Up Til Dawn lends helping hand to cancer patients

By Audrey Hykes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Ben Bowen is a patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and was just 16 months old when he was diagnosed with an often fatal brain tumor called an atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumor. ATRT is rare, grows rapidly and is almost impossible to remove completely. It is also difficult to treat with chemotherapy or radiation because of location, type and the young age of the patient.

ATRT was distinguished from other brain tumors less than 10 years ago. It is treated at St. Jude by administering chemotherapy directly into the head and spine for rapid absorption. Also used is 3-D conformal radiation therapy - radiation beams focused at the tumor site from several directions to help save brain function.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located in Memphis, Tenn., operates solely on donations and fundraising from organizations and programs throughout the country. A program called Up Til Dawn is an organization run by students from about 250 Universities. JSU is an active participant.

From JSU's standpoint, we try to help out because St. Jude helps all the hospitals,” said Megan Radison, director of Up Til Dawn at JSU. The research results found at St. Jude are sent to every children's hospital in the country, and potentially the world, according to Radison. "In addition, about 700 Alabama children have also gone to St. Jude for treatment,” she said.

JAX cash passes, student says ballot wording may have swayed voting results

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

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Much to the delight of the SGA, a resolution pertaining to JAX Cash - a measure that would add mandatory meal plan costs into housing costs - passed Thursday by a 777 to 61 vote.

JAX Cash passed by an overwhelming margin, but one student was not happy with the wording on a slip of paper that was handed to each voter. David Chambers told the senate during the student body report that the SGA was trying to influence the vote of younger students by adding a clause stating “we are confident that you will vote yes” on a slip of paper that was given to each student explaining the amendment.

Several senators who spoke on behalf of the SGA and Vice President of the Student Senate NAEM said that the senate was sorry the wording appeared to be misleading. Chambers responded that his concern was that of the SGA trying to persuade people to vote one way or the other on amendments instead of allowing them to vote their conscience.

In other business the senate re-announced the winners of the homecoming festivities and presented the organizations present with their plaques. Winn Dixie won the window decoration, the Comptroller’s office and the Financial Aid office tied for the door decorations; Kappa Alpha and Phi Mu were third in the banner competition, Delta Chi and Alpha Zeta were second and Sigma Phi Epsilon and Zeta Tau Alpha were first. Kappa Alpha and Phi Mu were third in the float competition, Sigma Nu and Delta Zeta were second and Sigma Phi Epsilon and Zeta Tau Alpha completed the sweep with first.

The SGA is planning to try and resurrect the long-standing tradition of pep-rallies on

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JSU drivers get the boot

By Elizabeth Thurman
The Chanticleer News Editor

The Jacksonville State University Police Department has given 23 cars “the boot” this semester. Not the hiking kind, but the kind that is attached to your wheels if you’ve received too many parking tickets.

The “boot” is an orange eyesore that students and faculty could be faced with if they have been written at least five parking or traffic tickets. Once the boots is on, it’s not coming off until the outstanding tickets are paid in full.

In the past four weeks, the UPD has busied itself booting vehicles on campus and has booted six in the last nine days. Failure to register vehicles seems to be the main reason some cars are getting the boot. “Some people are under the impression that they don’t have to buy a parking decal,” said Corporal Neil Fetner of the UPD. “Well, they do.”

If a UPD officer spots a vehicle without a decal, a citation will automatically be administered, said Fetner. Once five citations are accumulated, either for driving without a decal or a standard traffic offense, the vehicle will be booted and will remain immobilized until a decal is purchased and all tickets are paid.

Some people seem to think that if they buy a parking decal after they receive the citations – the initial citations will be voided. Not true. “If you received parking citations before you registered your vehicle, you will still have to pay the old one,” said Fetner.

Gone are the days when the UPD had no way of tracing the driver’s record and each parking ticket felt like the first one. Many students may still be unaware of the new tracking system the UPD has implemented this year. With the electronic ticketing device, officers can now scan a decal and instantly know how many tickets that driver has been issued. This has enabled officers to write 10 times as many tickets a day.

Tickets must be paid in the Bursar’s Office and parking decals can be purchased online at police.jsu.edu.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Alpha Zeta Delta:** Thank you so much to the wonderful brothers of Delta Chi Fraternity for a great homecoming. Congrats to the JSU football team for your victory over Samford. The study bear award for this week goes to Lauren Grisham. Have a great week and Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.

**Delta Zeta:** Congrats Gamecocks on a great homecoming game. Congrats also to the 2004 Homecoming Queen Rachel Townsend and our own Bryanna Nelms in the court. Congrats Delta Zeta 2004 Intramural Bowling Champs! Thanks to Sigma Nu for a great homecoming! We look forward to initiation this week. Good luck Neophytes. **Contact:** Jessie, jessiedzq@gmail.com.

**Pi Kappa Phi:** Thanks to the ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi for a great Homecoming week. Good luck Gamecocks this weekend against Eastern Illinois. **Contact:** Shu Cunningham, 782-6333.

**SGA:** Senate meetings are every Monday at 6 p.m. in the TMB. The SGA Blood Drive is Nov. 16-17 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the TMB. The SGA Pep Rally is Thursday, Nov. 18 at 8:30 p.m. in the stadium. Congratulations to the JSU football team on their Homecoming victory! **Contact:** Brian Sneed, 782-5495.

**Writers’ Club:** The Writers’ Club is starting to accept submissions for the yearly edition of *Something Else.* See Dr. Harding in 213 Stone Center for details. The Writers’ Club meets weekly at 3:00 p.m. on the 7th floor of the library. Punctuality is not a necessity. **Contact:** Jennifer Bacchus, jsu7845g@student-mail.jsu.edu

**Zeta Tau Alpha:** Thanks to Sigma Phi Epsilon for a fun Homecoming! We had so much fun. Thanks to Kappa Alpha for a fun 80’s mixer Tuesday night. Congratulations to the Gamecocks on their win against Samford. Have a great week! **Contact:** Heather Moore, heathern16@hotmail.com

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*Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls*
Keg party sparks suspension of UConn fraternity, some brothers kicked out of house

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. (AP) - The University of Connecticut suspended a fraternity for five years and is evicting members from its on-campus house in the wake of an off-campus keg party in September.

Under the sanctions, the Chi Phi fraternity, which has about 30 members, will be not be allowed to "recolonize" until 2009, said John Saddlemire, the school's vice president for student affairs. Members of the fraternity will be relocated from their house in Husky Village to other on-campus housing, Saddlemire said.

"It's a strong sanction, but it certainly appropriate," he said.

Eight people, including four fraternity members, were arrested after a Sept. 25 party at an off-campus house rented by Chi Phi. The charges included distribution of alcohol without a permit, sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and narcotics violations.

The four fraternity brothers were suspended from school for one or two semesters and sentenced to two years probation and 20 hours of community service.

About 100 people attended the party that included a live band and 14 kegs of beer, said state Police Sgt. Sean Cox, Mansfield's resident state trooper.

The fraternity, which has had a chapter at UConn since 1956, was informed of the suspension after a hearing last month, said Dan Murphy, the chapter's president. The fraternity's letter of appeal was rejected, but members now will be here in five years, he said. "For us, it's all over."

Saddlemire said the university has made it clear to all student organizations that it will not tolerate the sale of alcohol to minors, the sale of drugs, or assaults of any kind.

Murphy said the fraternity chapter will disband rather than continue as an unsanctioned organization, but members plan to form an alcohol awareness group to educate other student groups about of the dangers of allowing alcohol at parties.

"None of the guys who are members now will be here in five years," he said. "For us, it's all over."

SGA recognizes Homecoming week activities’ award winners

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Thursday nights. "They had them the first year that I was here and then they just stopped," said SGA president Emily Williams. She went on to say that she would like to get the pep-rallies started again to boost school spirit and hoped that the 7-1 Gamecock football team and playoff hopes for the second year running would boost her efforts.

Williams and the SGA has one pep-rally planned for Nov. 18, two nights before the last regular season home game against Southeast Missouri State.

Continuing a busy week for the SGA, the senate's blood drive will be Nov. 16 and 17 in the TMB.

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Elizabeth Edwards diagnosed with breast cancer

By Ron Fournier and Randolph Schmid
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) - Elizabeth Edwards, wife of former Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards, was diagnosed with breast cancer the day her husband and Sen. John Kerry conceded the presidential race.

Spokesman David Ginsberg said Mrs. Edwards, 55, discovered a lump in her right breast while on a campaign trip last week. Her family doctor told her Friday that it appeared to be cancerous and advised her to see a specialist when she could.

She put off the appointment until Wednesday so as not to miss campaign time.

The Edwards family went straight to Massachusetts General Hospital from Boston's Faneuil Hall after Kerry and Edwards conceded on Wednesday.

Mrs. Edwards had a needle biopsy performed at the hospital, where Dr. Barbara Smith confirmed the cancer, Ginsberg said.

He said the cancer was diagnosed as invasive ductal cancer. That is the most common type of breast cancer, and can spread from the milk ducts to other parts of the breast or beyond.

More tests were being done to determine how far the cancer has advanced and how to treat it, he said.

Ginsberg said spirits are high at the Edwards household. "Everybody feels good about it. that this is beatable," he said.

Edwards, who leaves his North Carolina Senate seat in January, said in a statement, "Elizabeth is as strong a person as I've ever known. Together, our family will beat this."

The American Cancer Society estimated that nearly 216,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year.

Treatments have been getting better. The current five-year survival rate for breast cancer is 87 percent, up from 78 percent in the mid-1980s. About 40,000 women die of breast cancer annually.

Overall, the society says about one in seven women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime.

Invasive ductal cancer accounts for 65 percent to 80 percent of all breast cancers, according to the Merck Manual of Medical Information.

Treatment usually begins with surgery, according to the National Cancer Institute. This could involve removal of the cancer itself and usually nearby lymph nodes. Lumpectomy, just removing the cancerous mass, is becoming more common, though sometimes removal of the whole breast is done.

Surgery can be followed by chemotherapy, radiation or hormone therapy.

Radiation can focus on a cancer site from a machine outside the body or use a radioactive substance placed near the cancer in "seeds" or via needle.

Chemotherapy uses drugs that can stop or slow the growth of cancer that may have spread.

Hormone therapy removes or blocks hormones that can encourage growth of cancer cells.

In early stages of cancer a combination of the drug tamoxifen and hormone therapy is commonly used, the Cancer Institute reports.

The Edwardses married in 1977. They have two daughters, Cate and Emma Claire and a son, Jack. Son Wade died in a 1996 traffic accident.

Mrs. Edwards, born ir. Jacksonville, Fla., grew up hopscotching between the United States and Japan. She met her future husband at University of North Carolina law school.

She juggled a successful legal career and family for 19 years. Then, stunned by Wade's death, she quit work to have more children at an age when many contemporaries were easing toward grandmotherhood.

On the campaign, she dubbed herself the "anti-Barbie," a quick-witted, down-to-earth political wife who connected particularly well with mothers and fathers.

Up Til Dawn raises money for cancer

Up Til Dawn has been at JSU for about four years, and it is the university's community service project to get all of the student organizations involved, as well as the faculty and staff. The organizations and the faculty form teams to raise money. A team consists of seven individuals. One of the seven is selected as the team leader, who serves as Up Til Dawn's contact person.

Each team is responsible for raising $750.

People who participate with example, $15,000 may only be enough to cover one treatment of chemotherapy for one child. "But that' treatment may be what saves that child's life in the end," said Radison.

JSU students on the executive board of Up Til Dawn get to go to St. Jude every spring for a weekend in June, and it is a retreat sponsored completely by the hospital, according to Radison. They get to tour the facilities, the housing, meet people that work for St. Jude and some of its sponsors. They also have the opportunity to meet some of the children receiving treatment. Students
Each team is responsible for raising $750. People who participate with Up Til Dawn may also contribute individually. They are asked to raise approximately $150. Even a small contribution is appreciated, Radson said.

Letter writing is the primary means of fundraising for Up Til Dawn. Pre-printed letters are given to students, faculty and staff so they can fill them out and send them to their family and friends. Up Til Dawn will even mail the letters for them.

Fundraising continues throughout the year, but a finale event is held every February to celebrate all the money made. This year’s event will be held Feb. 11, 2005, and the goal that is being worked towards in fundraising is $15,000. In 2003, Up Til Dawn raised $11,000, but the program was not in operation for the 2004 year, which is why it is being brought back for the year of 2005.

Although $15,000 may seem like a large amount of money, it’s really only a small sum compared to what is needed for the many crucial treatments given at St. Jude. For and some of its sponsors. They also have the opportunity to meet some of the children receiving treatment. Students who are interested in participating in Up Til Dawn should contact Megan Radison at the Office of Student Life.

As for Ben Bowen, he had completed chemotherapy and undergone his fourth operation by mid-August. Unfortunately, the tumor had not responded, and he was facing six additional weeks of radiation therapy. With a scarred, bald little head, he’s rightfully referred to as a real trooper, always happy and smiling, even through the exhausting and appalling treatments.

His parents, Jennifer and Tom Bowen, say they just keep fighting and going on with life. “The biggest way to keep from being sad is being with Ben,” his mother said. “He wakes us up smiling. We focus on today and then tomorrow. I used to be a big planner; now I just think about today: maybe tomorrow we’ll go to the zoo. There is definitely a shift in perspective. It’s freeing actually.”

Ben’s complete story is on the St. Jude website.
Opinion

Red state, blue state; morals does not a president make

By Patrick McCreless
The Chanticleer Managing Editor

Well, I hope everyone had a wonderful time exercising their right to vote on Nov. 2. But even if you didn’t, I’m sure all of us can agree that it’s a relief that the whole thing is finally over. Now I’m not trying to belittle the election. It was a very important election (many said it was the most important election in a generation) but lets face it, the election process can get a little draining.

I know I was particularly tired of the advertisements, as well as the sound bites of both candidates twisting each other’s words around. Both men resorted to bending the truth and just flat out lying towards the end of their campaigns. I know that may make you feel bad, but what do you want from me, the truth hurts.

Now, let me just go ahead and tell you right up front that I voted for Sen. Kerry. Yes, I went right down to my voting place and just voted for Kerry and Edwards. And I went in thinking Kerry had good and well that voting for Kerry in this state meant that my vote would be instantly negated. I was voting just on principle. I just thought that nationally, Kerry had a solid 50 percent chance of winning.

And then I got up the next day and found out that he had lost.

But I’m not bitter. Hell, I’m not even really mad. Sure I’m not a president make President Bush. All of the surveys done showed that the top reason people voted for Bush was because of his morals and values. Let me repeat that.

Morals and values.

And this was above both the economy and the war in Iraq. I mean here we are in a country trillions of dollars in debt, in a war we know was started on false pretenses, with tax cuts for the rich that Bush now wants to make permanent and yet the reason people voted for Bush was because of morals and values.

Now stop me if you think this is a little off the wall, but I always thought that a good reason to vote for someone was for solid concrete reasons that really effected me. I’m sorry, but voting for something abstract, like morals and values, is for me, just a little hard to swallow. Just because someone has good morals and values does not mean that they can run a country effectively. You can be the most honest, trustworthy person in the world and yet still manage to run the economy into the ground.

And this just doesn’t go for domestic problems. You may be totally committed to using your solid morals and values when dealing with other countries and people of different ideologies but guess what, they might not share the same morals and values as you. And that is when you can get into a world of hurt.

But wait a minute. I just realized that I’m writing on the assumption that Bush actually has good morals and values. To me, it’s a good chance that he doesn’t. And that goes for Kerry as well.

Just try to step back and look at it from an unbiased, nonpartisan perspective. Here we are with two white men who are both extremely wealthy. One is a lawyer and the other a businessman from an insanely wealthy family in the oil business. Now, if you believe that most of the incredibly wealthy have never done a shady deal or two, then you’re in serious denial. Both have been shown in the news to bend the truth and or lie to further their campaigns. And if I remember correctly, lying was not a good characteristic.

But maybe I’m just seeing things that aren’t there. Maybe Bush really does have great morals and values. Hopefully, those morals and values will be enough.

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Stupid things people do that we find amusing

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Politicians are no longer crying campaign slogans from the steps of City Hall. Instead, the cries come from loudspeakers blaring electronic squeals to ward off pesty pigeons.

Pigeons are flocking to City Hall in unusually large numbers this year, said Emmett Mead, director of public buildings.

Last week Mead installed a $500 solar-powered machine that shrieks all day and runs on stored solar power at night — when most pigeons visit the front steps. “We just want to scare them,” Mead said.

Pigeons usually find a new home every year, and for some reason City Hall has become popular this year. Mead said. For city workers, it is a costly and time-consuming task to deal with the droppings left by the birds.

City Hall isn’t the only place under siege.

In September, officials at Dike-Newell School in Bath bought a similar device to scare away sea gulls. Hundreds of gulls were splattering cars, teachers and students and had become a health hazard. The noise keeps sea gulls from roosting on the school gym’s roof.

Another business in Portland has used the sonic approach to frighten pigeons. For the past four years, DiMillo’s Floating Restaurant and Marina has run a machine that produces ultrasonic noises.

“Some people say they can hear it, but it emits sounds I can’t hear,” said restaurant manager Gene DiMillo. “It does work. We don’t have a pigeon problem.”

Portland officials had contemplated electric shock devices on City Hall’s ledges, but went with the sound machine and spikes on the ledges because of costs and safety issues.

But the birds seem to be winning the war.

A number of pigeons could be seen clustering on City Hall’s windowsills Friday afternoon.

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WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Pitcairn Island has selected its first woman mayor in its 214-year history, after former mayor and convicted rapist Steve Christian was sacked last week, British authorities said Monday.

The seven-member governing council on the remote Pacific island, first settled by mutineers from HMS Bounty, unanimously chose Steve Christian’s sister to fill the post until a formal election is held Dec. 15, British High Commission spokesman Bryan Nicolson said.

New Mayor Brenda Christian is the island’s former police officer.

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Steve Christian, who claims to be a direct descendent of Bounty mutiny leader Fletcher Christian, was convicted of five rapes and sentenced to three years in prison.

Brenda Christian will preside over a 47-member community still coming to terms with the verdicts and the revelations of a reign of sex abuse by men on the island.

The six men's sentences, ranging from community service to six years in prison, will not begin until next year at the earliest, after appeals by their defense lawyers against Britain's jurisdiction over the island. If the men's sentences are upheld, they will serve time in a cell block they helped build on the island.

British authorities sacked Christian as mayor and his son Randy — who also was convicted of sex crimes — as chairman of a key island committee, after the pair refused to resign.

Nicolson said Brenda Christian, born and raised on the island, had spent some years living in Britain and returned about five years ago. She is trained in community policing.

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Chris Varallo thought it was quite amazing when he aced the third hole at Liberty Lake Golf Course. Then he went ahead and hit a second hole-in-one on the 11th hole of the same round.

Odds against that are about 67 million to 1, according to Golf Digest.

"The first one was pretty amazing," said Varallo. "But after the second, everyone was in utter disbelief. Other people on the course heard the screaming and were coming over to see what had happened."

The 22-handicapper, an attorney, finished his round 31 strokes over par at 101 at the course located about 10 miles east of Spokane.

Varallo, who has never broken 90, called his two aces Saturday "the two best shots I'll ever hit." At 31, he said, he's reached the pinnacle of his athletic career.

"Both of them were good-looking shots," said Dave Knutson, a member of his foursome who works with Varallo. "In fact, they were almost identical — same trajectory with a little fade. And both of them were one hop and plunk!"

"I'm very happy for him, but I'm dreading going back to work because I'm never going to hear the end of it," Knutson said.
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FEATURES

‘The Varsity’ makes the cut

By Antoine Jackson
Chanticleer Features Writer

Last week I had the pleasure of taking my friend, Stacy, to her first punk rock show which featured Funeral for a Friend, Atreyu, and headliner Taking Back Sunday. During the drive to Atlanta, she bombarded me with questions such as, “Do you think we will get to meet any of the band members? What do you think the concert will be like? Do you think they will sound the same way they do on their albums?” I then interrupted her and told her the same thing I tell everyone else, “As for the concert, I really can’t explain to you what it’s going to be like. You’ll just have to see for yourself.”

When we arrived at the club, the Masquerade, we heard the show was sold out, which signified we should see a few good performances. Another surprise there was another band that would kick off the show named The Varsity. I’d never heard of them before, but when they started playing, I could definitely tell they were onto something with their catchy lyrics and style of play. The lead singer, Ben DeLonge, reminded me a little of Tom Stinson from the Replacements. However, that’s the only characteristic in the band that can be compared to another band. Having a different approach to music is mainly what I like about this band. In this day in time, it is very difficult to separate a band’s image from the pack, but if asked, a band can reveal perform and write music. I then proceeded to tell him that I worked at JSU’s campus radio station, and wanted to give this CD some air time because “I am feeling these songs.” I told him. After about five minutes of chatting, Scott thanked me for purchasing the disc. I then recommended, “Hey, if you’re ever in Alabama, drop by the radio station.”

The rest of the band that hails from Wilmington, North Carolina is comprised of Nick Martin (drums), and other founding member of the band, Matt Hendricks (bass guitar), and Andy Mosley (guitar.) Bands that had an influence on The Varsity range from Lifetime and Glassjaw, to The Smashing Pumpkins, Hum, and Maroon 5. These bands may also help one figure out what their music may sound like.

As for the record, I think the five songs on their self titled EP (short record, usually about half the length of a full album) are wonderful. One track that has the potential of being a hit single is “Hello Goodbye.” The cliché heartbreak song that makes you remember those painful words your ex once said to you with the addictive chorus that repeats “It’s alright, it’s ok, whisper this softly in my ear.” The other song I believe will stand out is “Miss April Miss Practical.” It reminisces on the days of being a trapped teenager wanting to skip town, and upon becoming old enough, accomplishing that feat. The chorus of this song is also catchy with the words “I’m young, let me grow, let it

After being crowned Homecoming Queen 2004, Rachel Townson gathered with friends at the bonfire last Thursday night.

Know your Queen

By Coty Cockrell
Chanticleer Features Writer

Rachel Townson, as you may already know, is Jacksonville State University’s Homecoming Queen and the face of JSU this year. The university is happy to have such a talented student who is an asset to the community. Rachel is a source of inspiration for many students, especially those who are involved in the Homecoming festivities. Her beauty, intelligence, and leadership qualities are admired by all who have the opportunity to meet her.

Rachel: “It was such an honor to be sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Psi. They have been great to me throughout my time at JSU. I am very grateful for their support.”

Coty: “Ok, here’s something I have been wondering – What made you want to campaign for Homecoming Queen?”

Rachel: “I’m afraid of tornadoes and really bad storms, and I’m a little afraid of the dark…but don’t tell anyone! The thing I’m most afraid of, though, is that I will live my

ASHES TO ASHES

Stone Mountain is a beautiful place to visit in Georgia, and the history is abundant; some of it is chiseled right onto the vast side of the huge mountain itself. Many visitors travel to the park to be dazzled by an evening laser show. And if I ever got a taste of the good ol’ country life before I came to Jacksonville, it was here.

Small children run around family picnic blankets. At the end of the show, General Lee “rides off” the side of the mountain and men with cowboy hats and big metal belt buckles give a rebel yell. Everyone joins in singing, “God Bless the U.S.A.” There’s pride in every American heart.

If you want the scenic view from the very top of the mountain, you can either hike up or ride the sky lift. But once on top of the world, walking on rocky terrain, you can pretend you’re traversing across the moon, dodging craters and loose moon rocks that fall into the atmosphere once skidded over by your shoes.

It is a great feeling to walk as close to the edge as you can, staring past your house and many others. You can feel the rough ground beneath your feet and hear echoes of laughter as people eat dinner before the laser show on the grounds below. The wind catches your hair and a powdered dust flies onto your face and dirt gets in your hair.

Wait! That doesn’t sound like a thrilling moment to experience anymore. Maybe that’s because it wasn’t dust or dirt flying around. The last time I
but if achieved, a band can reap the benefits of being different.

The other songs on the album are awesome as well but may be perceived as mere album cuts. None the less, they are solid songs.

If anyone is interested in purchasing this EP, I would say go for it. It won't be money wasted if you are a punk rock/emo/pop punk fan. Also, visit www.thevarsityrock.com for more information on The Varsity.

Oh yeah, just so you know, Stacy thoroughly enjoyed her very first punk rock concert. What better way to start off a concert experience by going to see a headline such as Taking Back Sunday, who happens to be one of my favorite bands! She said she now takes on my saying about concerts, "I really can't explain it to you. You'll just have to see for yourself."

Rachel Townsend, as you may already know, is Jacksonville State University's Homecoming Queen for 2004. I recently had the privilege of chatting with this down-to-earth, all-American woman. During our interview Rachel showed me a glimpse of the girl behind the crown.

Rachel: “It was such an honor to be sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Order. I was thrilled to represent them. I’m just not really a pageant person, but I thought, Hey, it’s my last year...why not?”

Rachel: “Have you ever participated in an event of this nature prior to this year?”

Rachel: “I was in the pageant last year representing and sponsored by Phi Mu, but I wanted to give it another shot. I did a few pageant-like things in high school as well. It was fun, but it took me a long time to be able to be in front of a large number of people.”

Coty: “So Rachel, could you tell me a little about yourself here at JSU?”

Rachel: “I am a physical Education major with an add-on in health; that way I’ll be able to teach it some day. I am a senior and I am from Cleveland, AL.”

Coty: “Do you have any hobbies, activities, or affiliations here on campus?”

Rachel: “I don’t really have a whole lot of time to do too much, but I exercise everyday. I like to run long distance, like three or four miles. I also love to read, when I have time. I am a sister of Phi Mu sorority, I am the president of the Pan-Hellenic Council, I am a member of the Hyper Club in the Phys. Ed. Department, and I am the athletics editor for the Mimosa.”

Coty: “What are some of your favorite things? Do you have a favorite band?”

Rachel: “Well, not really...My favorite kind of music is classic rock, though! Nicholas Sparks is my favorite author, hands down! My favorite classes so far have been my literature and English classes. My favorite color is purple, and my candy of choice would have to be Skittles.”

Coty: “Do you have any hidden talents?”

Rachel: “Not really. I sing...I’ve sang at a lot of weddings. I played piano for a long time, but I love the outdoors, so eventually that won out to music!”

Coty: “What are some of your aspirations?”

Rachel: “I want to teach college, and that’s really what I want to do. That, and I want to travel. I want to go everywhere!”

Coty: “What would you like to deliver?”

Rachel: “Without a doubt, my mother. She’s been through so many hardships in her lifetime; she’s so strong! Sometimes I feel selfish when I’m around her because she has sacrificed so much for me. She’s great, and I’d love to be like her!”

Coty: “Of all the people who have influenced you in the past, is there one that sticks out prominently in your mind? Who is one of your role models?”

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Coty: “Now is your opportunity to really speak out to the student body. What message would you like to deliver?”

Rachel: “Do not be afraid to be yourself – you’ll never be happy! Don’t try to fit in if that’s not your true character. Set reachable goals so you can push yourself to achieve. Work hard in all that you do.”

Rachel: “Rachel, thank you so much for sparing you much demanded time and talking with me today! Before I go, do you have any closing remarks you would like to add?”

Rachel: “No, I just appreciate the opportunity to be here today.”
Horoscopes

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Don't put all your eggs into one basket this week, especially regarding relationships. Relying too heavily on others will only hurt and disappoint you. Motivation will take hold of you and with a little blood flowing your enthusiasm will affect all those around you.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)
The blues may be trying to follow you throughout the week. There is truly an abundance of love and affection surrounding you from just about everywhere, so there is no reason to stay withdrawn. Do not jump to conclusions about a co-worker, things aren't always what they seem.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)
It may be time to make that commitment to a primary relationship that is long overdue. If you are having second thoughts, it is no doubt time to talk about whether or not it's worth investing more time and energy into something that may not be beneficial to either of you.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)
You seem to be easily influenced during the week, which is very uncharacteristic for you. Could it be some sweet face has you in its spell? Try to keep your temper in check when someone in the workplace tries to push your buttons. Not everyone meets your high moral code.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)
Communications will be very important during the week. Your significant other may be feeling left out and needs the reassurance that they crave. Children may need guidance concerning educational matters, and friends need support regarding a life decision.

VIRGO: (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Protect your feelings during the week by keeping them to yourself. If you do something nice for someone else, don't expect to be thanked. There are things that need to be done for their just what you need. Your financial situation seems to be improving steadily, though maybe not as quickly as you would like. This new beginning just may be marred by your inclination to go for glitter instead of substance and quality.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may be accused of being both elusive and shallow. And you are elusive in order to protect the privacy you consider so precious. You are not shallow, but have the ability to detach your emotions from your intellect, and tend to just skim the surface of many things.
for someone else, don’t expect to be thanked. There are things that need to be done for their own sake. Take people for what they are, not for what you want them to be.

**LIBRA:** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Your strength and courage will be required during this week to meet a personal challenge... this seems to be an inner struggle of self worth. You may become privy to information concerning a financial matter, don’t take any advice lightly.

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JSU women’s golf team closes season in fourth

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State shot a 324 in Tuesday’s final round to tie for fourth place at the Augusta State Lady Jaguar Invitational, played at the par-72, 5,954 yard Forest Hills Golf Club.

Maryland claimed the tournament title after scoring a 314 for a two-day score of 633, followed by Augusta State and Longwood College, who both shot a 641 to tie for second.

The Gamecocks tied with UNC-Greensboro with a total of 647 to round out the Top 5 in the field of 12 teams.

Intramural inner-tube water polo making a big splash

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The fall semester race for the coveted All Sports Trophy is

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"Anyone can win anytime in this conference," said JSU head coach Rick Nold. "We committed an unbelievable amount of errors tonight and Tennessee Tech took advantage of our mistakes."

JSU’s Shari Weyer was the only Gamecock to hit double digit kills with 16.

Jacksonville State dropped its’ second volleyball match in a row to Austin Peay State Saturday night, 3-2 (32-30, 30-28, 26-30, 26-30, 15-10). With the loss, the Gamecocks (18-8, 8-6) fell to fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference standings behind the Lady Govs (14-13, 9-5).

Freshman Abbey Breit led the JSU attack with 24 kills and 20 digs, as did Julie Burkhalter with 18 kills and 20 digs. Jamie Deturck had 57 assists and 14 digs.

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Phi Mu led in assists with 46.

The senior running back helped the JSU offense rush for a school record 453 yards and a school record 646 total yards of offense. The Russellville native averaged 13.3 yards per carry and scored on touchdown runs of one yard and 79 yards.

Agee earned his second OVC Special Teams honor after returning three punts for 105 yards, and his first return went for a 75 yard touchdown early in the first quarter as JSU jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead.

Agee, a native of Taylorsville, Miss., leads the nation in punt returns, averaging 22.92 yards per return and he has two of the nation’s top 10 performances this season in return punts. His 148 yards vs Murray State is the top performance in I-AA football and his 105 yards on Saturday against Samford is tied for ninth best.

Jacksonville State can clinch a share of its second straight OVC Championship this Saturday at Eastern Illinois.
The fall semester race for the coveted All Sports Trophy is heating up down the stretch. There are only two remaining sports left in the season and teams are trying to position themselves for the Spring semester.

**Inner-tube Water Polo**

Phi Mu and Sigma Phi Epsilon started off great in defense of their Inner-tube water-Polo titles by winning both of their games in their respected conferences.

Sigma Phi Epsilon started out 2-0 with victories over T-N-T, and the Boycotters. The Boycotters played Sig Ep about as tough as anyone has played them over the course of their title run. Sig Ep won the game 7-6 to remain undefeated in the last two years.

Delta Chi has looked pretty good winning two early games in Water-Polo by remaining undefeated and tied with Sigma Phi Epsilon for the early lead in Water-Polo.

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Phi Mu has never given up more than three goals since Water-Polo started and are hoping to keep their streak alive. Phi Mu won the early match 5-2 against Delta Zeta.

Alpha Omicron Pi defeated Alpha Xi Delta before the Homecoming break by a score of 3-2, and Zeta Tau Alpha also defeated Alpha Xi Delta by a score of 4-3.

By a combination of Major Sports and Minor Sports, the Recreational Sports Department annually offers the All-Sports Championship to a Fraternity Team, Sorority Team, Men's Independent Team, and a Women's Independent Team. Each team is awarded a specific amount of points depending on how they finish in a specific sport.

Sig Ep has a one point lead over Pi Kappa Phi going into the last two events. Delta Chi is right on their heels and should make for an interesting stretch run.

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JSU spurs Samford in huge OVC win

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State celebrated its homecoming in style as Oscar Bonds had 14 carries for 186 yards and two touchdowns to lead the No. 15 Gamecocks past Ohio Valley Conference rival Samford, 51-18.

Jacksonville State (7-1, 5-1) rushed for a school-record 453 yards while holding the Bulldogs to just 100 yards on the ground. The Gamecocks also set a school record with 646 yards of total offense, compared to just 261 yards for Samford.

"We came into this game very hungry," said JSU head coach Jack Crowe. "To play a full football game was very important."

JSU took the opening possession 73 yards in four plays and scored on a 1-yard scamper by Bonds with 13:22 remaining to build a 7-0 lead. After forcing a three-and-out on the Bulldogs' first possession, Craig Agee took the punt 75 yards for the touchdown. Gavin Hallford kicked his second extra point and the Gamecocks led 14-0 with 11:37 left in the first period.

Agee finished with three returns for 105 yards and a touchdown. It was the second punt return for a score this year and the sixth longest in school history.

Samford managed to answer with 11:44 left in the first half when Shannon Fleming booted a 20-yard field goal to make the score 14-3. With just under a minute remaining before halftime, quarterback Maurice Mullins scored on a 24-yard run. The PAT attempt failed, so the Gamecocks were ahead 20-3.

Led by quarterback Ray Nelson, Samford took the ensuing possession 75 yards in just :35 to set up a 13-yard touchdown reception by Jeff Moore. The two-point conversion was successful as Jacksonville State led 20-11 at halftime.

The Gamecocks scored three rushing touchdowns in the third quarter by Marcus Mitchell to put the game out of reach. Mitchell scored first on a 2-yard run, then on an 11-yard run six minutes later. Hallford kicked both PATs as the Gamecocks led 34-11 with 7:10 left in the third quarter.

Samford's final score came as Drew Guess found the end zone after a 3-yard run to pull the Bulldogs closer at 34-18.

Bonds, who finished with his sixth career 100-yard rushing game, scored his second touchdown of the game on a 79-yard run with 0:02 left in the quarter.

In the final period, Halford nailed a 33-yard field goal and third-string quarterback Taurean Rhetta added a 35-yard touchdown.

On defense, the Gamecocks held All-OVC quarterback Nelson under 200 yards for just the second time this season. Nelson went 16-of-36 for 156 yards and a touchdown with one interception. He led the team with 13 carries for 75 yards.

Mullins went 6-of-8 for 135 yards. He rushed 12 times for 58 yards and a touchdown as JSU finished with eight players carrying the football.

Jarvis Houston had four receptions for 70 yards in just over half the game.

Jacksonville State returns to action next Saturday at Eastern Illinois. Kick-off is set for 1:30 p.m.

Women's basketball starting to heat up at the Pete

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State women's basketball team won its only exhibition game of the season by defeating the Miami Suns 73-61.

After trailing 32-31 at the half, JSU used the second half to pull away from the Suns outscoring Miami 42-29.

"We were all over the place and very unorganized," said JSU Center Ann-Marie Healy. "We played better in the second half and more like a team."

JSU's 15-point lead in the first half was the biggest of the game for the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks are set for Saturday at Eastern Illinois. Kick-off is set for 1:30 p.m.
Gamecocks moving on up in both polls

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State moved up one spot to No. 14 after claiming a 51-18 Homecoming win over Samford in the latest NCAA I-AA Top 25 football poll, released Monday by The Sports Network. It marks the seventh straight week the Gamecocks have been ranked in the poll, which is the longest stretch in the school's Division I history of appearing in the poll. JSU appeared for four straight weeks during the 2001 season.

The Gamecocks moved up two spots to No. 14 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll, which was also released on Monday.

The Gamecocks can clinch a share of their second straight Ohio Valley Conference championship with a win on Saturday at Eastern Illinois. Kick-off is set for 1:30 p.m. in Charleston, Illinios.

The Sports Network 2004 I-AA Top 25 Poll (Nov. 8)

1. Southern Illinois (102) 9-1
2. Furman (3) 7-2
3. Sam Houston State (1) 8-1
4. James Madison (1) 8-1
5. Western Kentucky 7-2
6. Georgia Southern 8-2
7. New Hampshire 7-2
8. Lehigh 8-1
9. Montana 7-2
10. William & Mary 7-2
11. Delaware 6-3
12. Wofford 7-2
13. Hampton 8-1
14. Jacksonville State 7-1
15. Harvard 8-0
16. Eastern Washington 7-3
17. Penn 8-1
18. Cal Poly 7-2
19. Northwestern State 6-3
20. Alabama State 7-1
21. UC Davis 6-2
22. Colgate 6-3
23. Montana State 6-3
24. Coastal Carolina 8-1
25. Southern 7-2

The Bulldogs tacked on another goal to move to a 11-4 lead when Marian Wagner scored a penalty kick at the 70:35 mark. The host Bulldogs would add one more goal again by Wagner to seal JSU's fate and end the Gamecocks season. "I'm proud of our effort. I thought we played well," said Howe. "The score just doesn't reflect it."

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After opening the season at Tulane on Nov. 23rd, the Gamecocks travel to Fairbanks, Alaska, on Nov. 26-27, before returning home to open the season against UNC-Wilmington on Dec. 12.

Jax State travels to face Duke on December 15, then returns home to face Carson-Newman and Alcorn State before Christmas.

The Gamecocks open the new year on January 2 against Auburn before Ohio Valley Conference play begins on January 4 against Samford and is the first of a 16-game league schedule. The OVC plays six home-and-home series, then split the remaining games. JSU hosts Murray State and UT-Martin and travels to Southeastern Missouri State and Eastern Illinois.

JSU futbol season ends to rival Samford in Tourney

From Staff Reports

In typical Samford and Jacksonville State fashion the game looked to be a 1-0 affair, as Samford's Rebecca Bohler scored the opening goal of the contest on a feed from Kim Matthews at the 13:27 mark, but for the first time since 1999, the game would not end 1-0.

"We gave up goals versus a wide open offense and you can't do that. It was very demoralizing," JSU head coach Lisa Howe said. "We lost to a team with a lot of offense weapons. Samford is very talented."

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Bulldogs 11 to four in the second half and for the game 16-10.

"Amen," said senior defender and 2004 First Team All-OVC member Breanne Milne. "They scored three goals and we didn't."

"We have a young team. We are going to lose three Seniors," Howe said. "Tonight, we had some younger players step up and play like All-OVC players in Dausha (Hudack), Jess (Screbo) and Jo (McCaughy)."

"We had a great season. It's a tough way to end," senior Krista Miller said. "I wouldn't have changed the season or the team for anything."

Jacksonville State soccer players Breanne Milne and Joanna McCaughy were named to the Ohio Valley Conference All-Tournament Team. This marks JSU's third and fourth All-Tournament team selections in the OVC.

"I thought Bree and Jo were very deserving of making the All-Tournament team," JSU head coach Lisa Howe said. "I thought they both played with a lot of courage and heart. Jacksonville State closes out the season with a record of 7-11-3