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# ... Champions



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They say a picture is worth a thousand words. For the women of JSU volleyball, only one word is necessary... champions.

Before the season even began, expectations were high for JSU volleyball.

"We're gonna win conference, that's our ultimate goal," OVC Player of the Year Abbey Breit said at the beginning of the season. "We know what we have to do, we just have to make sure we get there."

To get there, JSU would have to defeat three solid teams, including both OVC regular season co-champions, Tennessee State and Eastern Kentucky, to claim the trophy. When the final point of the tournament was scored, both Eastern Kentucky and JSU were left with tears in their eyes, but it was the tears of joy from the women of JSU volleyball that told the story, as they claimed the school's first conference championship in volleyball.

"We all worked hard for

range of 74 digs," Nold said. "That's the style of team that Austin Peay is. It was just back and forth; digging a lot of balls, hitting percentages weren't real high. I thought they got us playing more their style of game. Fortunately, we played it well enough to beat them."

JSU got the last word in this season's three-match rivalry with Tennessee State in the semi-finals. The Gamecocks out-lasted the Tigers to claim the rubber match of the season



The JSU Women's Volleyball team cinched the OVC championship in three straight games Nov. 18-20.

Below left: the girls celebrate as they win the title.

Below right: Tournament MVP Suzi Terrell shows her pleasure at setting up match point in the final game.

Photos:  
(left): Courtesy of OVC  
(below left & right): Courtesy of ESPNU



championship in volleyball.

"We all worked hard for this," said Suzi Terrell. "In the three years I've been here, we always talked about it and we never did it. Finally we put it all together, and it just feels awesome to know that we accomplished something that we set to do."

The third-seeded Gamecocks rolled to a 3-0 victory over Austin Peay in the first round of the conference championship tournament thanks to defense. JSU held the Lady Gobs to a .180 attack percentage; led by a 23-dig performance by senior Kisha West in what JSU coach Rick Nold called a "defensive battle."

"We had somewhere in the

series, 33-31, 30-26, and 34-32. Ironically, each of the three matches between both schools have ended in a 3-0 victory.

"It might have been 3-0, but it was a very close match," Nold said. "It very easily could have flipped the other way. It makes you feel real good about our team in the fact that at the critical times, we were able to come up with the plays we had to make and get a little bit of a lead."

The Gamecocks capped the historic weekend with a five-

game war with Eastern Kentucky, televised on ESPNU. JSU won the first game, 30-20. They then lost two of the next three making a fifth and final game necessary.

With the Gamecocks down 11-8 and Eastern Kentucky building momentum, the dominant combination of Terrell and Breit helped JSU dethrone the defending OVC champions, 15-12.

"It's amazing," Breit said. "We had our ups and downs through the season, but what

makes it so much more fulfilling is the hard work that we put in and it's the team that makes it so special. The twelve of us, we've been together for two years. We know each other better than everyone. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses and we know how to get the best out of each other."

The numbers are astounding: Suzi Terrell's career high 35 kills were the best single-game output in the OVC this year. Her performance in the three games

earned her tournament MVP honors.

The team, as a whole, recorded 99 kills.

Emily Withers recorded a career high 88 assists, another conference high this year.

Five Gamecocks recorded double-digits in digs, totaling 132.

"Very few times are you gonna have a game where so many different areas come together. You can look at that as a great offensive game, but defensively, we had 130-some-

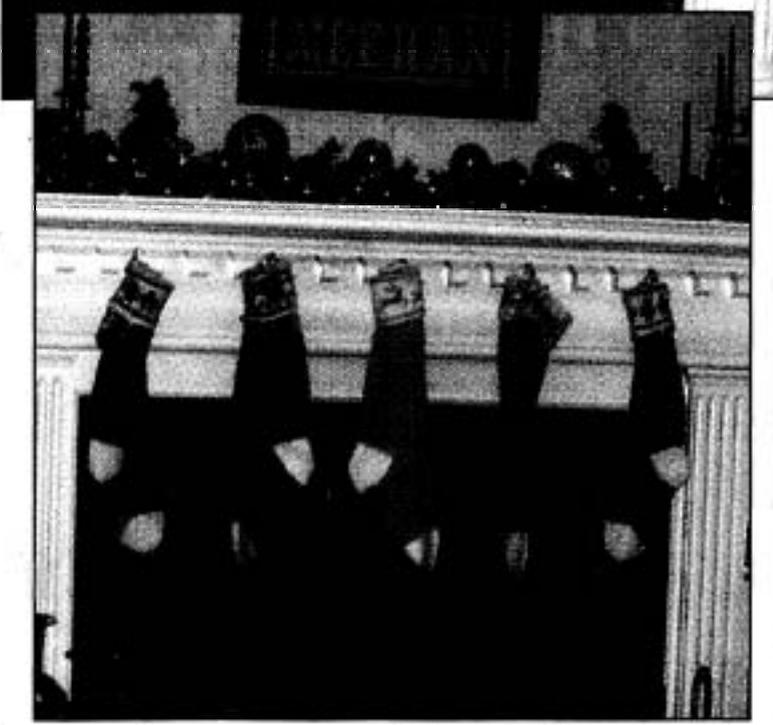
thing digs. That is unbelievable defense. It's just very rare that you're going to click in so many different areas, and when you're doing that, one just feeds off the other."

With the win, the Gamecocks earned an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament, the first in school history. The 2005 OVC Champions will travel to Knoxville, TN for their first round match against Tennessee on Friday.

# JSU in Lights

Photos and words by: Jennifer Bacchus

'Twas the week before finals and through Meehan's halls walked all sorts of people gazing at decked walls. The flutists were playing by yon Christmas tree while Meehan and Drake greeted each new entry. With cider in hand and between bites of sweets faculty and SGA had little meet & greets. Will's stocking was hung on the chimney with care while Madrigal singers serenaded all there. The lights all came on drawing oohs from the masses. Merry Christmas to all - I'm off to my classes.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lost and Found:** For lost items check the UPD webpage at [police.jsu.edu/lostandfound.html](http://police.jsu.edu/lostandfound.html).

**BCM:** Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

**Alpha Xi Delta:** We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break! Good luck and study hard for finals! Go Gamecock Basketball!

Contact: Amy Walker - [amy\\_roo@excite.com](mailto:amy_roo@excite.com)

**Freshman Forum:** All Freshmen come out to the Amphitheatre on Nov. 21 and meet more Freshmen while eating s'mores and drinking hot chocolate. Entrance is \$1 or a canned food. Come out and bring all your friends! Contact: Meridith Harvey [merharvey@AOL.com](mailto:merharvey@AOL.com)

**Zeta Tau Alpha:** "Pick of the Patch Raffle!"

Every year the sisters of Zeta Psi reach out to their campus and community for support in their efforts to raise money for their national philanthropy, Breast Cancer Education and Awareness. Drawing will be held December 5 at 5:00 p.m. on the 4th floor of Sparkman Hall.

Contact: Malorie Edger at [malorie\\_edger@yahoo.com](mailto:malorie_edger@yahoo.com)

**Alpha Omicron Pi:** Congratulations to all of our New Officers! We look forward to the All Sorority Mixer on Thursday and Semi-formal on Friday. Have a great week and Good Luck on your last two weeks of school.

Contact: MerHarvey@aol.com

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### Short Fiction Contest Winners:

1st place: Dave Howell "The Timeshare"

2nd place: Carol Hilton "Keepsakes"

3rd place: Eddie Burkhalter "A Matching Set"

### Runners-up:

1st: Danielle Stiebel "Crazy"

2nd: Sarah Moersch "Ground"

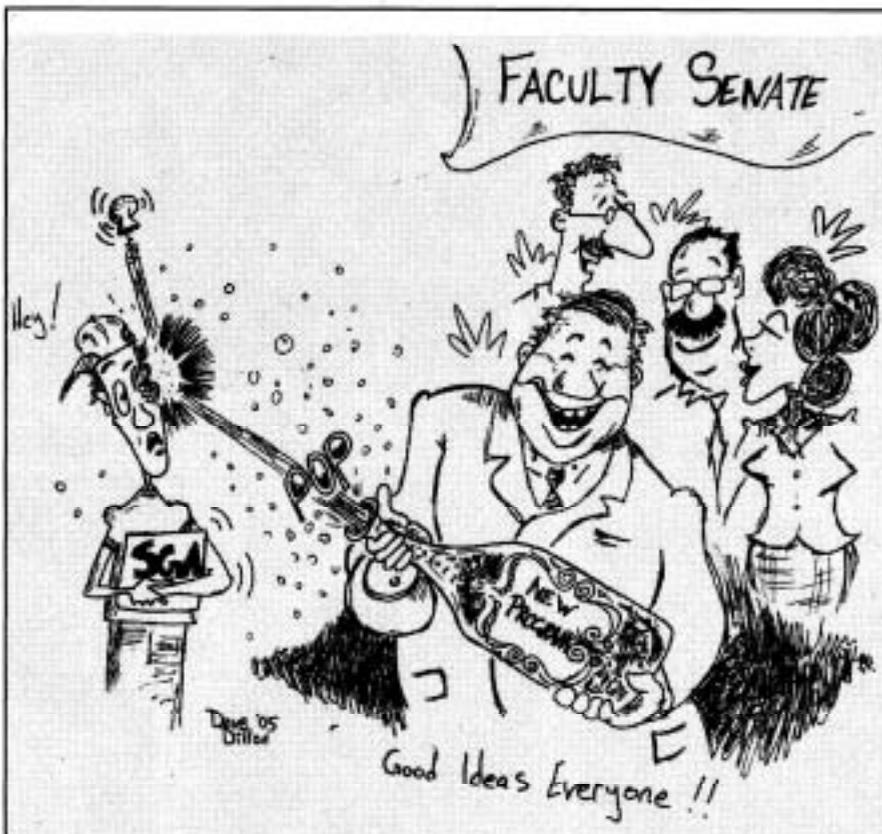
3rd: Sarah Moersch "Mistaken"

## Photo of the Week:



Photo By: Jeff Pruitt

**Shoppers at the Jacksonville Wal-Mart Supercenter are already hearing the bells of Salvation Army volunteers. The Salvation Army and other area charities provide supporters with many opportunities to give to others during the Christmas season.**



Courtesy of Alex Stillwagon

The Miss JSU Pageant, held Nov. 18, ended with the crowning of Jamie Langley (center). Langley, who also won the talent event, is a junior majoring in communications. She will spend the next year representing JSU and promoting cardiac care awareness. The first runner-up and swimsuit event winner was Jessica Andrews (right). Emily Sheffield (left) was the second runner-up. These students all won various prizes and scholarships from JSU and many other local sponsors.

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"If we don't have it! - We will find it!"

faculty recycling?

By: Jennifer Bacchus  
Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

At the faculty senate meeting, November 14, the logistical problems of the recycling project the senate is initiating were raised, but couldn't be reconciled.

A company has been found that will supply recycling bins and will pick up the recyclable materials, however, they require all of the bins to be located in one place for pickup.

Several ideas, including one involving the Student Government Association, were tossed around and discussed. It was decided that Steve Loucks, chairman of the ad hoc recycling committee should meet with SGA President Mardracus Russell to discuss any student involvement in the process.

"There are a lot of potential sources, but the most important thing is to recharge every year," said Faculty Senate President Dr. Jeffrey Dodd, referring to the fact that past recycling programs have fizzled when the leadership of the organization that initiated them changed. "Make sure someone is on deck to do it."

In other old business, the revised Distance Education Report was approved by the senate and will now be sent forward as a recommendation to the Administrative Council.

Gordon Stone, executive director of the Higher Education Partnership, spoke first at the meeting. He encouraged the faculty to do everything possible to get their students to vote in the elections next November and to come to

Higher Ed Day in Montgomery in the spring.

"If we can encourage our students, this year particularly, to register to vote," he said, emphasizing that most students and faculty will be on campus at election time next year and, therefore, need to be registered to vote on or near campus.

Stone also encouraged the faculty and students to come to Montgomery on Higher Ed. Day, March 2, 2006. Asking them to arrange meetings with colleagues for that time.

"When those speakers, Governor Riley and Lieutenant Governor Baxley, [look out]," said Stone, "they need to see a massive crowd and they need to hear an enthusiastic and energetic crowd and they need to see those signs and those placards that say 'K-Phd, Fund Higher Education.'"

Stone also talked about the progress that the partnership has made to date. He brought up the past when Fob James was in office and "having secret meetings in Orange Beach with the commissioners from the Commission from Higher Education" to learn how to turn the Higher Education funding formula against the commission.

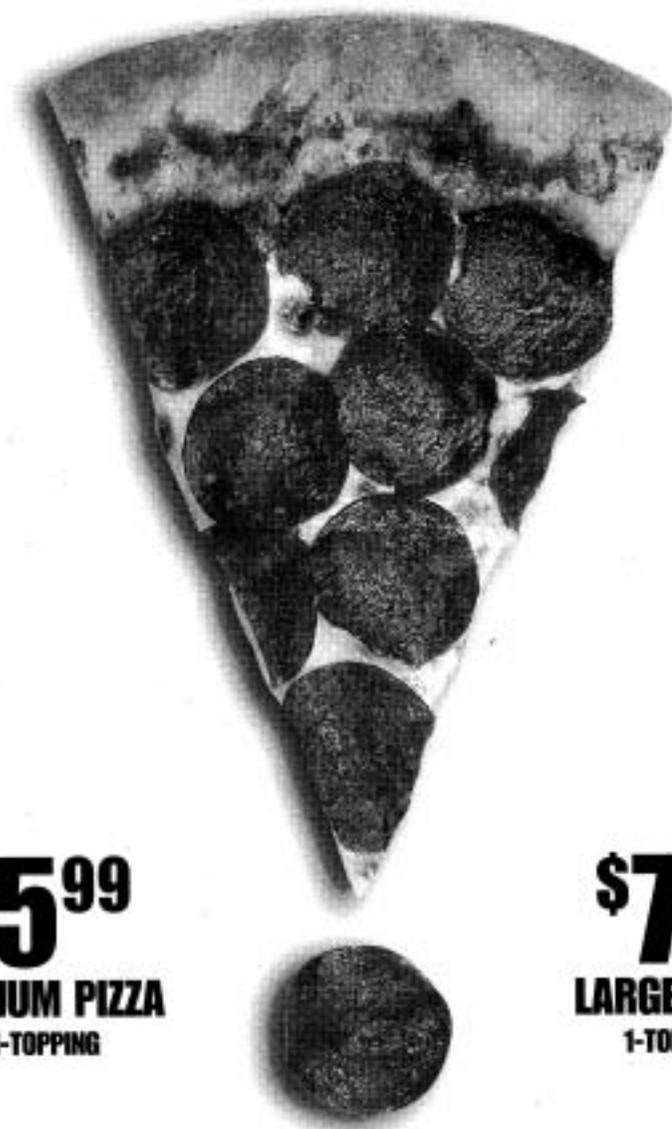
According to Stone, the mindset change in Alabama's leadership regarding higher education "happened because we have not been afraid to stand on those state-house steps and hold up concrete blocks and scream," he said.

The senate will meet again on December 12, their last meeting of the fall semester.

- November 15 -**  
Harassing communications were reported at Indian Springs Apartments.
- November 16 -**  
Tyler Matthew Coggin reported the theft of a nursing textbook at Houston Cole Library. Oludare David Aderkinokun reported the theft of a Samsung digital camera worth \$150 at Logan Hall.
- November 17 -**  
An arrest was made at the JSU Bookstore for criminal trespassing. Disorderly conduct was reported at Stephenson Hall.
- November 19 -**  
An assault was reported at Dauge Hall. UPD assisted JPD at the intersection of Hwy 21 and Greenleaf. An information report was recorded at Dixon Hall.
- November 21 -**  
Carillious Motcee Tables was arrested for criminal trespassing at Salls Hall. Harassing communications were reported at Jacksonville Place Apartments. Criminal trespassing was reported at Sparkman Hall. A burglary was reported at Mason Hall.
- November 22 -**  
UPD assisted JPD at Sparkman Hall. Sodexo reported the theft of 4 boxes of candy and a case of water at the Paul Snow Stadium Concession Stand. David Thornhill reported the theft of 2 textbooks valued at \$150 at Houston Cole Library. Bradley Wayne White reported the fraudulent use of a credit/debit card at Dixon Hall.
- November 28 -**  
Jessica Denise Walker reported an accident involving an unattended vehicle in the rear parking lot at Mason Hall. Robert Mates Kleine reported the theft of keys at Ayers Hall.

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

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# FEATURES

## Shoebox Santas

By Angela Reid  
The Chanticleer News Editor

Imagine that you are in the plaza of a small village in rural Guatemala. Poverty surrounds you. The country is war-torn and weather-stricken. The people are still suffering from a civil war that ended in 1996. Hurricane Stan set their recovery back even farther with flooding and mudslides. With all this in mind, a smiling young girl approaches you holding something precious in her hand. The shoebox man has come through the village. She has something to show you, something the shoebox man gave her, something she's always wanted. She opens her hand - it's a pencil sharpener. Her family had divided the contents of their shoebox among them. That pencil sharpener was her Christmas.

This is not an exaggerated story intended to warm your heart with the spirit of Christmas giving. This actually happened and is still happening. You can ask Dr. George Lauderbaugh and the other Partners of the Americas, a group that promotes interpersonal relationships between states and Central American countries. The group supports people to people programs, such as the shoebox program, because "sometimes government to

because it's a new line of communication. "To find out what's going on in the world is a major accomplishment."

What makes this program different than all the other shoebox programs that ship boxes around the world is that a 79 year-old retired NASA engineer, Homer Wilson, drives from Huntsville to Guatemala to personally deliver the boxes. There is no question about families actually getting what people here give. "There are so many kids down there who don't have anything," he says.

In the past, they've had problems getting the boxes through customs in Mexico, but somehow, "Wilson makes it happen" Lauderbaugh says. "He drives right into the villages."

Last year, Wilson gave out over 5,000 boxes from across the state of Alabama. This year, Lauderbaugh is hoping that more than 300 of those boxes will come from the JSU campus. The History Club and Phi Alpha Theta are asking for

If you can't donate supplies to fill the boxes, donate a box itself. Last year, volunteers working to fill boxes had supplies left over when all the boxes were filled.

The group took over a room in Stone Center to distribute supplies before sending the



boxes to Wilson.

To donate to the program, fill a shoebox and attach an index card listing the gender and age group of the child that should receive the box. If you choose to wrap the box, wrap the lid separately. Then, leave the box with Dr. George



Guatemalan children receive shoeboxes filled with presents each year through the Alabama-Guatemala Partners of the Americas. For some of these families, the contents of the shoebox are the only presents given at Christmas. Deadline for turning in boxes is December 15. For more information, call Dr. George Lauderbaugh at 782-8044.

Photos courtesy of the Alabama-Guatemala Partners of the Americas.



**WLJS**  
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91.9FM  
concert  
calendar

### Jacksonville

**Brother's Bar**  
Thursday Dec. 1, 2005  
Outformation  
Friday Dec. 2, 2005  
Conner Rand/ Year and a Day  
Saturday Dec. 3, 2005  
The Rounders  
Monday Dec. 5, 2005  
Open Mic Nite w/ Tedder  
Tuesday Dec. 6, 2005  
Jacob Probus  
Wednesday Dec. 7, 2005  
Ladies Nite w/ DJ Crash

### Gadsden

**Antonelli's**  
Thursday Dec. 1, 2005  
Albert Simpson  
Friday Dec. 2, 2005  
Uncle Lightnin'  
Saturday Dec. 3, 2005  
Ethan  
Wednesday Dec. 7, 2005  
Albert Simpson  
**Second Street Music Hall**  
Thursday Dec. 1, 2005-  
Friday Dec. 2, 2005  
Lefty Collins and The No  
Mercy Band  
Wednesday Dec. 7, 2005  
Jimbo Mathis  
**Chestnut Station**  
Friday Dec. 2, 2005  
Lynam  
Saturday Dec. 3, 2005  
Jive Train

### Birmingham

**The Nick**  
Thursday Dec. 1, 2005  
Halo Stereo/ Lavelle  
Friday Dec. 2, 2005  
Teen Getaway/ Liz Durrett/  
Delicate Cutters  
Saturday Dec. 3, 2005  
Jamel Hall/ Eliot Morris  
Thursday Dec. 6, 2005  
McPherson Struts  
**Workplay**  
Friday Dec. 2, 2005  
Howie Day & Michael  
Warren  
Saturday Dec. 3, 2005  
Will Hoge  
Wednesday Dec. 7, 2005

shoebox program, because "sometimes government to government programs don't work," says Lauderbaugh.

Though the Shoeboxes for Guatemala program has been in existence for more than 15 years through the Alabama-Guatemala Partners in the Americas, the JSU History Club and Phi Alpha Theta decided to get involved 3 years ago. History Club President Jeff Kretzschmar is excited about the project because "little, simple things can make a tremendous impact." An AM/FM radio can "make a difference to an entire town" says Kretzschmar

campus. The History Club and Phi Alpha Theta are asking for toys, new clothes, school supplies, and personal hygiene products. Even if you can't fill an entire shoebox, an 88-cent pack of pencils can be divided up among boxes and given to several children. Kretzschmar suggests donating trial size products many students get at the beginning of the year or making a trip to Dollar General. Even \$3 can make a huge impact. "We make every penny stretch as far as we can," Kretzschmar says. He's right. Last year, the group used rubber bands to hold together the bulging boxes.

Then, leave the box with Dr. George Lauderbaugh in 309 Stone Center before December 15.

Supplies and boxes can also be dropped off in his office.

With all the customs regulations, it is essential to follow the restrictions when giving to the program. All items must be new. There are laws against used items, such as half-full shampoo bottles and worn clothing. Also, avoid toys that promote violence such as knives and guns.

Though the shoebox program is an important program through the Partners in



Americas organization, it is not the only thing they do. In 1967, Alabama was partnered with Guatemala to promote communication between the two peoples. "This is just one of the programs," says Lauderbaugh.

The partners also promote student and cultural exchanges such as bringing native Guatemalans to local schools so students can hear firsthand what life is like in Guatemala. Emylic Batres is one of the many who have made the long journey to tell Alabama stu-

dents about life in her country. She also works with the partners in Guatemala. She says that it is important for people to donate to the shoebox program, "especially this year because of the storm." Lauderbaugh agrees saying, this is a "particularly important year to get stuff to Guatemala."

For more information about the Shoeboxes for Guatemala program or if you want to help pack boxes, contact Dr. George Lauderbaugh at 782-8044.

# Overcoming Challenges

By Jessica Summe  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State University ROTC Ranger Challenge team placed third overall in the Northern Alabama Division of the Ranger Challenge Competition, a day-long event that tests the skills of ROTC cadets. They placed first in the rope bridge and grenade assault course. The other events that made up the competition were rifle assembly, patrolling exam, physical training (PT) test, and a 5K ruck march.

The competition was held at Alabama A&M on November 12th, more than a month after the planned dates of September 30th through October 2nd. Hurricane Katrina disrupted enough participating campuses that the original regional competition was postponed, then rearranged into smaller divisional contests.

All ROTC students are allowed to participate in Ranger Challenge, a physical training group that meets four days a week and trains for two hours a

day. Involvement in Ranger Challenge PT gives the student a chance to be on Ranger Challenge Team.

"We found out the event was postponed about two weeks before the competition," said Master Sergeant Beard, the coach of the Ranger Challenge Team. "The whole team changed because of it. We lost a lot of experienced students, PT studs, and we had to rebuild the team."

Only two of the ten cadets on the Ranger Challenge Team had participated in the competition before. Jonothan Greene, the captain of the team, felt that the competition was "watered down" from the original format.

"It's supposed to take two days, not one, and a 10K ruck march instead of a 5K," he said. "The grenade course was smaller than the one we train on, and the patrolling exam is supposed to be a real life in the woods thing, not a paper test. But it was a good learning experience for the new guys. It gave them a chance to get used to everything before going to the big

competition."

One of those new "guys" was L a t o s h a Taliaferro, who volunteered only a week and a half before the competition. Competition rules state that every team

must have at least one female, and Taliaferro volunteered when another cadet was forced to withdraw to attend drill with her Army Reserve unit. Taliaferro went on to be the first female to finish the two-mile run that was part of the PT portion of the competition.

"I didn't think I could make it all the way, but I did," said Taliaferro. "It was funny to see their reactions, because everyone thought I was going to drop out."

"I think the delay actually pulled the group together," said Jonathan Dickson. "At first, it



Photo Courtesy of JSU Military Science Department

(Far left) : JSU Ranger Challenge team members Richard Pugh, James Nyfong, Jonothan Greene and Reggie Stewart line up for the two mile run.

made me want to quit, and a lot of guys did, but now we have a different mix of students, from all different years. [Taliaferro] really pulled her weight, and she was a last-minute addition. The delay gave a lot of us a chance to compete when we wouldn't have had a chance before."

"We had a chance to build up our confidence with the extra time," said Reggie Stewart. "We didn't do as good as we thought on the exam, so we'll work on that and the ruck march. I wasn't worried about

coming in first on that. I just didn't want to drop out."

"Hands down we have to work on the ruck march and the patrolling exam," said Beard. "I won't be here, and Greene is graduating, but the younger cadets that got to compete this year will be the continuity for next year. If it had been the original team, almost all of them would be graduating. But now they'll know what to expect, and they know what they have to work on for next year."

Wednesday Dec. 7, 2005  
Jump- Acoustic Holiday Concert/ Farewell Show  
Zydeco

Thursday Dec. 1, 2005  
The Benjy Davis Project/  
Mile Marker 7

Friday Dec. 2, 2005  
Appetite for Destruction  
Saturday Dec. 3, 2005  
The Dirty Dozen Brass Band/

Soul Rebels Brass Band  
Alabama Theatre  
Sunday Dec. 4, 2005  
"Voices of the South"  
Christmas Concert

BJCC  
Friday Dec. 2, 2005  
Joel Osteen  
Saturday Dec. 3, 2005  
Dolly Parton

Atlanta  
Smith's Olde Bar  
Thursday Dec. 1, 2005  
Brothers Past  
Friday Dec. 2, 2005  
Elvis Show  
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Saturday Dec. 3, 2005  
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The Masquerade  
Friday Dec. 2, 2005  
X/ Juliann Hatfield  
Tuesday Dec. 6, 2005  
Children of Bodom  
Coca-Cola Roxy Theatre  
Wednesday Dec. 7, 2005  
Yngwie Malmsteen/ Orange Sky

Tabernacle  
Sunday Dec. 4, 2005  
99X Mistle Toe Jam  
O.A.R./ Violent Femmes/  
Bain Mattox  
Monday Dec. 5, 2005  
Our Lady Peace/ Coheed &  
Cambria/ Rehab/ Living  
Things  
The Fox Theatre  
Thursday Dec. 1, 2005-  
Sunday Dec. 4, 2005  
Radio City Christmas  
Spectacular  
Earthlink Live  
Monday Dec. 5, 2005  
P.O.D./ Cold

# The Third Degree

## With the 2005 Conference Champions

By Patrick Swafford  
Chanticleer Assistant Sports Editor

The Chanticleer had originally planned to interview the twelve members of the JSU volleyball team after their final game together. However, the ladies had different plans.

Take a team that has spent the past year together, gone through injuries and a very tough start to the season, and you might find a closeness that makes a team just that, a team.

If that's what a year can do, then what about two? For the past two seasons, these twelve women have known only themselves as teammates. One year together makes a team. Two years can make a difference.

You may ask, how big a difference. How does the 2005 Ohio Valley Conference Championship sound?

We sat down with the champs just one day after winning the first volleyball conference title in history to give them "The Third Degree." We found out very quickly that this isn't a team anymore. This is a family.

**CS:** What is it about this team that makes it different from any other team you've played for?

**Abbey Breit:** It's that closeness we have.

**Rebekah Nichols:** We all hang out with each other. We don't really do much outside of that, it's usually just us

on top of her head.

**Suzi Terrell:** She'll say anything.

**CS:** Are there any inside jokes or rituals that you can tell us about?

**Emily Withers:** There's a ton. Before we go on the court, I don't know if you see it, but there are different handshakes we all do. We do stuff in the locker room like dancing. There's a lot of things. We're very superstitious.

**CS:** Who's the most superstitious girl on the team?

**Team:** Emily! (Team laughs)

**Team member:** She wore the same socks... without washing them.

**Withers:** They got washed before the Championship game.

**CS:** How many times before that?

**Withers:** Two games.

**CS:** Since you're losing your three seniors, Kim, Kisha and Suzi, how do you plan to keep in touch?

**Withers:** We're not going to. (Team laughs)

**Kim Halbach:** It's not going to be hard for me. I'm going to Alabama, so I'll be close by. I'll be back here and I'll have an apartment, so they'll always be welcome to stop by.

**CS:** As a team, what is the defining moment?

**Terrell:** The Championship.

**CS:** Come on, that's obvious.

**Abbey Vierling:** I think the



Courtesy / Jennifer Bacchus

would probably have to be either Suzi or Rebekah.

**Terrell:** I guess we'll just have to be a tag-team.

**CS:** What song best describes this team?

**Team:** "Heart of a Champion" by Nelly.

**CS:** If you could go back and erase one loss this season, what would it be?

**Breit:** I would say our loss to SEMO at home, because that was one that I think we didn't necessarily put our best effort on the floor. If we had one that game, we could have clinched a tie for first (in the regular season). That was the most disappointing loss.

**Terrell:** And it was on our home court.

**Vierling:** I kinda thought that you can't really change anything anyway, so what you get out of stuff that's disappoint-

**CS:** During the tournament, you had to go through both of the regular season co-champions, Tennessee State and Eastern Kentucky. Knowing that you went through both of them to get here, how much more rewarding does that make this?

**Watts:** I think that's what makes it better, just realizing what we had to accomplish, even in the last couple of weeks of the regular season, just realizing what we did and

what we were able to do makes it that much better.

**Terrell:** I felt like playing three games is so much more gratifying than getting a bye.

**CS:** What makes Eastern Kentucky so tough of a team?

**Withers:** They're scrappy.

**Vierling:** A lot of teams that we play against, when we're playing well and putting the ball down, they get down pretty easily and it's hard for them to get their momentum back up. Eastern Kentucky keeps their confidence up and can

come right back at us.

**CS:** Does Coach Nold ever yell?

**Team:** No.

**Halbach:** He gets that real stern look, but I've never heard him yell.

**Weyer:** He tries to keep that away from the team. That's not the way he wants to coach us or wants us to see him.

**Halbach:** I don't think it's his personality.

**Moyers:** You're more motivated by not wanting to disappoint him than fear.

**CS:** So if you were to compare him to another coach, who would it be?

**Terrell:** Not Bobby Knight.

Teams like this don't happen very often. When the unique blend of talent, chemistry and desire mix into the perfect combination, the results are just a pleasure to watch. That's this team. If you were there this season, you know what I'm saying. If you weren't, you missed out. The 2005 OVC Champions will travel to Knoxville, TN to take on the Tennessee Volunteers this weekend in the first round of the NCAA Championship tournament.



don't really do much outside of that, it's usually just us hanging out together.

**Shari Weyer:** Another thing that makes our team special is that, most of the time, when you're on a team, you're on a team with people from the same area. Most of us aren't even from this area. We have lived in different places. We all talk different or make fun of how other people talk or whatever. Every person has their own special characteristic that you couldn't find if we were all from the same place.

**CS:** Who is the biggest joker on the team?

**Team:** Emily.

**Annie O'Connor:** She will do anything, even put Saran Wrap

**CS:** Come on, that's obvious. **Abbey Vierling:** I think the final play where we all ran on the court together and fell and we were all laying on the floor crying together. We all worked so hard for that goal and we knew we wanted it.

**CS:** Earlier we talked about who was the most comical of the group. Who's the most motherly?

**Team:** Shari.

**Joi Watts:** She's there whenever you need to talk. She cooks for us. She does everything.

**CS:** You cook?

**Team:** Yes!

**CS:** Who would make the best professional fighter?

**Watts:** We don't know. It

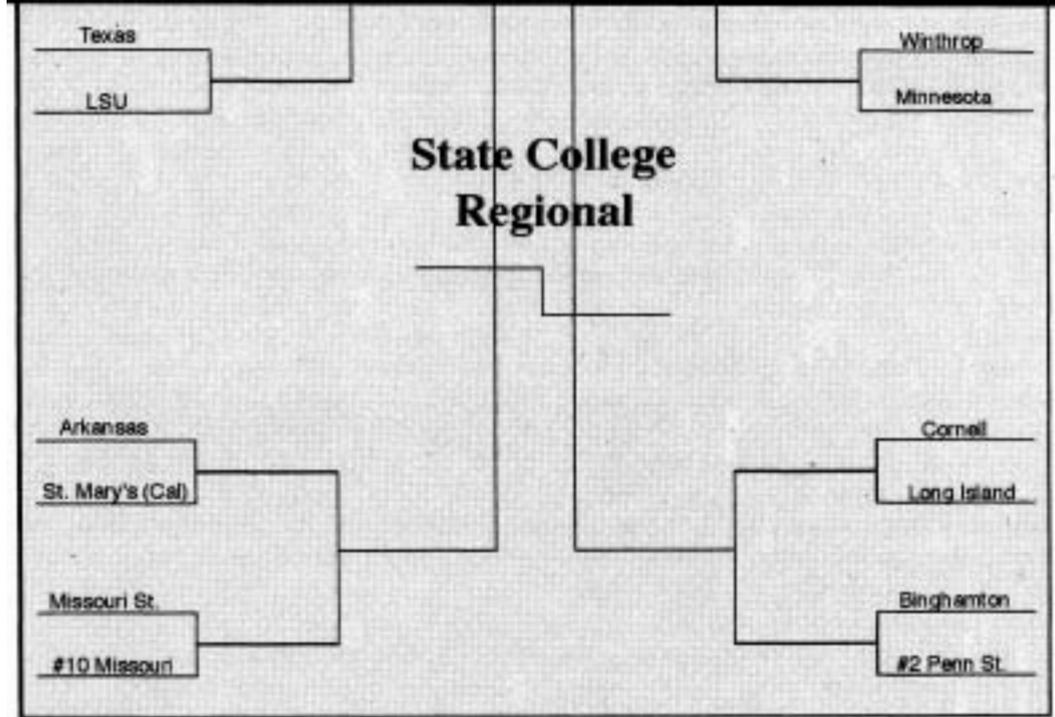
thing anyway, so what you get out of stuff that's disappointing is that you learn from it. I don't think we would have had a big of a drive to kill them as bad as we did at their home had we not lost at ours.

**CS:** What does Coach Nold bring to the table in terms of team chemistry?

**Withers:** I think he brings a lot. He's just real easy to talk to.

**Katie Moyers:** He's not just a coach; he's more like a dad.

**Halbach:** He just lets us be ourselves. He doesn't try and stop Emily from goofing off or when Kisha gets a little tense, he just lets her stay tense. He just let's us do what we need to do.



# Ladies lose three on the road

By Jennifer Bacchus & Patrick Swafford  
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When the JSU women's basketball team took the court November 18 for their season opener, they were in for a fight. One they won 84-77.

The Wolverines of Utah Valley State, led by Robyn Fairbanks, had a nine point lead at the end of the first half, causing the Gamecocks to rethink their game plan during half time.

"Our thought going into the half was that we had to be within striking distance," said Head Coach David Dagostino.

Dagostino went on to say that the women got into foul trouble early in the first half, causing the team to have to change their strategy frequently.

"It was a game of adjustments," he said. "We had our entire front court in foul trouble with more than half of the first half to go, so we were on pins and needles trying to mess with rotations; mess with defenses."

The second half, the team played to their strengths, getting the ball to Rebecca Haynes and Courtney Slaughter.

"The old adage is you don't run special plays, you put the ball in special players' hands," said Dagostino. "We put the ball in Courtney and Rebecca's hands where they like the basketball and they delivered."

The Gamecocks dominated the second half of the game, racking up 53 points while UVS only managed 37.

The next night, the ladies from JSU traveled to Utah State, squaring off against the Utes.

"After coming off of a really emotional win Friday night, we got started a little slow on Saturday," said Dagostino of the 83-46 loss.

The Utes owned the first half of the game, holding JSU to only seven of 30 shots in the first half.

"They made tough shots with a hand in their face, and that's what a top-20 team does," said Dagostino.

At the 12-minute mark in the first half, a media time out was called and the team began to rework their strategy, starting with mentally wiping the score clean. From that point, they looked at the game in five-minute increments, trying to wear down the Utah State lead.

"We were able to chip away, but not

significant enough and we expended an awful lot of energy trying to scramble back. Every time we felt like we were in striking distance, they put another nail in the coffin," said Dagostino.

The team also felt the loss of Cobie Carlisle due to an injury in the Utah Valley State game since her time on the court had to be spread out among the remaining players.

"Cobie's been a mainstay in the program for four years now and it's forced us to look at some different combinations until she gets healthy," said Dagostino.

Rebecca Haynes once again led the team in scoring with 15 points during the game, but she was the only JSU player who scored in double digits.

"The first game we started getting organized in the second half and the second game we come out there like the first half of the first game and we tried to repeat it, to get organized in the second half," said starting guard Courtney Slaughter who led the Gamecocks in rebounds against Utah State. "But you can't do that against a ranked school. You've got to come out organized."

The 1-1 Gamecocks next visited the Trojans of Troy University where they fell to the in-state rival in an 81-79 nail-biter.

This time six members of the JSU team scored in double digits, led by Haynes and LaTonya McKinney, the only freshman starter on the team.

Katja Fuess, a senior starting forward for the team also had an impressive night with 14 points and, at seven, the highest number of rebounds for the team.

"We didn't think the kid that was guarding her could handle her, so we started going to her in crunch time," said Dagostino. "Her and Courtney Slaughter."

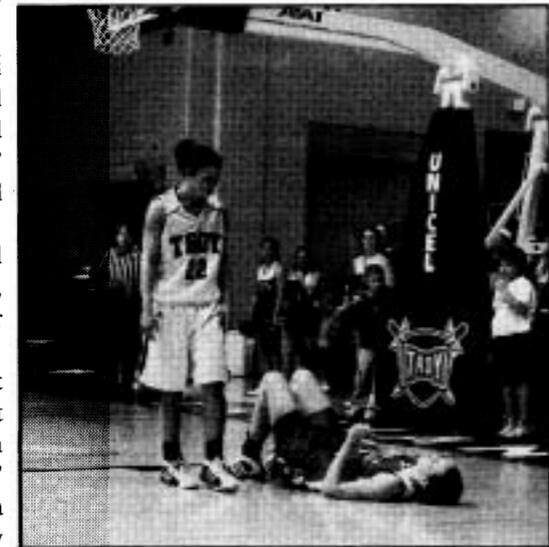
The Gamecocks trailed the Trojans 42-32 at the half, but came back in the latter part of the second half.

"We went on a run that broke down a 17-point deficit and tied it up with a little under a minute to go," said Dagostino. However, a layup by Troy's Audrey Muse and two good foul shots by Brandi Scott put the

Trojans up 81-77 with only 31 seconds left to go.

The two free throws by Fuess with seven seconds left were too little, too late to take the lead back from the women of Troy.

Tuesday, November 29, the team faced off against another tough opponent, Auburn University. The Tigers stayed on top of them the entire game, taking the victory 91-70.



Courtesy /Jennifer Bacchus

Rebecca Haynes hits the floor hard against Troy.

## How sweet it is to be champs of the OVC- Good job ladies!

By  
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Sports Editor



It all started last summer in August. I remember driving around town and passing a set of girls jogging around campus. I recognized them as the volleyball team as I got closer. I really didn't think anything about it until I saw the same set of girls running several times that week.

I even saw Cold Nold running one time and thought "Man, they are taking it serious this year." Then, around the start of school, I was at the dorm and the same set of girls were handing out posters. One of my friends whistled for a poster and asked "Ya'll going to win conference?"

"Oh yeah," was the answer. And the rest of the story is history.

Congratulations to the volleyball team for winning their first Ohio Valley Conference Championship. If the girls had not won conference, it would have marked the first fall since JSU joined the conference three years ago without at least one team winning some kind of conference championship.

I can remember about two months ago when I was hanging out with some baseball and volleyball players and the thought of championships came up.

At that very moment, several baseball players held out their hands and said, "This is what it feels and looks like."

Kisha West and Emily Withers were in the conversation and tried on the players' rings and



Courtesy JSU Alex Stillwagon

## No Russian Roulette

*A blind draw was not needed as the Gamecocks three-peat hopes fall against Eastern Illinois 10-6*

By Amado Ortiz  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

"Six points isn't going to beat many people and win you a lot of ball games," said head coach Jack Crowe. The Gamecocks came up a little short in their bid to force a blind draw for the Ohio Valley Conference Championship in a 10-6 loss

Both teams played conservative ball to start out as JSU was shutout in the first half for the first time since being shutout against Western Kentucky in the first round of the 2003 football playoffs.

The game imitated a back yard brawl, where neither team wanted to make a mistake but both teams handed out blows.

The Panthers took a 3-0

stand by the Panthers would come back to haunt the Gamecocks as the 10-6 margin would be the final score.

JSU missed some opportunities late in the game as a drive was stalled at the 38 yard line after a Maurice Mullins interception.

The Gamecocks almost took advantage of a EIU fumble on the next possession but a Panther would fall on it

# Cock fight!

By Amado Ortiz  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

You will find something very interesting if you open the 2005 men's basketball media guide and scroll through the player profiles.

Coach Mike Laplante called it and he was right on the money.

"DeAndre (Bray) is a winner. He is a team-first guy who possesses great character, attitude and work ethic," said Laplante. "He is sure to be a crowd favorite."

Are you kidding? Crowd favorite? This kid can play and is a definite crowd pleaser.

What about what he said about Courtney Bradley? "Courtney should be an impact player within the OVC," said Laplante. "How quickly he adjusts to this level will determine our success."

Bradley is a high riser and he definitely impacted the rim as he flushed a basketball through off an alley oop from Bray.

Bray is nothing short of a crowd favorite and Bradley's play is definitely

formance.

The Gamecocks are definitely an upgrade from last year and are definitely worth watching.

### From Staff Reports

Junior forward Courtney Bradley has been named the Ohio Valley Conference men's basketball Newcomer of the Week for his performance in last week's win over Coastal Carolina.

Bradley, a 6-foot-5 native of Utica, Miss., recorded a double-double in his debut in Pete Mathews Coliseum to pace the Gamecocks (1-1) to an 82-71 win in their home opener on Tuesday.

The transfer from Itawamba Community College in Fulton, Miss., poured in 17 points and pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds, while also recording three steals in the win, JSU's 28th in 32 home openers since Pete Mathews Coliseum opened.

Bradley, the 2005 Mississippi Junior College Player of the Year, recorded seven offensive and seven defensive rebounds and was 5-of-8 from inside the 3-

were in the conversation and tried on the players' rings and both said, "I hope we get one of these soon."

It wasn't easy, but they finally reached their goal. The Gamecocks bounced back after every bump in the road this season.

The girls could have easily become discouraged early on when they started the season 3-7, after playing a tough non-conference schedule that included Miami, LSU, Xavier and Cincinnati. The girls went on to start conference play with a five game winning streak, absolutely destroying their competition.

Then another bump would come, this time on the road when they were humbled by Tennessee State and Eastern Kentucky. The girls seemed to have a hangover from the road games after losing at home the following Friday to SEMO 1-3.

Something happened that night, because it would be the last time the girls tasted defeat and the hangover was quickly over the next day after the Gamecocks beat first place at the time, Eastern Illinois, 3-0.

I don't know what happened, but they started to play like a team on a mission. The winning streak moved them into a third place seed and the girls earned every game they won.

I was sitting in class days before the team left for the tournament and I looked over at Emily and said, "What would help is for Eastern Illinois to upset Eastern Kentucky in the semi's, that way it gives ya'll a better chance to win."

"That would be nice," said Emily. "But we don't really need that."

Later that day, I posed the same statement to Kisha. "I don't want that," she said. "I would rather beat both of them in the tournament."

And that is exactly how it went down. The same set of girls received what they wished for and brought home the title. Now they all have the same set of diamonds and the same jewelry.

Valley Conference Championship in a 10-6 loss at home against Eastern Illinois.

A win over the Panthers would have forced a three way tie for first place with Eastern Illinois, Eastern Kentucky and JSU. The three way tie would have forced a blind draw that would have taken place at the JSU athletic department with the winner receiving the the league's automatic playoff berth.

## Rifle wins Gamecock Invitational

### From Staff Reports

The Jacksonville State rifle team captured the team championship of the Gamecock Invitational November 18 after shooting an aggregate score of 4659 to edge past Memphis' total of 4623.

The Gamecocks shot 2333 in Smallbore behind a 592 from James Hall and a 589 from Joseph Hall. The Hall brothers posted the highest total scores in Smallbore.

## Willett named in elite class

### From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State freshman golfer Daniel Willett has been named as one of the Top 6 freshman in the country, Golf Digest senior writer Ryan Herrington writes in this week's on-campus article.

Willett is currently ranked No. 23 in the latest Golfstat rankings after posting the best Fall in JSU's golf history. The freshman finished with a 70.93 stroke average, including 12 rounds of par or better and six rounds in the 60's.

The Sheffield, England,

out blows. The Panthers took a 3-0 lead into the half but JSU found its way into the end-zone on their first possession of the second half on a Raynodd Zeine five yard run. The kicking woes would continue for the Gamecocks as the PAT was no good.

The Panthers would punch in a touchdown at the beginning of the fourth quarter to give them a four point lead.

The first half goal line

ble on the next possession but a Panther would fall on it.

JSU got the ball back with :39 seconds left in the game but a couple of Hail Mary's would come up short.

### Playoffs

The one and done for the OVC in the football playoffs would continue as Eastern Illinois was beaten by Southern Illinois 21-6 in the first round.

"I'm very happy with the way we shot this fall," said JSU head coach Ron Frost. "It appears that we are coming together as a team and I'm excited about returning in January to defend our OVC Championship."

Jacksonville State, the defending Ohio Valley Conference Champions, returns to action after Christmas on January 21st at the Tennessee Tech Invitational.

Memphis was second with a 2287, followed by Momma Hall's Marksmen and Georgia Red finished fourth with a 2109.

Memphis shot a 2336 in Air Rifle, led by Krissey Bahnsen's total of 587, while Jax State finished second with a 2326, Birmingham Southern was third with a 2269. Joseph Hall scored 591 to claim the overall event, while James Hall was fourth with a 585.

native posted his first career win with a career-best round of 13-under par 203 to win the Troy University Invitational. He finished in the Top 10 in all five fall events, including three straight Top 3 finishes over the final three tournaments.

During the Fall, Willett finished with 59 birdies, which is ranked No. 20 out of 5,865 college golfers. He also has four eagles, which is fourth best in the country.

Willett is currently ranked No. 11 in the Golfstat Cup standings, which is awarded to the Men's Collegiate Golfer with the lowest yearly scoring

average. The first winner of the award was Tiger Woods in the 1995-96 season.

Jacksonville State, which has won three of the last four conference championships, finished the fall season with two wins, one second place, one fourth and one fifth place finish.

### Golf Digest Top Freshmen

Erik Flores, UCLA, Brian Harman, Georgia Mark Haastrup, Georgia State Billy Horschel, Florida Michael Green, Georgia **Daniel Willett, Jacksonville State**

crowd favorite and Bradley's play is definitely welcomed in Jacksonville. I have been walking the halls or sitting at the café and have heard people saying "Hey did you see that little guy (Bray) playing last night? He's pretty good."

"Did you see that dunk by number 21, man, that was something serious."

All the excitement happened in their last game after the Gamecocks showed promise but came out sluggish in the exhibition against West Georgia.

The Gamecocks were down 12 points at the half against Coastal Carolina. Bray and company led a second half comeback on several key steals by Bray and Walker Russell.

JSU finished off the comeback and beat the Chanticleer's by 10 as the Gamecock faithful walked away pleased with the per-

defensive rebounds and was 5-of-8 from inside the 3-point line, while also pacing a Gamecock defense that held CCU to 25 second-half points in the come-from-behind win for JSU. He also sank all seven of his attempts from the charity stripe.

The honor marks the first by a JSU player this season and the first time a Gamecock has garnered Newcomer of the Week honors since the 2003-04 season, when current senior Walker D. Russell received the honor twice.

Your next opportunity to watch the Gamecocks will be tonight at Pete Mathews Coliseum. JSU will host Tennessee Temple and tip-off is set for 7pm.

The game will be broadcast live on the JSU Sports Network with Mike Parris providing the play-by-play. Airtime is set for 6:30 p.m.



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DeAndre Bray (5) was instrumental in the second half comeback against Coastal Carolina.

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