Family Day set for Saturday, SAC urges attendance

By Audrey Hykes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Student Activities Council is putting together several events for the fall and spring semesters at JSU this year. The next big event will be Family Day Saturday, Oct. 16.

The SAC will begin setting up for Family Day Saturday morning at 9:30, according to Angela Estes, committee head of Family Day. There will be inflatable activities, such as the turnaround obstacle course and the Titanic slide obstacle course, as well as adult and kiddie strikers. SAC members will also be operating a Sno-Cone stand.

“I encourage you to tell your families about it so we can get a lot of people there. The games will be free that day,” said Drake Russell, Vice President of Student Activities.

Family Day starts at noon Saturday, and the Gamecocks are scheduled to play Tennessee State at 6 p.m. A Spirit Walk will begin at 5:45, which is an opportunity for students to get together outside the student gate under the stadium on the student side to cheer for the Gamecocks. “We’re cheering to psych them up to win the game,” said Spirit Walk Promoter Leslie Gober. “I would love for you all to come and help us cheer the Gamecocks to victory.”

Scheduled for Oct. 28 is Movie Night on the Quad, and Texas Chainsaw Massacre will be showing. That night is BYOB for students, which means “bring your own blanket” according to Russell. Last year’s Movie Night on the Quad boasted a turnout of more than 500 people coming out to see The Ring.

In the planning for the spring semester, Concert Committee Head Kenny Reighard is preparing for April 7 or 8 to schedule at least four main bands along with a few local bands to perform from about 2:00 p.m. through the evening. This event will be something like a festival, complete with a festival name, live music, and food. The mainstream bands will consist of alternative, rap, and country.

One day during the week of Oct. 18-22, a concert survey will be conducted for the students to vote for the types of music they enjoy and which bands they would like to see perform for the annual SGA hosted concert. Previous concerts at JSU have highlighted such performers as Fuel, Rascal Flatts, Train and Sister Hazel.

Also in the planning for the spring semester is Spring Fling, which will be scheduled for the week of Mar. 28-31, the week before spring break. The Welcome Week/Cookout on the Quad Committee is working to arrange this future event with the Organizational Council, according to Ashlie Holland, head of that committee. Many of the activities for this event are still being coordinated, but outside events such as a Cookout on the Quad are being considered.

Casino Night has been renamed Fun Night, which will be more like a carnival event, according to Russell. “The numbers have gone down a lot with Casino Night. We want to change to the

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SGA announces its October activities

By Olivia Fadul
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

SGA geared up for this weekend’s Family Day at Monday night’s senate meeting.

Family Day begins Oct. 16 at noon on the Gamecock Field. Family Day is an opportunity for students to invite their family members to JSU’s campus for a taste of the Gamecock life. There will be a picnic and a wide range of activities for all ages, according to Director of Publicity Brian Snead. Students will also get the chance to escort are also needed to help rebuild their higher institution and to develop a firm foundation for the renewal of higher education in Iraq.

Committee head chairs were urged to keep up with their meeting attendance and all the co-chairs were encouraged to make sure they show up for the meetings. All senators are required to attend the specified assigned committee that they signed up for.

Vice President of Student Activities, Mardracus L. Russell submitted a report that the Student Activity Committee (SAC) chairs had Easy as 1-2-3” program that lays out how to plan a program effectively from A to Z.

For the committee head reports Antonio Davis of Academic Affairs reported that he will hold a Jax State Forum, Wednesday, Oct. 20th, at 7p.m. in the TMB auditorium.

The Campus Safety committee head, Joseph McElrath, reported that there will be a campus safety walk on Monday, Oct. 18th, to check out if there are any safety problems around campus. The walk will begin immediately after the senate meeting. Homecoming Committee is
Bush and Kerry face off in New Mexico, tackle tax increases, Democrats may have slight edge

By Barry Massey
Associated Press Writer

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - President Bush and Sen. John Kerry traded jabs from across New Mexico while rallying supporters Monday in their respective strongholds of this evenly divided battleground state.

In Santa Fe, Kerry drew cheers and a standing ovation for his criticism of Bush's energy policies. He said higher gas prices mean higher profits for "this president's friends in the oil industry."

"For most middle-class Americans, the Bush gas tax increase is a tax increase that they can't afford," Kerry said in a speech at a packed convention center.

Democrats hold a more than 3-to-1 advantage in registration in Santa Fe and Kerry should easily carry the community and most of northern New Mexico in the general election.

Three hundred miles away in Hobbs, an oil and natural gas producing center that traditionally votes Republican in statewide elections, Bush accused Kerry of a "shift in the wind" on an administration-backed forest law. Legislation signed by Bush last year makes it easier for timber companies to cut wood from national forests. Bush contends that thinning forests will help prevent wildfires that hit New Mexico and other Western states nearly every summer.

"My opponent was against it. Now, he says he likes parts of the law," Bush said. "I guess it's not only the wildfires that shift in the wind."

Kerry favors thinning parts of forests that pose the most immediate fire threat to communities and criticizes Bush's broader approach as a boon to timber companies.

Bush was accompanied by daughter Jenna Bush as well as George P. Bush, the president's nephew who often helps the campaign court Hispanic voters.

Hispanics account for 42 percent of New Mexico's population, the highest percentage of any state. Hispanics traditionally are a reliable Democratic-voting constituency representing 36 percent of the population of Hobbs, according to the 2000 Census, and 44 percent in Santa Fe.

In Hobbs, police estimated 15,000 turned out for Bush's appearance. A car lot along the presidential motorcade route had the flashers on its cars blinking in welcome and the event was expanded to accommodate all those who wanted to come.

In Santa Fe, 1,000 tickets were handed out for people to attend Kerry's speech. Outside the convention center, about two dozen protesters stood across the street in a steady rain, waving placards and shouting, "Four more years!" People lined up to get into the rally responded, "Four more months!"

One Kerry supporter, John Murphey of Santa Fe, said he was worried that Bush's "neo-conservative vision" on foreign policy would lead to years of conflict in the Middle East and more terrorism.

Another supporter, Katie Busch of Santa Fe, said, "He's (Bush) made the world more dangerous. The atomic clock is closer to midnight," she said.

But one of the anti-Kerry demonstrators, Virginia Taylor, also of Santa Fe, praised the president for his resolve.

"He is everything Kerry isn't. Kerry flip-flops. Bush, he is real steady in what he believes," she said, holding a U.S. flag.

The visits come amid a flurry of campaign activity in the state this week, kicked off late Sunday by a Kerry rally in Albuquerque.

New Mexico is considered a swing state that's being aggressively courted by both men. Bush lost the state's five electoral votes in 2000 but the state's population has grown significantly since then.
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name to Fun Night to see what might happen,” he said.

The Miss JSU Pageant is soon to be held at JSU, and an interest meeting will be held Oct. 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. The pageant awards over $10,000 in scholarships, according to Russell.

Also, peer counselor applications are available in the Office of Student Life in the TMB and are due Nov. 30. There are many spots open, according to Reighard.

Requirements include having one academic year at JSU, a 2.5 GPA, and more than 24 credit hours at JSU.

The SAC wants to get more people involved in the council, and they are looking into getting t-shirts made for the SAC to wear that will grab the attention of students and possibly persuade them to join the SAC. Suggestions of “clever sayings” for the t-shirts, according to Russell, have included “See what you can pull out of the SAC” and “For a good time (on the front of the shirt)... Call the SAC.”

By Ebony Pearson
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Sitting in the cramped editing bay in JSU’s Communication Department, Terasha A. King bears a greater resemblance to a student hurrying to complete a last minute project than the newest member of the Department of Communication’s faculty staff.

Small in stature, she has a commanding yet captivating presence. With a warm smile, she initiates conversation immediately, destroying any tension or nerves that were felt before interviewing her. Ms. King freely answers all questions while asking some of her own, making the task of interviewing her feel more like a friendly conversation.

King, originally from Huntsville, is a graduate of Alabama A&M, with a degree in telecommunications. She has a Master of Science Degree in Media Technology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Before accepting her job at JSU, King was an instructor at Bethune-Cookman College in Florida where she also worked as the executive producer for their campus newscasts.

King says that she began looking for a position that was a little closer to home and in a place where the climate was more suited to her liking. “Florida was hot year around. I was looking for a place with seasons,” she said. King said that she noticed the JSU position on a higher education website.

King accepted the position as Ayers Chair in the Department of Communication in August of this year, a position previously occupied by Lloyd Dobbs. His aren’t the only responsibilities King is assuming.

She is also teaching the broadcast and TV production classes that were taught by Dr. Ralph Carmode who retired last summer.

Despite, and maybe because of her jam-packed schedule, King is in her element. She says that she loves her job because it offers classroom and lab opportunities. She feels she is now in a position where she can strengthen the broadcast and TV production areas in the department. King says that she is enjoying JSU. “The campus is beautiful and the weather is great.”

With so many tasks taking up so much of her time, what does the newest member of the JSU communication staff do to wind down? King says that she enjoys reading, traveling, and playing tennis. “Not necessarily in that order,” she adds, smiling.

King says that the most important and enjoyable thing for her is spending time with her family.

Student lender banks won’t see as much profit
Everyone is invited for music and fun. Admission is free and raffle tickets winners will be announced. Contact: Amanda Ford, 782-5886

Zeta Tau Alpha: Everyone remember to drop Yoplait lids off on the 2nd floor of the TMB now through December. Ten cents of each lid will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. THINK PINK® in October to help raise awareness about Breast Cancer. As part of our THINK PINK® campaign, we will be distributing pink ribbons and information cards on Saturday during Family Day and the football game. Have a great week! Contact: Heather Moore, heather16@hotmail.com. 

92.J: Thanks to everyone who came out to Brother’s for our benefit! The bands were great and raised over $1100. Everyone had a blast!

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The Chanticleer would like to congratulate the JSU student body. No one did anything stupid or illegal this week.

Candidates battle for evenly divided state

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votes four years ago by 366 votes to Vice President Al Gore.

In his Santa Fe speech, Kerry said Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories would play a critical role in developing energy technology to help the nation reduce its dependence on foreign oil. Kerry pledged support for expanding renewable energy sources and noted there was a wind-powered electric generating farm in eastern New Mexico.

Although Kerry was critical of high energy costs, he did not mention that state government has enjoyed a revenue windfall from rising oil and natural gas prices.

Largely because of higher-than-expected revenues from taxes and royalties on oil and gas production, the Legislature and Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson have been able to balance the state’s budget while cutting income taxes and increasing spending on education and other programs.

First lady Laura Bush will be in Las Cruces Tuesday afternoon as part of a Republican tour of the Southwest. Ralph Nader, who is running as an independent in New Mexico, will visit the University of New Mexico where he will deliver a rebuttal to the final presidential debate Wednesday night.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress is ending a promise to banks that has allowed them to reap billions of dollars in profits from a federal college aid program.

"The government is spending millions unnecessarily because some lenders are exploiting loopholes in the federal higher education laws," said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., chairman the Senate's Health, Education and Labor Committee, the bill's sponsor.

Legislation halting the federal guarantee of a 9.5 percent rate of return to lenders of certain student loans was passed Saturday by the Senate and sent to President Bush. The bill, endorsed by the White House, was approved Thursday in the House.

The 9.5 percent interest rate on many loans will be replaced with an adjustable rate reflecting the market. The guarantee to banks has long been a profit-maker because the government has had to pay them whatever amount of interest students do not, and students now pay under 3.4 percent.

The estimated $285 million in savings will be diverted to forgiving up to $17,000 in student loans for teachers who spend five years in poor school districts in places like Concord and Manchester, where there are a high number of high-need schools, to attract and retain highly qualified math, science and special education teachers," Gregg said.

Without the bill, "we would have essentially ended up with a windfall to these lenders, and these individuals who go out and teach in these tough schools and difficult subject matters would have ended up with large student loans," said Gregg.

The change would last one year, with sponsors promising a permanent fix when Congress renews the nation's higher education law next year.

"We are putting the lending community on notice," Gregg said. Congress tried to stop the guarantee in 1993, but banks have continued to get the high-yield rate by transferring, recycling or creating new loans based on the old ones.

Democrats favored a permanent fix but reluctantly backed the one-year version to fix what both parties call a loophole. They complained the Republican version still leaves open a way for banks to recycle profits from current loans and then create new ones that promise the large government payments.

"No one should be fooled," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. "Half of the student loan loophole that this bill leaves wide open goes to for-profit corporations like Nelnet and Sallie Mae. We should be helping students who are eligible for Pell grants, instead of subsidizing big banks needlessly."
Kerry’s anti-war activities scrutinized in critical documentary, Democrats claim propaganda

By Liz Sidoti
The Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Democratic Party and 18 senators are objecting to a broadcasting company's plan to air on 62 TV stations a critical documentary about John Kerry's anti-war activities after he returned home from Vietnam three decades ago.

Sinclair Broadcast Group has asked its television stations many of them in competitive states in the presidential election to pre-empt regular programming to run the documentary as part of an hour-long program two weeks before the Nov. 2 election.

Based near Baltimore, the company owns or manages affiliates of major broadcast networks in several states, including Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania. Mark Hyman, a vice president of corporate relations for Sinclair who also is a conservative commentator for the company, said Monday the show would contain some or all of the 42-minute film as well as a panel discussion of some sort. He said final details had not been worked out.

The documentary, called “Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal,” chronicles Kerry’s 1971 testimony before Congress and links him to atrocities after he returned from Vietnam three decades ago. Democrats claim it is part of a special news event that we're putting together. A special news event that we're putting together. A special news event that we're putting together.

Democrats have sent a letter to the Federal Communication Commission asking it to investigate whether Sinclair's plan was an improper use of public airwaves.

"To allow a broadcasting company to air such a blatantly partisan attack in lieu of regular programming, and to classify that attack as 'news programming' as has been suggested, would violate the spirit, and we think the text, of current law and regulation," the letter said.

Sinclair's Hyman said, "The documentary is just a part of a special news event that we're putting together. We've invited one person to be a guest. That's Senator John Kerry." The company posted a note on its Web site Monday afternoon urging people to call Kerry's headquarters to urge his participation.

Chad Clanton, a Kerry campaign spokesman, said, "Everything is on the table but it's hard to take an offer seriously from a group with such a fierce partisan agenda, a group that's clearly not interested in the truth."

Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe said the company was acting as a mouthpiece for the Republican Party rather than a legitimate news outlet.

"In this election cycle, they have put their money where their right-wing mouths are," he said. "Sinclair's owners aren't interested in news. They're interested in pro-Bush propaganda."

Campaign finance records show that the company's executives have donated thousands of dollars to Bush's campaign. In April, the company was in the news for refusing to run a "Nightline" show in which hundreds of names of American troops killed in Iraq were read by ABC anchor Ted Koppel.

Hyman called the allegations about the documentary "absolutely absurd."

"Would they suggest that our reporting a car bomb in Iraq is an in-kind contribution to the Kerry campaign? Would they suggest that our reporting on job losses is an in-kind contribution to the Kerry campaign?" he said. "It's the news. It is what it is. We're reporting the news."

Carlton Sherwood, a Vietnam veteran and former journalist who made the film, said Monday that he felt the media had not explored the period of Kerry's life after he returned from Vietnam, including when he testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee alleging atrocities in Vietnam.

"For 33 years, we've been saying that how Kerry portrayed us was utterly false. It was purgatory of the worst kind. It was sadder," Sherwood said. "But no one wanted to talk about it. Everybody ran for cover."

Sherwood said it took six weeks to make the film, and that Sinclair contacted him last month after it was completed. He said he was told last week of the company's plan to run it, and that the company was not compensating him for the film.

Colorado State’s Greeks go dry

Associated Press

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) - The last five Colorado State University fraternities to allow alcohol in their houses went dry on Monday under a policy imposed after the drinking death of a student last month.

The ban is mandatory for all Greek societies. Houses that violate it could lose their university recognition and national charter. The university can enforce Greek society rules because fraternities and sororities are considered student organizations.

"It is achievable in four years, not in four weeks," said Joe Marshall, 23, who still is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

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Colorado State University fraternities to allow
alcohol in their houses went dry on Monday
under a policy imposed after the drinking death
of a student last month.

The university's 23 fraternities and 15 sorori-
ties decided to ban alcohol after the Sept. 6
death of Samantha Spady, 19, of Beatrice, Neb.
She was found dead in a fraternity house; inves-
tigators said she died of alcohol poisoning after
consuming at least 30 drinks in 11 hours.

Twelve of CSU's fraternities and eight sorori-
ties have houses. All the sorority houses and
seven of the fraternity houses were already dry.

Chuck Cecil, president of the Delta Tau Delta
fraternity, said the ban won't be a dramatic
change because the perception of fraternity alco-
hol abuse is worse than reality.

"From an outside point of view, it's really
easy to correlate alcohol and fraternities," said
Cecil, 21. "Once you are in, you understand
how that is not the case."

A former CSU fraternity president predicted it
will take a few years for the change to be fully
accepted.

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recognition and national charter. The university
can enforce Greek society rules because frater-
nities and sororities are considered student orga-
nizations.

"Only the national fraternity of sorority can
revoke a chapter's charter."

Spady was the first of four students to die in
drinking-related incidents in a four-week span.

Lynn Gordon Bailey Jr., 18, of Dallas died in
Boulder on Sept. 17 after a University of
Colorado fraternity ceremony where pledges
drank heavily.

Blake Adam Hammon, 19, of Medford,
Okla., was found dead on Sept. 30 at a
University of Oklahoma fraternity house in
Norman. His blood alcohol content was 0.42,
more than five times the legal limit, according to
a state medical examiner's report.

University of Arkansas student Bradley
Barrett Kemp, 20, died Oct. 2 after drinking
beer, taking two prescription drugs and possibly
smoking marijuana, police said.

Texas politician fingered in
college streaking incident

Lisa Falkenberg
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) - The gloves have come off
in the match between U.S. Reps. Pete Sessions
and Martin Frost. And every other article of
clothing appears to be fair game as well.

Democrats on Monday circulated old news-
paper clippings of a 1974 college streaking
stunt staged by hundreds of students at
Southwest Texas State University, including
an 18-year-old Pete Sessions.

Sessions, a conservative Republican who
wrote a column condemning Janet Jackson's
nude display during this year's Super Bowl
halftime performance, apparently bore his
bottom with about 300 male and female stu-
dents on the streets of San Marcos during the
two-night rampage.

Two streakers were arrested the first night,
leading to a clash with police in which stu-
dents damaged a police car in protest, The San
Antonio News reported at the time.

Newspapers were filled with nude photos and
headlines such as "Dudes, Broads, Bare
Bods."

Southwest Texas students were apparently
trying to break a streaking record set by anoth-
er university amid a nationwide college streak-
ing craze.

Sessions' campaign isn't denying the con-
gressman's public nudeness.

"Congressman Sessions' old school days
are long gone," said Sessions' spokesman
Chris Homan. "He recognizes it as an imma-
ture action of an 18-year-old college fresh-
man."

But Frost's campaign is holding Sessions'
bare bod to the fire.

"Pete Sessions exposed himself to children
and strangers," said Frost spokesman Justin
Kitsch. "He's exposed himself as a hypocrite
as well.

Sessions' spokesman dismissed the compar-
ison of Sessions' juvenile acts to those of
Jackson, who revealed her breast in front of
millions of Super Bowl watchers at the finale
of a halftime performance with singer Justin
Timberlake.

This isn't exactly the kind of exposure the
four-term Republican wants in the final three
weeks of a tight race with Frost, a 13-term
Democrat. The two incumbents are battling for
Republican-leaning Dallas area District 32 in
what is expected to be the most expensive race
in the country.

Southwest University is now called Texas
State University. Sessions later transferred to
Southwestern University in Georgetown,
Texas, where he graduated in 1978.
Bush’s empty cup

By David Nix
The Chanticleer Editorial
Contributor

I was recently speaking with Dr. Hugh McCain of the Sociology Department about the first Presidential Debate and he relayed a story to me. It seems that Mrs. McCain told him that she noticed President Bush was drinking from a clear cup that night; one that he continued to drink from long after it was empty. Now admittedly, under such circumstances, any of us might reach for some way to occupy our hands while being pounded by an opponent as Bush was that night. It does seem to be an interesting analogy of the “empty-cup” claims of the Bush campaign. I jotted down a few that came to mind.

George W. Bush claims that the freedom of the Afghan people is evidence of the success of his policies. In contrast, Afghanistan is not as free as it makes out. In the recent election for president there was a great deal of concern for the security and fairness of the elections. Not only was there concern that Al-Qaeda would disrupt them, but that the warlords would unduly influence them. Unfortunately, there are insufficient U.S. forces in Afghanistan due to the war in Iraq to allow us to provide security for these elections. Bush’s solution was to hand most of that duty over to the warlords.

Isn’t that a bit like giving the key to the henhouse to the fox? The idea of truly free elections is foreign to the people of Afghanistan. They have a system by which major decisions are made by important figures in their village, religious, or military men such as the Warlords. It’s simple.

The warlords tell the village and religious leaders who to have their followers vote for, and then the warlords’ men are at the booth to make sure they do. Oh, and by the way, all of those women who registered are instructed by their husbands who want to vote for. They have very little freedom in their lives, much less their vote.

The status of all citizens, including women, in Afghanistan has greatly improved, but it is a reach to claim that true freedom has been achieved there. That is a lofty goal, but one which is yet some distance from our grasp, kind of like that water in Bush’s cup.

The Bush Administration has pursued a war in Iraq while leaving the nation at risk. The Department of Homeland Security is a mish-mash of government offices that is run from a little hole-in-the-wall office on a back street in Washington, D.C. This is another sign that it simply is not the priority that Bush would have us think. Bush seems to find a deceptive comfort in the idea that maintaining an offensive strategy abroad will keep the terrorists off-balance and unable to strike us here. Perhaps it has worked, to some degree, but I find no comfort in the fact that approximately 95 percent of the bulk containers received at major ports are not inspected. The $200 billion spent in Iraq would have funded not only this, but most of the security required at our nations airports, bus and train stations.

Despite what George W. Bush thinks, the opinions of the world DO matter to the United States. We have always set an example for the nations of the world. We have set it on human rights. We have set it on economic progress. We have set it on the proper and just use of military power.

At least we did until Bush became president. We led the world forward, but now if we lead at all it is toward policies of aggression and bullheaded attachment to failed policies. His approach to negotiation is to tell other countries that they are allowed to participate, but only if everything is done according to the Bush Doctrine of how it should be done. There is no negotiation and no compromise and that was not how the United States built the great alliances of the past.

No, we should not give up our sovereign right to act in our own interests, but shouldn’t allow arrogance to prevent us from finding common ground with other countries whenever possible. Having different points of view expressed on an issue is often enlightening and can lead to novel solutions to problems.

This is an area that Bush seems unable to grasp. Convinced of his own rightness, he will continue to lead this country down a path of isolationism from the world community. His cup is very, very empty now.
More meanderings from your editor

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Well, I had heard some people were disappointed that I had not written in a few weeks, so I figured that I would give you guys a little more... O.K. So no one even knew that I didn’t write. So what?

There are a few things on my mind, and I need to get them off, so here it goes: The debates went well, I thought. I watched part of the first one and all of the second one. Now I will offer my not so expert opinion.

John Kerry won the first debate hands down. He spoke more clearly on issues than Bush and kept his temper. That is what really won it for me. I really don’t want a hothead messing with the military. I really don’t want a hothead messing with the military.

I have always seen Bush as a hothead though. I can see him sitting in the Oval Office spinning around in his chair that is too tall for him, spinning like a child screaming, ‘I’m finally gonna get that bat!’

But anyway, the second could be a little closer to call. I think that maybe Kerry was trying to act a little more emotional, and I don’t want that. I DO NOT want an emotional person controlling my fate. And trust me, whenever wins this election has my fate in his hands, because I am still in the military.

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That is my take on the whole election debates. My next subject could be a little bit more controversial, but far be it for me to write anything like that. Multiple orgasms. Now I have never personally had anything happen to me such as that, but I am sure that it is pretty cool. But the subject was brought to my attention that women have it harder than men. Cool. I can see that.

But, (and it’s a really big but) I replied that at least women get multiple orgasms. Then, the person I was talking with said that was true—if you could find a guy to give them to you. I don’t really know how this conversation started, but go with me here...

She did however site the many things that gave women cancer (i.e. childbirth, birth control, breast feeding, you get the idea). And that really got me thinking... do women have it harder than men and are multiple orgasms enough to make up for it? This is a philosophical question that may never be answered.

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I took a trip a few weeks ago to a small little mountain town in Georgia. Pretty much the only thing that was there was a college and it had a round-about with a town square in the center. Remind you of anywhere around here?

The trip was great, minus my main complaint: the directions that Mapquest.com gave me took me in a circle. I had to stop and ask a gas station attendant where to go. It made me mad and then I had to stop and pay $10 for a... get this — Mapquest atlases. Yes, I had to give money to the assholes that got me lost in the first place.

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Well that is what has happened in my last couple of weeks. I am sure that it isn’t the most interesting thing that you have heard but hey, maybe I made you laugh.
Features

Diamonds in the rough

By Coty Cockrell
Chanticleer Features Writer

Autumn has finally arrived. The trees have become a fiery exhibit of auburn and gold; the wind is just beginning to whisper of winter’s icy chill, and the heart throbbing, mesmerizing rhythmic pulses of the JSU Diamond Girls are sending shockwaves of exhilaration resounding throughout Jacksonville. To those who are unfortunately unaware, the Diamond Girls is an elite group of dancers who compete at competitions across the entire southeast. These shimmering gals are pulled directly from the Marching Ballerina line at present, but as the group becomes better established, they hope to open auditions to girls across campus.

Several years ago, a similar group called Fastbreakers performed at basketball games, but former JSU student Joy Andrews owns and operates out of Joy’s Dance Company. She assists the girls with her creative routines as well as her expertise in overcoming choreographical challenges. One of the original members, Allison Inglis, confided that, “the biggest thing with most of the girls is the time commitment. That turns a lot of girls away from even going out for it. Last semester, though, it was my best academic semester, making the Dean’s List with a full course schedule.” Finding an available rehearsal space was definitely an issue, and last year the girls resorted to practicing in gyms and hallways. Elizabeth Rhodes professed that, “it’s an amazing experience if you’ve never seen it before – it’s just different.”

I’ll admit that I wasn’t completely sure what the Diamond Girls were all about, but I was drawn into their excitement just

From jam to jail

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Sentenced to jail. This phrase conjures up images of worn, bloody hands gripping steel bars that systematically stretch down long, gray halls. Plates of cold food served up by burly men sporting “MOM” tattoos. Huge walls topped with coils of barbed wire scanned over with bright white lights.

This scene is not true for the blonde-haired, home beautification queen who began her five-month sentence last Friday. Martha Stewart was found guilty in March of conspiracy, making false statements and obstruction of justice. However, don’t dust off the violins or let too many feelings of sorrow flow out. She was sentenced with as much ease as the law would allow.

She arrived at West Virginia’s Alderson Federal Prison Camp Friday about eight hours before her 2 p.m. report time. I’m sure she hoped to avoid a heaping number of reporters, but never fear, they camped out the night before. So she didn’t manage to sneak in unnoticed, but she did check in without a statement to the press.

Known as “Camp Cupcake” to the locals, Alderson Prison has no bars, no walls and no wires. It houses non-violent offenders and appears more like a college campus. A cereal breakfast is eaten before janitorial or kitchen work, lunch is sandwiches and dinner is hot and starchy. Then, the inmates can play games or watch TV until lights out.

Sound familiar? Let me eet
JSU students travel to other countries

By Holly Smith
Chanticleer Features Writer

Did you realize that there are Americans living in the International House? Actually, there are 20. Each is paired with an international student from such countries as Russia, Morocco and Australia. After talking to Margaret Myers, a sophomore English major, I discovered there is more to the International Program than just living there. They have cookouts, a formal, and recently went on a white water rafting trip. The students also attend a weekly meeting, in which one of the international students discusses his or her home country, native foods, music, and other cultural topics.

Margaret had heard great things about living in the “House.” She was living at home but wanted to move onto campus. After looking at the different dorms online, she decided on the International House because she likes “learning about different languages, cultures, and ethnicities.”

Margaret loves living with international students, but she does not see them as “international.” She thinks of them as her friends, as family. Several of the girls often go shopping together. Margaret says while they are out she does not feel like she is, “shopping with people from different countries but shopping with friends.”

There is a strong sense of camaraderie in the House. “No one shakes hands here; everybody hugs and kisses.” At first Margaret found this to be different “because I had people I didn’t know hugging me. Now I am used to it.”

Margaret’s roommate, Pinkey, is from Nepal. “She listens to Hindi music, and I love it.” She has grown to love many different types of music. “There is a lot of Spanish music; I have learned a lot of Spanish songs.” Margaret also finds the other students’ rooms interesting because they have art and artifacts native to their home countries. She did not really know what to expect when she moved in but was surprised she fit in quickly. “I didn’t expect to fit in after the first two days!” She also was not expecting the family atmosphere.

Margaret says her social life has changed a great deal. “There isn’t a curfew, but most of us start going to bed around 1 or 2 o’clock.” All the students “go to the same parties and do stuff together.” Sometimes they simply go to Walmart or go grocery shopping like any other roommates do. She says sometimes it is hard to focus on studying because she loves talking to the other students.

She has not noticed any conflicts among the Americans and international students. She “is pretty open minded and interested in learning about other people and their beliefs.” She says that, because of the diversity, everyone has to have an open mind in order to survive living there. The students help each other with their studies. Margaret has helped her roommate and others with writing papers. “We all tend to help out the other students.”

American students living in the International House must apply and are selected after an interview is conducted. The cost to live there is $700 a semester, which is actually less expensive than most other dorms on campus. Anyone interested in the program can visit www.jsu.edu/depart/ihop to learn more.
Horoscopes

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Verbalizing your feelings to a loved one could be the best way to clear the air, providing tact is used. You are feeling quite attractive lately and that feeling is communicated to everyone else. You are in touch with the guiding impulses of your nature and enjoy expressing yourself.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You are very good at keeping secrets, especially about how you feel about others. Your love relationship may not always be as harmonious as it appears to others. Enjoying companionship and the sharing of ideas is important, and you tend to focus on the positive side of everything.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Beneath your strong, independent exterior lies a desire for a truly fulfilling relationship. Resist in the temptation to indulge in self-destructive behavior if you become unhappy. Emotional satisfaction can also be found in renewing old friendships.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Although you usually have a significant other, you do much better on your own. Independence is your motto. Your real strength lies in your ever present optimism. Learn to value those worse moments of your life and learn from them. You have a natural athletic ability.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
The inherent fatalism that seems to follow you around may stifle any positive attitudes needed for you to get ahead. Your strength lies in your ability to move forward, so you need to work on gaining control over your negative thoughts. Being practical and living in the real world are your strong suits.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Feeling dependent on others is the type of situation you steer clear of, especially when it comes to any emotional relationships. Since you do quite all right on your own, avoid hermit-like tendencies. Your compassionate nature will get you into more trouble than it's worth.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
You have a tendency to keep a lot of good things secret, especially your accomplishments. Doing some rather unfavorable chores for a loved one will result in heartfelt gratitude. You live in the present and loath dwelling on the past. Don't whine.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
You seem to be able to handle just about anything that may be thrown your way in regards to surprises. By putting a lot of faith in those you love, it is a shock when someone lets you down. Keep your self-esteem intact and take time out for yourself too.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23- December 21)
Ongoing relationships are a little strained presently, and new ones are somewhat dubious. Just wait it out and things will improve soon. Money is not important to you, but you enjoy having enough so you can do the things you want, without counting the cost.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Being quite a homebody now would be an excellent time to capitalize on any inclinations you have in that direction. Your love life is quite intense lately. It is especially exciting that your loved one's emotional intensity matches or even surpasses your own.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
This week you need to capitalize on your powers of persuasion and emerge a winner in a business-financial negotiation - as well as in your love life. You seem to be happier in a relationship than
**Apple Bran Muffins**

**Ingredients:**
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- 1 cup shreds of wheat bran cereal
- 2 eggs beaten
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup peeled finely chopped apple
- 1 teaspoon wheat germ toasted

**Directions:**
Combine milk and vinegar in a mixing bowl, let stand one minute. Add cereal, let stand five minutes. Beat in egg and oil; stir in sugar. Combine flour, cinnamon and soda; add to cereal mixture, stir just until moistened. Fold in apple. Spoon batter into paper lined microwave muffin cups filling 2/3 full. Microwave on high 2-3 minutes, rotating once. Let muffins cool in pan one minute; serve immediately. Repeat procedure with remaining batter.

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**Pork Chops**

**Ingredients:**
- 2 inch thick boneless loin pork chops trimmed of fat
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs mixed with pinch of cayenne, 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin, 1/4 teaspoon oregano, 1/4 teaspoon salt

**Directions:**
Rub pork chops with lime juice and coat with cilantro. In microwave safe pie plate microwave butter and garlic for 1 1/2 minutes or until it sizzles. Dip pork chops in garlic butter, then in seasoned breading. Place in center of pie plate. Sprinkle with remaining seasoned breading, drizzle on butter. Cover with waxed paper and microwave on medium-high for 6 minutes. Turn over and rotate and microwave, covered with waxed paper for 6 minutes longer or until center is no longer pink.
Feels good to be home, soccer team goes 1-0-1 over the weekend

Lindsay Dant  
Chanticleer Sports Writer

On a chilly Friday night at the JSU soccer field the Gamecock women’s soccer team came to win against rival Eastern Illinois.

The first and only goal came from junior Liz Hendricks assisted by Dausha Hudack at 62:01. Goalie Amanda Stephens had an impressive five saves. Stephens is on her way to winning the most saves at JSU, surpassing Michelle Japak.

The Gamecocks were able to hold Eastern Illinois 1-0 and approved their record to 5-8-1 for the season. JSU women’s soccer celebrated their tenth anniversary this weekend with a big win Friday night. But they weren’t through yet. One word for JSU women’s soccer game against SEMO: contact. Not as much from the Gamecock’s side, but brutal shots were taken against players. There were at least four to five players that were down on the ground and at least one from SEMO. On both sides of the ball, JSU was able to hold Southeast Missouri State.

Stephens recorded six saves, tying Michelle Japak for the all-time record of 185 at JSU.

Some key offensive players for the Gamecocks were Ashley Smith with three shots, Dausha Hudack and Daniela Malta. Offensively for SEMO, Povey made three shots and goalie Carina Souza had three saves.

Up next for JSU are trips to Tennessee Tech on Friday and Austin Peay Sunday.

Bowling individuals knocking down the pins

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IM Flag Football play-off seeds shaping up
Tennis
Phi Mu captured their first Intramural Women’s Team Tennis Tournament last week by going undefeated in 4 matches. Lindsay Dant, Brooke Carlton, Rebecca Kringle, and Jennifer Cash won the tournament with victories over ZTA, DZ, and AOPi.

Flag Football
In Flag Football, the Sorority Conference playoffs are already starting to take shape. Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Omicron Pi have already assured themselves of making the playoffs. The big question will now be who is going to be the number #1 seed. That question will be answered today as undefeated Zeta Tau Alpha takes on undefeated Alpha Omicron Pi with the regular season title on the line.

"We are going to come out pretty aggressive in the game," said AOPI head coach Woody Rozier. "We want to jump on them early and force them to throw the ball." The game is scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

A big upset occurred last week in the Men’s Independent Conference. Brick House was sitting in the driver’s seat in the White Conference as the only undefeated team, and looking to secure the White Conference Regular Season title.

The Crew had yet to win a game, and was sitting in last place. Brick House was placed by dropped passes and turnovers as The Crew defeated 1st place and undefeated Brick House by a score of 14-12.

In the fraternity game of the week, Pi Kappa Phi defeated Kappa Alpha 35-6. With the win, Pi Kappa Phi has taken a commanding lead in regular season championship race.

"We just want to do the best we can do this season," said Ross Nelson. "Flag football is the only major sport we didn’t win last year so year in and year out we want to win the big three."

Playoffs for Flag Football begin on Oct. 19. The first night will be played at Dillon Field, the second night will be played at Paul Snow Stadium, and the third day will be played at the Intramural Fields.

Registration for Intramural Water Polo is Oct. 21 in room 215 of Stephenson Hall.
One out of 13, would you roll the dice again?

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

I knew I had opened my mouth too soon. I knew I started to get carried away with my thoughts. But this time I would be proven wrong, I just knew it. It just couldn’t happen.

There is a favorite saying in the gambling lingo “Never bet on a streak to end.” If this saying is the truth then the Atlanta Braves should pack up and move to Las Vegas.

There are two points that make this statement true. At the beginning of the year the Braves were picked to finish third in their division at best. Finishing third would end their remarkable twelve-year division championship run.

After falling 10 1/2 games back at first at the beginning of the year the Braves said it, “never bet on a streak to end.” The team turned it around and finished with a 96-66 overall record and won their 13th consecutive division championship.

Unfortunately for the Braves, “Never bet on a streak to end” also applies to their post season play. The Braves have made the play-offs the last 13 years and

Gamecocks extend win streak to eleven games

Seven different players scored to lead No. 14 Jacksonville State (5-0, 3-0 OVC) to a 59-12 Ohio Valley Conference win over Tennessee-Martin (1-5, 0-3) on homecoming here Saturday.

Jacksonville State rolled up 492 yards on offense, including 266 on the ground and 226 through the air, while holding UTM to just 78 rushing yards and 165 passing.

“Tough game played a complete 60 minutes today,” said JSU head coach Jack Crowe. “We were able to score on the ground, through the air and our special teams even scored today.” The Gamecocks extended the nation’s longest regular-season win streak to 11 games and has won nine straight OVC contests.

JSU took the early lead after Oscar Bonds scored his 10th touchdown of the season on four-yard run and Gavin Hallford added the point after as JSU took a 7-0 lead with 5:14 left in the first quarter.

Jax State then went 70 yards on nine plays and scored on the first play of the second quarter after Marcus Mitchell recorded his first-career touchdown reception on a 5-yard pass from Maurice Mullins with 14:55 remaining.

Clay Green then scored on a seven-yard run and Hallford added the point as the Gamecocks took a 21-0 lead with 9:21 left in the first half.

Jacksonville State pushed the lead to 28-0 after Antoine Bullock broke free and blocked a UTM punt and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown. Hallford kicked the point after with 3:33 left in the first half.

After Russell Green recorded his fourth interception of the season, red-shirt freshman Matt Hardin tossed a 26-yard touchdown pass to Adrian Smith with 2:23 left. It was the first career touchdown reception for Smith and gave the Gamecocks a 35-0 lead.

UTM scored on a Brady Wahlberg tossed a four-yard pass to Seanrick Trimar, but the try for two failed as the Gamecocks held a 35-6 lead at the half.

The Gamecocks continued to roll in the second half as Green scored on 47 yard run, Bonds scored on a one-yard run and Chris Sanders recovered a fumble in the endzone for another touchdown as JSU built a 56-12 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Hallford added a career-long 42-yard field goal with 12:35 left for the final margin.

Clay Green led JSU with 96 yards on seven carries, while Bonds added 58 yards and two touchdowns. Maurice Mullins was 5-for-7 for 77 yards, while Matt Hardin finished 3-for-8 for 74 yards for the Gamecocks. Jarvis Houston led the receivers with two catches for 49 yards.

Jax State returns to action next Saturday against Tennessee State. Kick-off is set for 6 p.m. and will be carried live on CSS.

Are you a part of the Gamecock Family?

“I challenge our fans to make an effort and give us a home field advantage at our home field, I think that will be important for us to win,” Crowe.

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Maurice Mullins is under center with Oscar Bonds in the backfield. Mullins takes the snap. Moves across making contests. The Chanticleer Sports Department has deemed this event front page news.

So taking in all these things under consideration, you will not be upset at what you’re about to read. You are not just a fan of Jacksonville State obviously interested in Jacksonville State University because you are reading the Chanticleer. Our advice to you, buy a ticket because it is only eight dollars.

Now that we got all that out of the way, Jacksonville State University will...
streak to end" also applies to their post season play. The Braves have made the playoffs the last 13 years and have only come away with a World Series one time.

That year was 1995 in case anybody was wondering. The point is the Braves division championship run is one of the greatest feats by any team in any sport of all time, but yet it is tainted. Tainted because they haven’t been able to win in October except for the lone 1995 team.

I am not a math major or anything, but one out of 13 doesn’t sound like a very good percentage. If a batter gets a hit one out of thirteen, it is considered a slump. If Tiger wins one out of thirteen majors, everybody will say “What’s wrong with Tiger.”

If Marc Guillen completes one out thirteen passes, then Alabama brings in Spencer Pennington. If he can’t get it done, well there is going to be a huge problem at the Capstone. If Carnel Williams gains one yard on 13 carries, then they take the keys out of that Cadillac.

Sometimes you have to just say it. There is too much mustard on that hot dog and the Braves are the hot dog. Forget about the division championships and just win in October. Bottom line, no questions asked.

The point is that eventually something has got to be done. Something is not going right for the Braves in October. Whether it be in the water or they just run out of gas. Who knows what happens?

All I know is, if Noah’s Ark showed up right now the Atlanta Braves would get left behind because they don’t have two of anything.

Except two things going for them “Never bet on a streak to end.”

Maurice Mullins is under center with Oscar Bonds in the backfield. Mullins takes the snap. Moves across left end on an option, fakes the pitch to Bonds, cuts upfield and he goes the distance 80 yards for a touchdown.

Ahh man, you missed it again. You didn’t go to the Jacksonville State game because you sat at home and watched some other colleges (take in mind you say we, and you don’t even go to school there) play football.

The Athletic Department has scheduled a full-lineup this weekend for Family/Fall Preview Day ranging from cars being given away to kids’ poster

So taking in all these things under consideration, you will not be upset at what you’re about to read. Your are not just a fan of Jacksonville State University, you will eventually be a graduate of Jacksonville State University.

Let me repeat myself, a graduate of Jacksonville State University. If you are reading this and you do not fall under that category then you probably work for the university.

Well it seems like you cannot cut off the hand that feeds you so you should definitely attend the game to support your employer. If you do not fall under that category, then you are buy a ticket because it is only eight dollars.

Now that we got all that out of the way. Jacksonville State University will be giving away two brand new used cars during the Jacksonville State Tennessee State football game. Also, the JSU Marching Southerners will be competing in the Battle of the Bands during half time against the Tennessee State Aristocrat.

There is also a picnic lunch from 12-3 p.m. on the Gamecock field. Adults are $5 and children under twelve are $3.

There will also be some activities at the picnic lunch including a Gamecock Moonwalk, face painting, Potter’s...