of the OVC and back into the Atlantic Sun to face another old rival, the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs. This proved to be no contest at all, as the Gamecocks destroyed the 'Dogs by scores of 30-19, 30-19 and 30-15. All the stats were weighed heavily in JSU's favor, as they had a .445-.147 edge in attack percentage, a 52-22 edge in kills, a huge 43-19 gap in assists and a 16-3 edge in total blocks.

Shari Weyer led the attack individually in kills with 13, followed closely by Jessica Starck with 12. Kim Halbach and Suzi Terrell added seven kills apiece. Emily Withers took the lead in assists with 19, while Meredith Duke had 18. Jennifer Brenneman had four service aces, while Terrell, Weyer and Duke had two aces each. Kisha West led digs with 15, followed by Withers with 11.

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