JSU’s Family Day celebrates family and football this weekend

Alumni, students, faculty and their families celebrate 15 years of tradition with cookouts, fun activities and more this Saturday at JSU

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Family Day, this Saturday, is always one of the busiest days on the JSU campus. “This is a 15-year tradition where the families of current students are invited to participate in a fun-filled day where they can experience all the perks of being a JSU student without having to go to classes,” said Terry Casey, director of Student Life.

Almost every organization on campus is having its own Family Day celebration. Several fraternities and sororities hold picnics for their new members’ families. “On Family Day, we normally get together with another greek organization and have a cookout,” said Ashley Pruitt, a member of Alpha Xi Delta. “It’s a time to hang out and have fun before the game.”

The science department is also gearing up for Family Day. They are having an archeology exhibition, while the art department is selling art and pottery during the small carnival that is the main focus of the pre-game activities. There will be the Gamecocky Bouncy (a moonwalk-type activity), a giant slide and games people can play for prizes. “Family Day is like a big family reunion, because alumni and everyone’s families are here,” said Mardracus Russell, SGA vice president of student activities. “We all come together, and there’s the picnic and activities that everyone can enjoy.” The picnic will include hamburgers and hot dogs, served on the Quad for five dollars a person.

Other activities that kids may especially enjoy include face painting, and a caricature artist. Students and guests can also enjoy entertainment from The

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Web site sparks debate about Riley

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On Sept. 9, voters of Alabama firmly rejected Gov. Bob Riley’s tax referendum. Alabamians voted down an increase in taxes and called for more accountability from Montgomery legislators before giving them more money. In the wake of California’s governor recall, some Alabamians felt the need to voice their First Amendment right to freedom of speech.

In California, voters can petition a recall of the elected governor based on certain provisions in their state constitution. The state of California has been the butt of late-night television show jokes and a media frenzy that has

enough of Riley, there is no way for visitors to the site to see just how many Alabamians support a recall. However, the site has accumulated about 32,800 hits since going online about two weeks ago.

An Internet search on Register.com revealed that the domain name was registered to M.J. Humphries of Tuscaloosa. A person was reached at the contact number listed with the recallriley.com domain name, but claimed that they “did not register the site,” and that they were not M.J. Humphries. There has been some speculation from Riley supporters about who is ultimately behind the recall effort.

Another Web site, Crypticlife.net, posted comments from an

Lewd sex act costs New York radio station

By Daniel Spratlin
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The Federal Communications Commission last Thursday levied a $357,000 fine against Infinity Broadcasting, for a radio segment in which a couple was said to be having sex in New York’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

The FCC responded to an outpouring of complaints following the August 2002 broadcast of the “Opie and Anthony” show over New York’s WNEW-FM and 12 other Infinity radio stations. The nationally syndicated
New implant may make male birth control a reality soon

By Daniel Spratlin
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Forty-year-old Scott Hardin says he's glad that men may soon have a new choice when it comes to birth control. But, he adds, he would not even consider taking a male hormonal contraceptive. Hardin is like many men who are pleased to hear they may have a new option but are wary of taking any type of hormones.

"I would rather rely on a solution that doesn't involve meditating myself and the problems women have had with hormone therapy doesn't make me anxious to want to sign on to taking a hormone-type therapy," says Hardin, who is single and a college administrator.

For the first time, a safe, effective and reversible hormonal male contraceptive appears to be within reach. Several formulations are expected to become commercially available within the near future.

Men may soon have the option of a daily pill to be taken orally, a patch or gel to be applied to the skin, an injection every three months or an implant placed under the skin.

"We've been offered an opportunity to respond, and we intend to do that." Infinity spokesman Karen Mateo said.

The commission also proposed fining AM/FM Radio Licenses, now part of see Radio, page 2

JSU intramural sports: A break from test stress, but teams still mean serious business

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

There are times in the lives of college students when they need a break from the pressure of cramming for tests or worrying about finals. There are a lot of different ways to do this.(JSU)or even let out a little stress. The Chanticleer sports staff challenges you to find one activity more fulfilling, more exciting and downright more entertaining than intramural sports.

Intramural sports means a lot to plenty of JSU students. It gives many students opportunities to play sports outside of high school and a chance to meet fellow students outside the classroom. If you are used to playing the traditional team sports, the recreational sports departments sets up leagues for men's, women's and co-ed teams.

Every day from now till the end of spring, hundreds of students will participate in various sports from flag football and volleyball to badminton and bowling. Many sports will be represented in intramural sports this school year — you can even try your luck at invertebrate water polo. "Invertebrate water polo will be a major sport this year," said Allen Gilbert, JSU director of intramural sports.

"Intramural sports brings a lot of retention to the campus." One of the easiest ways to get involved in team sports is to form a team on your own. You can form a team with a couple of your friends, perhaps the hall of your dormitory, or the neighbors in your apartment complex.

"Playing intramural sports brings a lot of brotherhood and
California woman’s death re-ignites debate over RU-486 abortion pills

By Taunya English
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Walnut Creek, Calif. — The death of a vibrant 18-year-old California woman has propelled the abortion pill into the spotlight once again, nearly three years after the drug was approved for use in the United States.

The Food and Drug Administration sanctioned RU-486, or mifepristone, after a long and contentious political fight among the country’s legions of anti-abortion and abortion rights activists.

Holly Patterson died Sept. 17 after taking a sequence of RU-486 and its companion drug misoprostol, her family said.

The Alameda County (Calif.) Coroner’s Office is investigating the death, and the FDA has begun an inquiry.

Patterson’s death has not been linked to either of the drugs. The coroner’s report is expected in about two weeks.

Chief among the questions being posed after Patterson’s death is if a new California law increases risks by allowing mid-level health practitioners to give abortion drugs. Physicians are joining both sides of the debate.

Dr. Vanessa Cullins, vice president of medical affairs for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said Patterson’s death should not lead to hasty conclusions about a procedure rigorously studied in clinical trials.

“Medical abortion using mifepristone and misoprostol has a long safety track record and has been used successfully by more than a million women worldwide, and more than 200,000 women in America,” Cullins said.

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Clear Channel Radio, $55,000 for two broadcasts on WWDC-FM in Washington, in which the “Elliott in the Morning” program interviewed female students about sexual activities at their high school, including references to oral sex. Copp was again dissented, saying the commission should try to revoke the station’s license rather than impose a fine.

A call to Clear Channel was not immediately returned.

Adelstein said that in the future, each program segment found to be indecent should be considered a separate violation subject to a $27,500 fine. In the current cases, the FCC proposed to fine each station once for each whole program broadcast.

The radio producer who was on the scene at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Paul Mercurio, later pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and was ordered to perform seven days of community service. The man and woman who allegedly had sex in the landmark church were also charged. Before he was to appear in court last month, Brian Florence, 38, died at his home in Alexandria, Va. His girlfriend, Loretta Lynn Harper, 36, was expected to plead guilty to a minor charge and avoid jail time, their lawyer, Maranda Fritz, said.

Correction

In last week’s article about the legislature’s special session in Montgomery, we stated that JSU would lose about $50,000 in funds. The actual loss that JSU will suffer is around $500,000. The JSU Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, Oct. 20 to discuss issues concerning the possible increase of fees and tuition for the 2004-05 school year.

All families of JSU students were mailed tickets several weeks ago. If you’ve lost the tickets or need some more, JSU Peer Counselors will be handing them out at a table near the Gamecock Fieldhouse.
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**Campus Crime**

- Oct. 2 – Joshua Lamont Woolfork, 19, reported his 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass stolen near Fitzpatrick Hall.

- Oct. 2 – Christopher Chad Harbison, 21, was arrested by JSUPD for public intoxication and possession of marijuana occurring in the parking lot of the Chevron Service Station.

- Oct. 3 – Ami Diane Brown, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring on Hwy. 21.

- Oct. 3 – James Andrew Poe, 20, was arrested by JSUPD for being a minor in possession of alcohol occurring on West Francis Street.

- Oct. 4 – Bryan Patrick Cochran, 19, reported his CD Player stolen from the parking lot of Dixon Hall.

- Oct. 4 – Robert Arthur Story Jr., 18, was arrested by JSUPD for public intoxication in the parking lot of McDonalds.

- Oct. 6 – Silas Warner Martin, 22, reported two textbooks, totaling $210, stolen.

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

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Dr. Mary Davenport, an El Sobrante, Calif., obstetrician-gynecologist, opposed the 2002 bill allowing non-physicians to give the drugs. The second half of the procedure leaves the cervix open, Davenport said. Bacteria can travel from the vagina into the uterus, she said; sometimes, she added, tissue is not fully cleared from the cervix, leaving a woman vulnerable to infection.

She said mifepristone and misoprostol should be given only by someone with the skill to do a dilation and curettage, the surgical removal of tissue from the uterus that only physicians can legally perform.

Jan Carroll, a legislative analyst with the California Pro Life Council, said, “We warned that there would be death as a result of this legislation, and I expect there will be more.”

Others, though, support the procedure.

Dr. Philip Darney, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of California at San Francisco, said the complications Davenport describes are extremely rare.

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Mid-level clinicians or nurse practitioners are likely to be better trained to provide RU-486 abortions because they specialize in that type of care, Darney argued.

“They are qualified and follow a very explicit protocol written by physicians,” he said.

Even when a doctor provides the medication, an incomplete abortion is typically cared for in an emergency department or back at the clinic, often at a time when the original doctor is unavailable, he said.

A spokeswoman for Danco Laboratories, which manufactures the drug, said the company has referred to the FDA about 400 reports of adverse effects, most involving excessive bleeding but some involving bacterial infections. One woman who took RU-486 died from a ruptured ectopic pregnancy (one that implanted in a fallopian tube), and a Canadian woman who used the drug died from septic shock. However, the FDA says there is no proof the abortion pill was responsible for those deaths.

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Over the past 5 years, contraceptive is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Interestingly, Wang says there is now greater interest in this technology than in the past and there is now more funding available worldwide than ever before.

JSU will lead study on chemical PCB-related health effects in Anniston

The Associated Press

Anniston, Ala. — The $3.2 million effort will include participation by the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Emory University in Atlanta.

Now-banned polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, were once manufactured in Anniston and left pollution that resulted in lawsuits.

Martha Lavender, JSU’s dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and one of the principal investigators, told The Anniston Star for a story Friday that officials hope the joint effort will have “the best possible outcome not only for research but for community knowledge.”

Data collection for the health study could begin early next year. Funding for the health study comes from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), a federal environmental health agency. It has also awarded a related $150,000, two-year grant to the West Anniston Foundation, to study access to health services in western Anniston.

Elaine McEachern, spokeswoman for ATSDR, would not disclose what other coalition had bid to conduct the study.

There are several other partners in the health study, including the State University of New York and Community Against Pollution.

“This study is important to the Anniston community and I believe this is a crucial step toward the continued revitalization of Calhoun County,” said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., who has held Senate hearings on Anniston’s PCB pollution and pushed for the study money.

The goals of the project are to collect information on local exposure to PCBs, study the relationship between the chemicals and a health disorders such as cancer and educate the community.

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Am I supposed to care about Cali?

I’ve spent the greater part of the last few months trying to figure out exactly why I should care about the California gubernatorial race.

So far, I don’t have an answer.

I can understand, I guess, why a star-studded three-ring circus directly affecting the lives of 35 million Americans is considered national news. After all, California’s economy is bigger than that of all but a handful of entire countries.

Throw in a cast of characters ranging from eccentric millionaires to the Terminator to Jimi the Dancing Bear, and hey! This is great TV!

But that still doesn’t tell me why I should care.

California is nearly 2,500 miles away from Arizona. I’ve never been there, and unless something miraculous happens, I won’t be going there anytime soon. It’s nothing against the state or its fine citizens... I just don’t see the need to go way over there when there’s so much left for me to experience here on the East Coast.

And yet, every time I pick up a paper or magazine, every time I turn on the television, every time I get online, there it is. News about California’s gubernatorial woes.

It was fun for a day or two, especially when Gary Coleman entered the race. If I were a California citizen, I probably would’ve voted for him on sheer principle.

But once it became just another campaign — albeit with porn stars on the ballot — I tired of it pretty quickly.

Arnold was a womanizer on film sets; Arnold says he’s sorry about that and wants to be not trying to become my governor.

A friend of mine suggested that California’s race was getting so much attention purely because we’re a year away from the 2004 Presidential Race. California, he said, is a microcosm of the epic struggle between conservatives and liberals. Whichever side won would gain a huge advantage in the race for California’s 54 crucial electoral votes.

Mmkay. Sounds a bit oversimplified to me.

Call me an optimist, but I refuse to believe that the presence of middleweight sumo wrestler Kurt “Tachikaze” Rightmyer on the California ballot is any kind of indicator of W’s chances of serving a second term.

Californians recalled Gov. Gray Davis for the purest of reasons. They just didn’t like him.

California was rocked hard by massive budget problems and deep political division, and Davis just didn’t have the charisma to hold the place together.

Whether he was the victim of a right-wing conspiracy to remove him from office, as some have claimed, isn’t even all that important. The fact is, if he’d had a stronger personality, he’d still be governor.

So now he’s gone, and California’s new governor is a fading action hero and seven-time Mr. Olympia. Can do a good job as governor. Oh, he’s a conservative, which might rattle some nerves in places like Berkeley and Santa Monica, which aren’t exactly known for their love of Republicans.

But the important thing is, Arnold’s not a complete idiot, like some of his competition in this race.

I’m not normally a fan of movie stars dabbling in politics, since most of them seem to be completely out of touch with the real world. But Arnold, to his credit, has generally picked his battles wisely.

And more importantly, when the accusations of his womanizing hit the presses, he didn’t duck and cover. I can’t judge if he’s being completely sincere about the future, but there’s little doubt the man is honest about his past.

But that doesn’t change the fact that he’s way over there. And I’m way over here.

All I really want out of the California election is for it to be over, and at long last, it appears that it is.

Porn queen and unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate Mary Carey was asked Tuesday by the San Francisco Chronicle how she planned to wrap up her campaign.

“By drinking lots of alcohol tonight,” she answered. “Lots and lots of alcohol. Do you want to come?”

That’s got to rate as one of the greatest political quotes in the history of mankind.

I can only hope some of the other candidates join her in her night of drunken debauchery. If they’re all stone drunk, there’s much less chance of them making another run for governor.

In Our View

Where will you be this Saturday?

On Sept. 13, over 13,000 football fans packed Paul Snow Stadium to watch the Gamecocks take on the Lions of UNA. The game didn’t exactly go as planned, but many of the people who attended left saying how— for the first time in years — the atmosphere in and around Paul Snow truly felt like a college game.

The credit for this goes to all those in the SGA, the athletics department and JSU sports information who have made changes upon changes to the way JSU has “traditionally” run a football game. And we would be remiss not to point out the hard work of the band and cheerleaders to become more involved with the game.

Two weeks later, a combination of bad weather and the Talladega races kept the crowd down to a more modest 7,000. Those diehard fans, though, were rewarded with one of the most dominating performances by a JSU team in recent memory. And even though it rained heavily during the prime tailgating time, those students and alumni who braved the storm had another great day.

The Gamecocks, like many of their conference counterparts this year, are struggling with consistency. But they should never have to worry about the consistency of the Gamecock fans.

When UT-Martin’s team buses pull onto Cole Drive on their way to the stadium this Saturday, the players should have their noses taunted with the smell of fresh-grilled burgers and sausages. They should be amazed at the sea of red and white assembled next to the Fieldhouse.

And when that first whistle blows, they should know instantly that they are no longer on friendly ground. A crowd of 15,000 vocal Gamecock fans should be there to welcome the Skyhawks back to Alabama after all these years.

There’s nothing wrong with yelling “Roll Tide” or “War Eagle” every Saturday. But save your voice for the players that represent your school, too.

Give Gamecock football another chance this Saturday. Come early and tailgate with the students and alumni that have been out there all season: the SGA, the Delta Chis, the Sig Eps, the Southerners alumni, just to name a few.

There are a lot of different groups and individuals out there. But for a few hours every home game, none of that matters.

When the crisp winds of autumn begin to blow, and the sounds of cheers and fight songs fill the air, we’re not greeks or independents or jocks or geeks or slackers orstoners or any of the never-ending supply of labels we seem so keen to apply to ourselves.
Where’s justice promised to Afghan women?

They were promised justice. They were told they would be free to get an education, free to marry for love, free to live without fear of being raped for simply walking down the street unaccompanied by a male family member.

Free to take off those dark burqas over their heads that had hidden years of humiliation and pain in their eyes.

Now, two years after the United States kicked out the fanatical, misogynistic Taliban regime in Afghanistan, it is the world that needs to take its blinders off. The women of war-torn Afghanistan still cry out for justice, but much of the industrialized world has forgotten them.

America’s 24-7 society has moved on to worry about U.S. soldiers dying in Iraq, about the terrorist atrocities in Israel, about the escalating costs of this war on terror that changed us in ways we still grapple to understand.

Yet a new report by human-rights group Amnesty International paints a depressing picture for Afghan women who continue to live in terror. “Afghanistan: No one listens to us and no one treats us as human beings. Justice Denied to Women,” outlines a number of steps that the Afghan government and the international community should take to ensure fairness for all.

The United Nations has a critical role to play. It cannot continue to decry the Bush administration’s go-it-alone position in world crises and then look on the other way when basic human rights are quashed in Afghanistan. Of course, the United Nations can’t be taken seriously on the human-rights issue when its members vote for countries with atrocious human-rights records of their own to participate in the U.N. human-rights panel. Now headed by Libya, the panel’s become a pathetic excuse for totalitarian regimes to grandstand on a global stage.

We all have to be held accountable for what is happening to women in Afghanistan. The United States, for boasting that women would be free and then forgetting about them. The United Nations, for blasting the United States for the death penalty and then doing little to nothing to call on despots who oppress their societies, including the new regime in Afghanistan, which conveniently turns a blind eye to the oppression of its women.

As it turns out, women in Afghanistan have little recourse to get justice. Even though the Taliban rules that kept women locked in their homes were lifted long ago, they still are treated as chattel, to be bought and sold and disposed of when a husband, brother, police chief or judge believes it’s appropriate.

There aren’t even legal or societal safeguards in place in Afghanistan to protect women from being raped while in police custody or detention. Women who try to report rape are dismissed – but first, they are checked by police to see if they are virgins. Then they’re raped again, by police, and accused of adultery.

If a girl as young as 8 years old is forced into an arranged marriage, as has happened, there is little recourse, even though Afghanistan’s Law of Marriage stipulates that the legal age is 16 for marriage and that it must be through choice and not by coercion. Some judges simply uphold the father’s “right” to allow such child abuse. Violence against girls and women by their fathers or brothers or husbands is not defined as criminal. A man who kills his wife for alleged adultery gets off scot-free, even when the woman had sought a divorce because her husband was physically abusing her.

The plight of women in Afghanistan? Who has the time to worry about them?

We must make the time. If we learned anything from the reckoning of Sept. 11, 2001, it’s that there is a connection between them and us. The oppression of one person, one sex, one ethnicity can lead to the massacre of hundreds of thousands of innocents. The oppression of women gone unchallenged brings us full circle to Sept. 11, 2001.

And we should have learned, too, that our government’s past policies carry a heavy burden with dire consequences if we do not follow through. We cannot make promises and then ignore them. We must commit, because it is by example that we can change hearts and minds. Big U.S. guns, as we have learned both in Afghanistan and Iraq, can only go so far – they can get despots out of power, but they can’t change the minds of those who view us with suspicion. Only our positive actions to improve the lives of those who have no hope can challenge twisted notions of America’s democratic promise.

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Drama department starts new season tonight

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Once again it has come to that time of the year, when the JSU drama department launches its first play of the season.

“‘You Can’t Take It With You’ is one of the classic comedies of American theatre. It is one of the most famous and popular plays in history,” said Wayne Claeren, JSU professor of drama and director of the play.

“You Can’t Take It With You” opened in New York in 1936, under the direction of co-author George S. Kaufman and immediately became a success. Since then, “You Can’t Take It With You” has been one of the most frequently produced plays in this country, according to Claeren.

“This play is a family comedy. It is about a family and for families,” describes Claeren. “The particular family in this play are very eccentric. They are a family who believe in freedom of expression. Even the title implies that there is no point of getting overly concerned with material goods, but instead you ought to find things that are fulfilling.”

In this play all the characters of the family, including the grandfather, parents, two daughters and all their assorted friends have pursued their own favorite hobbies to extremes. What comes out of it are situations with the relationships within the family and also with the people who come from the outside world. The situations grow from the reactions of the visitors and with the various peculiarities of the personalities, Claeren explains.

The play is a wonderful opener for the season, given the festive atmosphere it has in it. It is a lot of fun for the audience as well as for the cast, “It has been wonderful. I love directing this play, not just because of the play itself, but the cast that we have are not only very talented, but fun to work with, too,” said Claeren. “They are a happy cast, and we are having a good time. I’ve had a lot of fun myself.”

The drama department gets together once a year to choose from a variety of plays to put on the stage. What they usually look for are plays from different historical periods, but also different styles and genres. Because of its popularity 20 years ago, “You Can’t Take It With You” comes back to the stage at JSU to balance the year, since some of the plays are more intimate and serious, like “Handler” and “Wise Women.”

Whether people have seen this play before or not, it is still worth going to see. “This is a play that even people who are not familiar with it have heard of it. I feel sure, and maybe want to see it now,” explains Claeren. “Whereas people who do remember seeing it will want to see it again, because it is just one of those plays that you have a good time when you see it. There are so many characteristics and so many unique situations, so you usually see something you missed the first time.”

“You Can’t Take It With You” will start tonight at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center. It will run through the weekend, with a matinee Sunday starting at 2 p.m. The last day of performance will be Tuesday, Oct. 14. “October 14th begins the American College Theatre Festival, which is a whole week of production by not just our drama department, but by schools all over the state. ‘You Can’t Take It With You’ starts the week on Tuesday afternoon, and there will be a total of eight performances during the week, one in the afternoons and one during the evenings. Anybody from the area is welcome to see one or all of the performances,” according to Claeren.

The next production after “You Can’t Take It With You” will be a play called “Proof,” which opens on Oct. 30. In contrast to the season opener, this play is an intimate but exciting play, in a more intellectual kind of way, according to Claeren.

For more information or to get tickets, call 782-5648.
Different worlds collide in ‘Ali & Jack’

By David Hilbrand
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

The latest daytime chat entry, “Living It Up! With Ali & Jack,” is the television equivalent of cold fusion.

You start with a sober, fastidious former lawyer, a perfectly groomed newsman with exquisite manners. Throw him together with wildly disheveled, always unpredictable screwball comedian. Then stand back and wait for energy to erupt.

Because of that exciting combination, “Living’s” DNA is less like that of the genre’s fizzy front-runner, “Live With Regis and Kelly,” and more like “Dharma & Greg.”

Essentially, it falls to butt-on-down Jack Ford to take care of business while co-host Ali Wentworth is busily fomenting chaos.

“I live with the joyful anxiety of wondering what Ali is going to get me into next,” he says.

“I just do my own thing and (Jack) gets us out,” she says. “I’ll be dancing with some rap star, and Jack will say, ‘We’ll be back after this message.’ I just keep going.”

As the syndicated show ends its third week, the hosts are refining their rhythm, but the basic beat is already lively. Consider the cooking segment in which Ford defensively tried to follow the recipe while Wentworth was so busy cracking jokes that she forgot to check the skillet. Blackened meatballs, anyone?

So far, viewers haven’t found the show, which has averaged a 1.3 rating in the biggest markets versus a 1.7 for the same time slots last September. (A rating point equals 1.08 million households now.)

If it seems as if the co-hosts are from different worlds, well, maybe they are.

Ford, 53, was born in Jersey City, N.J., and raised in Point Pleasant, N.J., by a single mother who supported four children after her husband skipped. Jack went to Yale on a football scholarship and graduated from law school at Fordham.

If Ford is the overachieving son of a working-class clan, Wentworth is the tie-dyed sheep of a distinguished family. Her mother, Muffie Brandon Cabot, is a Boston blueblood who served as Nancy Reagan’s social secretary.

After graduating from New York University, she pursued a showbiz career, landing in Fox’s sketch-comedy “In Living Color” and the film “Office Space.” Some may remember her as Jerry’s girlfriend-of-the-week on the “Soup Nazi” episode of “Seinfeld.”

A pal matched her up with George Stephanopoulos, ABC political pundit and former Clinton adviser, and their relationship seems stuck on fast forward. “We were engaged after three months and married after six,” she marvels.

The Stephanopouloses now maintain two homes. “George will do his show Sunday (in Washington) and then we’ll all fly back to New York that afternoon,” she explains. “We’re together in New York until Thursday while I do my show and George works out of ABC’s New York bureau. Then Thursday, we all go back to Washington.”

This summer she proved just how much trouble she can stir up with a simple, off-the-cuff remark. The New York Post ran an item alleging that Stephanopoulos was jealous of his wife’s career and that the relationship was on the rocks. “Complete tabloid garbage,” Wentworth huffs.

After it ran, the Washington Post called her for a comment, and Wentworth, thinking she was off the record, said, “Come on. Do you know of many strained marriages that make love twice a day?” That racy little tidbit got reprinted everywhere.

“I can understand it probably wasn’t the right thing to say,” she reflects. “But I keep telling my husband. ‘How bad is that? Russert’s not getting it two times a day.’”

Brother’s Bar hosts fifth 92J Benefit this weekend

The local stage will host 10 bands in two nights

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

There’s a good deal in local music this weekend: 10 bands for around 10 bucks.

92J’s fifth benefit, featuring five bands each night, is at Brother’s Bar this Friday and Saturday night.

“If you haven’t been to see a band at Brother’s, this is your perfect opportunity, because you’re paying one price to see five bands,” said Jordan Brewer, the station’s music director. “Brother’s has been here forever, and when they started, it was the best place to see live music. And that’s still where it is.”

The benefit started when the Atlanta band Headgraft, formerly known as Something 5, Brewer and Brother’s Bar co-owner Dan Nolen came up with an idea of hosting one big event to support local bands and the radio station that plays their music. Brewer had also just taken his position as the station’s program director and wanted to do something “big” for 92J, he said. “I wanted to give kids a reason to come out and listen to some local bands,” he said.

“And to give people an incentive to not only come see a local band, but to listen to the radio station.”

listeners who come to the benefit can put their name in a box and receive a free “bag of goodies” full of CDs, posters and other promotional materials, according to Brewer.

Not only will listeners get free stuff, but they will see a few “buzzworthy” bands, said Brewer. Adelayda, based out of Birmingham, has been getting a lot of attention from major radio stations across the Southeast along with Birmingham band Promise the Ghost.

Other benefit veterans who are returning to the stage this weekend are Douglas Brook Bar, Caddie, Twinick and Snap 9A.

Cover charge is $5 for ages 21 and up, $7 for 18-20. Shows start around 8:30 p.m.

“You’re getting five bands for basically five dollars, you’re getting some free stuff, and you’re gonna have a good time,” said Brewer. “There’s no way you can’t have a good time at a 92J Benefit.”

Benefit lineup

Friday
• Michael Tolcher
• Killing Meg
• Chalk
• Caddie
• Promise the Ghost

Saturday
• Aerial
• Savall
• Twinick
• SDB
• Snap 9A

Because I was desperate to get out of Jacksonville. But as it turned out, I really enjoyed the game.

I was cheering for the Braves, of course, just because they are closer to Jacksonville, and I, like thousands of others, was disappointed when the Braves ended up losing. Even though about 54,300 other people were there screaming with me, waving our red foam tomahawks we got at the gate, it didn’t help the team to get the last laugh.

Yet when I left the stadium with my friends, I didn’t see that many sad faces among the people rushing outside to their cars. Maybe that was because of the beer that had run out at most places in the stadium, or maybe it was because it wasn’t that sad after all.

One thing I fell during the game was the sense of belonging. That’s what we humans do. We try to get close to people that are like-minded, who cheer for the same things we do, who love the things we do, who do the things we do. And that’s what this game was about; it’s what any game of sport is about.

Even if you favor the opposing team, you still share the love for the sport. Or if you’re not really in love with the sport, like me, you share the love for the atmosphere, being able to be one among many. In the game, nobody could have told by looking that I am from Finland, that I don’t enjoy baseball, or that I thought the Finnish way of playing baseball is a lot better and makes more sense.

OK, so what am I saying here? Actually, I’m not really sure. Maybe I’m just trying to admit I was wrong about you Americans. Your game of baseball does make sense, and if I think about it long enough, it makes me wonder how many other things here I have misunderstood. From today until I leave, I promise to be better; I promise to try and see beyond the surface as well.
Stoopid News

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. – Firefighters finally slipped Gregory Gallup out of the hotel air duct, then police slipped the handcuffs on.

Gallup, 25, was pulled from the duct in a 30 minute operation after a worker heard banging in the ceiling and noticed a foot sticking out of an air conditioning shaft.

“I thought I’d seen and heard everything in 30 years in this business until today,” O’Colmain said.

The hotel at Rodeo Drive and Wilshire Boulevard opened in 1928. It’s the setting for much of the romance between Richard Gere and Julia Roberts’ in the 1990 film “Pretty Woman.”

SPANISH FORT, Ala. – A man saved his friend from drowning Monday, then was thrown in jail for public intoxication.

Kenneth Hood, 47, said he and his friends were sitting on the western bank of the Blakely River when one of them accidentally backed a sport-utility vehicle into the water.

Hood waded into the water and pulled friend Obie Jordan from the vehicle, taking him to the river bank and calling police.

Hood refused to be called a hero. “He’s my friend,” he said.

“He’d have done it for me.”

He certainly wasn’t treated like one. Authorities arrested Hood and two others at the scene, Kathleen Margaret Smithart, 36, and 44-year-old Ronald Eugene Briggs, for public intoxication.

“I guess it does seem a little harsh,” said Spanish Fort Police Chief David Edgar. “But if he and his friends wouldn’t have been drunk, his friend wouldn’t have been in the water.”

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – A detective said he kept evidence at home in his sock drawer for eight months while two suspects that could have been cleared by an audiotape sat in jail facing the death penalty.

Broward Sheriff’s Office Sgt. Thomas “Bill” Murray testified that he forgot about an audiotape of two informants naming the real killers.

Stephen Rosati and Peter Roussionicos were wrongly charged in the 1986 murder of Joseph Viscido Jr., who was fatally shot during a drug rip-off. They spent 16 months in jail on charges that could have brought the death penalty before they were cleared in 1992.

Murray said he listened to the tape, but thought the information was incorrect because the men identified were about 20 years older than eyewitness descriptions of the killers.

Murray also testified he made a mistake when he filed a sworn police report stating the murder witnesses had been unable to identify Carbonell from a photo lineup. He later admitted that he never showed Carbonell’s photo to the witnesses.

Black is back in school

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

When you think of rocker and actor Jack Black, you generally picture him jumping about, thrashing his hair, making devil faces and screaming at the top of his very impressive lungs.

Black’s latest starring role, in “School of Rock,” allows him to do just that, except instead of being surrounded by like-minded teenagers and twenty-something rock fans, Black is stuck performing in front of 20 10-year-old elementary school students, and the results yield one of the funniest and most heart-warming movies of the year.

This movie, written by friend and co-star Mike White for Black, is perfect for the Black school of tenacious slapstick. Black plays slacker Dewey, a slashing lead guitarist and all-around lowlife, who dreams of making it big as a rock star.

The problem is, Dewey is living on his best friend’s (played by White) floor, and to make matters worse his band has just decided his unique brand of rocking is just not what they’re looking for and fired him. In an effort to land himself some quick and painless cash, Dewey assumes the personality of his roommate, Ned Schneebly, and takes a job as a substitute elementary teacher at a local private school.

The first few days of Dewey’s new job are slow. However, things change after Dewey watches the class during a music lesson. The fish out of water suddenly realizes he can make some serious cash off these kids if he can somehow teach them from his Bible of Rock and get them to enter and win the Battle of the Bands.

What ensues is typical Black hilarity as he gives each and every kid under his command a position in the band, from drummer to lead guitarist to roadie and groupie (with himself as lead singer, of course).

While Black is perfect in his role, Dewey’s attitude, while the older crowd can laugh at Black and his slacker antics. This movie will almost certainly push his star power into the stratosphere.

So while many movies fall well short of the heartstrings they aim to pull, “School of Rock” not only warms the heart and brings a smile to the face; it gets the head banging and almost forces you to throw a big, two-fingered rock salute at the screen. So crank this one up to 11, because class is in session.

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Soccer extends streak to five games

By Mike Vaughan II  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

There is an old saying that there is no place like home. That statement is quite true for the Jacksonville State soccer team. Coming into the week, JSU had only given up seven goals at home, all in the season opener to Alabama.

JSU rode a two-game winning streak into the homestand, and they would stretch it into a five-game unbeaten streak after beating Emory University, 1-0, gaining a scoreless tie against UT-Martin and then defeating Murray State by a two-goals-to-nil mark.

Game one came on Tuesday against Emory, a Division III team that came into the game with a 9-1 record. Emory gave Jacksonville State all they could handle before the Gamecocks pulled off a 1-0 win. The only score came off a Tiffany Stewart goal at 17:55 in the game. JSU led the first half in shots 15-4 and in the game 25-6, but only 11 of the 25 shots were on goal. "I think we played much better in the second half," said coach Lisa Howe. "We tried to work on keeping good defensive shape (after Mississippi State), and I think we did a good job."

"We're just very solid and communicate really good in the back," said Kristen Fleeger. "We were ready to redeem ourselves after the last one, and we did good."

The second game of the busy week came Friday against Tennessee-Martin, the first Ohio Valley Conference game for the soccer team. Both teams entered the game with five wins, and both left with five wins, after a scoreless double-overtime tie.

Jacksonville State out-shot UT-Martin by a 26-4 margin, but again, only 14 of 26 were shots on goal. Amanda Stevens ran her shutout streak to 200 minutes as she recorded three saves. Joanne McCaughey had five shots, while Christina Balint, Dausha Hudak, and Liz Hendricks all had four shots apiece. JSU had their chances to win, as three shots found the post, but failed to go in.

"We came out with a lot of heart," said Dausha Hudak. "We wanted to win really bad, but we're happy we didn't lose."

After the disappointing tie, Jacksonville State came into Sunday's game against Murray State determined to win their first OVC game. They accomplished that after pulling out the 2-0 victory. The win moved JSU to 6-3-2 and dropped UTM to 3-6-3, as the Skyhawks have now failed to win nine straight. The first goal came at 10:11, as Tiffany Stewart put in an amazing shot where she juggled the ball around the defender and fired it home.

"That's the best goal I've seen all year," said Howe. "I don't know how she hit it, but I'm glad she did."
Volleyball falls off the win wagon in Kentucky

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The volleyball Gamecocks went on the road this week for a pair of games. Although they entered the week undefeated in the Ohio Valley Conference play, they were only able to obtain a split of the games, defeating Tennessee-Martin in four games on Friday, but dropping a three-game sweep match to Murray State on Saturday.

The first game was at Skyhawk Arena in front of 2,218 people as Jacksonville State faced the hometown UT-Martin Skyhawks. Entering with a 2-15 record, the Skyhawks were clearly struggling, and JSU did not lighten their loss load, downing UT-Martin 30-20, 30-26, 23-30 and 30-25. Looking at the attack percentages would have told you who won each game, as the winner was over the .200 mark, while the loser was at .152 or lower.

The Gamecocks had five people in double-digit kills, as the high-water mark for Jacksonville State was with Kisha West having 11. Darrell Prater broke through and blocked a pass to give ZTA a 6-0 win. Phi Mu's defeat of AOPi, by a score of 8-0, was another great game. Jordan Fowler made a game-saving pull of the flag on AOPi QB Jessica Kidd at the goal line. Three-time defending champion AOPi has to replace the loss of Emily Rawlings, but still have most of their "big game" players in Jessica Kidd, Courtney Goldenberg and Elizabeth Davis.

Flag-Football (ROMANS)

Even though T-Dawgs have lost some players due to "circumstances out of his control," Dustin Starkey has a team that is once again in 1st place. Locust Fork is once again one of the strongest teams to deal with. Their only defeat is to the T-Dawgs on the last play of the game. The Untouchables have stepped up in front of the division by going 2-0. The Boycotters are second with a 3-1 record, followed by BLAST, led by Johnny Poole and Phillip Hollingsworth with a 2-1 record.

For all other standings and updates, visit www.jsu.edu/depart/recsports.

Two of the Gamecocks scored by the Racers in the fourth quarter this season.

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The Gamecocks had five people in double-digit kills, as the high-water mark for Jacksonville State was owned by Christina Cary, with a nice 18 kill total. Shari Weyer followed closely behind with 14, Jessica Starck and Suzi Terrell added 11 apiece, and Kim Halbach threw in 10 for good measure. Meredith Duke had a sensational 41 assists, while teammate Emily Withers bounced home 15 assists. Kisha West had a game-high honors in assists with 25, while Meredith Duke still had a very respectable 18.

Cary had three huge service aces, while committing no errors. No one had more than eight digs, as the Racers out-dug JSU by a 43-32 margin. Withers led the way with eight, and Cary added seven.
You might be a UT-Martin student...

...if you have ever gone fishing in the Tennessee Aquarium...

JSU leads the OVC in turnover ratio with 14 takeaways and only five giveaways on the season. Against Murray State last Saturday the Gamecocks picked off two Racer pass attempts and lost only one fumble on the day. That performance ranks them fifth in the nation.

Running back Kory Chapman had a career-high 157 rushing yards against the Racers. The senior from Batesville, Miss. rushed 28 times and had a long run of 34 yards. Chapman now has over 700 yards in his career at JSU.

After playing seven consecutive football games without a blocked punt, the Gamecocks have been able to record blocks in back-to-back games thanks to Darrell Prater. Skylar Mansfield also picked up a block two weeks ago, the first time JSU had blocked a punt since October 2002, against McNeese State.

Crowe still tweaking JSU

This week saw Jacksonville State lose a heartbreaker to the Murray State Racers in overtime. In his weekly press conference, JSU's head coach Jack Crowe praised the hard fight his team put up.

"I thought that the challenge that we laid before the players was to take a hard fight on the road and they did that," said Crowe. "You never want the result of a football game to overshadow what the players accomplished."

And the Gamecocks did have some accomplishments. Darrell Prater blocked his second punt in as many games, and JSU's running game and offensive line were dominating.

"I am proud that we ran the ball well and protected our quarterback," said Crowe. "We did not execute throwing and catching the ball well at all."

Another glaring statistic would be JSU's 2-of-16 success rate in third down conversions.

"We did not execute in critical situations throughout the game," said Crowe. "Honestly, we have not been a good execution football team the whole year."

But looking forward to next week, JSU has UT-Martin coming to Paul Snow. Martin is coming off of a huge win at home over Tennessee Tech. And once again this team has a stand-out quarterback.

"They have a quarterback in Brady Wahlberg who makes plays all over the field," said Crowe. "Their tailback is a lot like our backs. He is a very physical and effective runner."

Crowe also says that JSU will see a little bit different defense than they have been used to seeing. UT-Martin will try to mix things up and force JSU to throw the ball, something that the 'Cocks haven't been able to do.

"We are going to get a lot of linebackers coming at us," said Crowe. "There will be a lot of man coverage; we will have to throw the ball better."

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**Gamecock Notes**

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

**JSU Sports Standings**

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**Saturday, Oct. 11**

UT-Martin at Jacksonville State 4 p.m.

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**Chanticleer Sports**

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

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**Praise & Worship**

Tuesday, October 14
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...if you have to kick start your heater in the morning...

All-American punter Richie Rhodes is ranked 14th in the nation with an average of 42 yards per punt. The junior from Alexander City punted eight times against the Racers for an average of 37 yards per kick.

...if your sister is the only 10 you see...

Saturday will mark the 25th meeting between JSU and UT-Martin on the gridiron. The Gamecocks hold a decisive 20-4 series lead. The Skyhawks are flying high into Paul Snow Stadium as they just snapped a 43-consecutive-game OVC losing streak against Tennessee Tech.

...if you think a quarterback is a refund...

JSU has only 142 total passing yards in the last two games they have played. The Gamecocks have attempted 107 passes, completing only 45 with three interceptions, for an average of 13.3 yards per pass.

...if your Philosophy 101 class covers “The Gambler” by Kenny Rogers.

“I don’t think there is anything bad wrong with this football team. I think this is a good football team that can win all six of the remaining games. I think we have gotten better every week. We are still a very young team.” — Coach Oxner

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