Above the rim

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

If any JSU sport has suffered from the move to the Ohio Valley Conference, it has been the men’s basketball team. The OVC has been known as a basketball conference until JSU put OVC football on the national map. With all things being considered, like arguably tougher league play and a demanding non conference schedule, the Gamecocks have managed to compete very well in the OVC. This year will be no different as five starters return from last year and look to rebound from last year's hard luck season of injuries and early departures.

Above the Rim

JSU returns an experienced backcourt led by Second Team Preseason OVC player Walker Russell, who finished fourth in the nation last year with 7.1 assists a game.

“We have one of the top players at his position in the Ohio Valley Conference in Walker Russell,” said head coach Mike Laplante. “He is a threat to make a play anytime he has the ball.

The frontcourt will see a lot of rotation early on as Dorien Brown and Carlos Lumpkin return with the only OVC experience at their positions.

Brown is expected to pick up where he left off last year before a shoulder injury put the brakes on his outstanding freshmen campaign.

“Dorien was on pace to be a strong candidate for Freshmen of the Year in the conference,” said Laplante. “He was having an all-conference type season before his injury.

Diaper Dandies

Six newcomers are fresh to the team including 5'6 Freshmen DeAndre Bray and Mississippi JUCO player of the year Courtney Bradley. Bray has been impressive in exhibitions making some electrifying passes and feeding the ball to the playmakers.

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A question often asked to players is, “Would you rather be the star on a losing team, or sit the bench on a winning team?”

Jacksonville State’s Rebecca Haynes doesn’t have to decide. She has proven herself in more ways than one. She is a leader on this basketball team averaging 11.8 points a game and leading the Gamecocks with 42 percent from behind the arch.

She is a definite scoring threat as well as a team leader in assists with 2.1 per game, earning her OVC second team honors last year.

Even with all these achievements and awards, her team and this new season are the most important things. When The Chanticleer sat down to give “The Third Degree” to the 6’2 senior from Birkdale, Australia, one of many foreign-born players on the team this year, we found out that even though she’s far away from home, she’s still at home on the court.

CS: What do you like to do in your free time?
RH: Well, I don’t get much of that, but relaxing, watching TV, just trying to recover from practice.
CS: What is in your CD player right now?
RH: A mixed CD. I like the Black Eyed Peas.
CS: What is your favorite sports moment?
RH: Winning the state championship back home in Australia.
CS: What is your worst sports moment?
RH: Losing to EKU in the first round of the conference Final Four last year.
CS: Who is one person on your team that you hate playing one on one against?
RH: Nobody really but, I guess Cobie.
CS: What is one thing that The Chanticleer might be surprised that you enjoy doing?
RH: I like to read books.
CS: Who do you model your game after or look up to?
RH: I would have to say Lauren Jackson, because she’s Australian.
CS: What team are you the most anxious to play?
RH: EKU, we lost to them three times last season and I missed the shot at the buzzer. They always beat us and I really want to beat them.
CS: What is your best sports memory?
RH: Winning the state championship back home in Australia.
CS: What is your worst sports memory?
RH: I don’t get much of that, but relaxing, watching TV, just trying to recover from practice.

This is the third year that we have been implementing our system, so just the natural course of progression,” Dagostino said.

“Our seniors have been going through it for three and four years and we implemented the last phase of our system this year, so just getting older and more experienced is going to help with progress.

You add to your system through recruiting and we knew we needed to get stronger at the guard position and we did that.

We brought in LaTonya McKinney and Ashley Boykin who are both very good freshmen who will help us out right away. And a young lady who was out last year, Courtney Slaughter, was a starter as a freshman two years earlier.

These three additions will fill the void we were feeling last year at the guard spot.”

With the group of guards last year the team averaged 13.3 assist per game and 5.7 3-pointers per game. As a team, the Gamecocks averaged 66.4 points, and an impressive 39.2 rebounds per game. The experienced players and the ones added are helping this basketball team to steadily improve.

“Overall, we hustle more and player harder as a team, and on the court. Our communication, hustle and effort is better than it has been in the past,” said Carlisle.

Half of the twelve members of the team are freshmen and sophomores, but the lack of experience on the court doesn’t worry the veteran seniors.

“Our new comers, they’ve got it, they’re good. They are going to come in ready to play, they know what they have to do,” Haynes said.

This group of seniors and skilled underclassman believe they have what it takes to meet their ultimate goal, the OVC Championship.

This season, the team faces a tough schedule with a lot of away games. Coach Dagostino knows how difficult it is to win on the road and 16 road games this season will be a test for the Gamecocks.

CS: You being one of many foreign players on the team, what is it like getting to know different people from different places?
RH: It’s great, it’s really fun. You get to meet different people from all different parts, different backgrounds. Good time.

CS: What do you miss the most from home?
RH: What I miss the most is vegemite. You’ve never heard of vegemite? It’s like a spread for toast; it’s a big Australian thing.

CS: What is the biggest difference between here and home?
RH: In Alabama, things are a lot slower and a lot more relaxed.

CS: What is one thing The Chanticleer readers need to know about you?
RH: (laughing) That I didn’t ride a kangaroo to school back home.
The Real Season Begins

By Patrick Swafford
Chanticleer Assistant Sports Editor

The JSU volleyball team closed the regular season in convincing fashion, sweeping Southeast Missouri State November 10 and outlasting Eastern Illinois in five games to clinch the third seed in the 2005 OVC tournament.

SEMO handed the Gamecocks their only home loss of the season, so when JSU made the trip to Cape Girardeau, payback was on their minds.

Defense was once again key for the Gamecocks at SEMO, but unlike theblock party November 11, it was the defense on the floor that made the difference. Four Gamecocks were in double digits in digs, three with 13.

Senior outside hitter Suzi Terrell became the 10th player in JSU history with 1,000 career kills as the Gamecocks rolled to a 30-20, 30-27, and 30-25 victory over the Redhawks.

The Gamecocks (16-10, 13-3 OVC) continued their winning ways against Eastern Illinois, coming back from an 0-2 deficit. JSU was led by sophomore Abbey Breit who recorded a rare double-double with 24 kills and 22 digs.

The Gamecocks struggled through the first two after losing Shari Weyer to injury.

Tournament preview
The Gamecocks return to Charleston this weekend for the OVC tournament scheduled to begin Friday with the Gamecocks’ first-round match-up with Austin Peay.

Austin Peay has had major problems stopping JSU’s offense this season, losing both matches. However, this is the tournament. Anything can happen.

The finals of the tournament will be held Sunday at noon and will be televised on ESPNU.

Breit gets honored
Abbey Breit was honored twice this week by various members of the media.

Breit was voted to ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 4 Volleyball first team. The middle blocker from Louisville, KY currently carries a 4.0 GPA as a chemistry major. She now qualifies to be on the ballot for the Academic All-America Team, which will be named at the end of the month.

Breit was also recognized as the OVC offensive player of the week for the fourth time this season, the most by any player in the OVC this season for her 42 kill performance over the weekend.

Breit finished the season as the OVC leader in kills (425), kills per game (4.07), and points per game (5.45).

The Chanticleer and The Meter, the student newspaper of Tennessee State, held a conversation over the weekend about a possible second round matchup. Go to www.thechanticleeronline.com to see the results.

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I also understand that game means a lot to a lot of people. It means a lot to me too.

But pretty soon many of you (some sooner that later) will receive a diploma from this University.

I will not receive anything from Auburn University for all my faithful years of cheering other than a headache on a fourth and ten 65 yard fumble almost through the end-zone down by two play.

I also have been a culprit of saying “we” won today when “we” didn’t do anything but watch the game on ESPN.

Cocks slaughter Bulldogs

Gavin Slaughter does his version of Rumble, young man, Rumble to give the Gamecocks a 26-20 win over rival Samford and keeps JSU alive for their third straight OVC Championship

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She Got Game:

"To take that final jump we need to schedule a non-conference schedule on the road that would challenge us," Dagostino said.

The players are staying positive about the number of away games because they know that winning away from home gives them a major advantage in conference play. "I think we are confident in all the games we play but we prefer to play at home," Haynes said.

Jacksonville State begins its season with a long trip to Utah Valley State on November 18 and the University of Utah on November 19.

"Utah Valley State and the University of Utah are two very similar teams. They are both very physical man-to-man defensive teams and emotional offensive teams and we are going to get hit by a zillion screens," Dagostino said. "Those are two things we felt we needed to evaluate very early in the season and we chose to do it on the road."

This team is predicted to finish fourth in the OVC again this year, and that is something the Gamecocks want to change. Losing to EKU in the 2005 semifinals left a bitter taste in the mouths of the Lady Gamecocks and they will look to even the score with the defending conference champions on January 19th at EKU.

Dagostino wants the best possible team and will give anywhere to find it. By percentage he has the most foreign players of any other women's team in the country.

"With the system that we run and the philosophy that we preach, and that is selflessness, it forces our recruiting to go worldwide," said Dagostino. "We will reach out anywhere in the world to find that perfect fit and our philosophy has always been not signing the best player but signing the right player. If that right player happens to be in Victoria, Australia or Haleyville Alabama then is were we have to go to make this system perfect."

JSU begins its season on the road with four consecutive road games, opponents including Troy State and Auburn University. They will be back in Pete Matthews Coliseum on December 12 playing Kennesaw State.

Above the rim:

Bray has already become a fan favorite as the JSU faithful erupted in the stands during Bray's three point attempts.

Bradley will be a player to watch, his versatile game will help the frontcourt and backcourt. Look for this high riser to get you off your seat during a home game.

Schedule:

There will be 14 home games at Pete Matthews Coliseum. The Gamecocks also have the privilege of playing in their first ESPN Bracket Buster against an NCAA tournament team. The season starts tough on the road as the Gamecocks take on Vanderbilt tonight in Nashville and travel to Mississippi State and Auburn in December.

Conference:

The league has gone to a new 20-game home and away conference schedule with every team.

"The OVC is going to be, as always, very balanced and very competitive," said Laplante.

Murray State is the clear-cut favorite to win the OVC and features player Trey Pearson, who also has been voted pre-season player of the year. All the question marks on the team set JSU to finish tenth in the league, ahead of Morehead State. JSU has proven it could compete in the league after knocking off the two top teams last year in the same weekend at home.

"We have to do three things to be a difficult team to beat," said Laplante. "Those play tough defense, minimize turnovers and get good shot selection."
Resignation!!

By: Regan Williams
The Chanticleer News Writer

Following Monday’s senate meeting, Clint “West Coast” Mead and Ted “Jughead” Hunt, the two senators who resigned under threat of impeachment, sat down with The Chanticleer to talk about their problems in the senate.

For the rest of the story, see Jaclyn Coper’s write-up on it to the right.

RW: When did you become senators?
CM: I was appointed in the spring. I decided not to get voted in in case I didn’t come to college here next semester. I was appointed again this semester.
TH: I was voted in in the spring.
RW: Why did you want to become a senator?
CM: I felt that a lot of the people in the student body were not represented.
RW: Who?
CM: The general person who may not have the best grades, or the best past, or the best future.
TH: Everybody that is in the SGA is a cookie cutter. You see it in the meetings, everybody just votes yeah. There is no discussion, there is no argument. Everybody is just a cookie cutter. They are just there so they can put that on a job resume. I don’t think the majority of the senators care. They don’t really care about the people they represent.
RW: Ted, in a past interview I asked you why you said nay to everything. You said why not. Please elaborate.
CM: I debate against bills and say no to things because I really feel we are there to debate bills. And, had it not been for me and Ted, most bills would have been passed unanimously. And I know that there is somebody there that may have a question about the bill or just be against the bill, but they feel they would be overwhelmed 33 to one. RW: The bills that you do not debate, you say nay and then you chuckle afterwards. Why do you say nay?
CM: I just say nay because I think that having a unanimous decision for a majority of the bills wouldn’t accurately represent what everybody’s thinking. I think that some people say yeah to be nice or because it’s a friend’s bill. Some say nay because everybody else is saying yeah and they don’t know the bill. So I say nay just to put some doubt in people’s minds as to whether or not what we’re voting on should get passed.
TH: Same thing he said because every thing that needed to put in our Constitution and Code. I didn’t think that having a tardy for a meeting was really a good punishment. I just thought that if your cell phone was going off it was an accident, and you don’t need to punish an accident.
CM: I think although the senate does make a lot of big decisions about campus, I think that is only one of many ways you can be involved in the student government and represent people. We can still vote on the major bills. We can still tell our friends our opinions. And we can still attend senate meetings and voice our opinions during the student body report.
RW: How do you think your conduct would change if you are senators next semester?
CM: I understand what I did wrong.
CM: I think our conduct was not an ongoing thing. We weren’t impeached for our conduct of debating or saying nay. It was a one time deal that we realized immediately afterwards was wrong.
TH: We tried to get it handled in house. CM: The difference would be, it was one mistake that we made once and hopefully we will know better not to do it in the future.

By: Jaclyn Coper
The Chanticleer Copy Editor

Two senators resigned Monday because they were charged with allegations of misconduct. Although an actual trial did not take place it was the opinion of the senate that they should be impeached.

“I feel like I failed. They were very good senators who made a mistake,” said Justin Lord, vice president of the Senate. He went on to say he was relieved that it was over and that it went relatively smooth, “They had a right to proceed with a trial, but instead they resigned. I respect that.”

The meeting began, with Lord apologizing for his rude behavior on November 7 when he made all the senators stay at the meeting until every time slot for the blood drive was full.

Towards the end of the meeting Senator Moody Duff put forth two motions of impeachment, first against Senator Ted Hunt and later against Senator Clint Mead. The charges were of senatorial misconduct.

Lord then explained that a secret ballot would be passed around, enabling the senators to vote on whether or not a trial would proceed. He went on to explain that it would take a two-thirds majority to proceed with impeachment.

Lost and Found: For lost items check the UPD webpage at police.jsu.edu/lostandfound.html.

BCM: Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Alpha Xi Delta: Congrats to our new Executive Committee and to our ladies accepted into Order of Omega! Good luck Alpha Xi volleyball! Sister of the week: Heather Purner! Go Gamecocks, beat Eastern Illinois.
Contact: Amy Walker - amy_roo@excite.com

NAMI at JSU: The student affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. on the 6th floor of the library. All JSU students are welcome!
E-mail: NAMIALSU@yahoo.com

Yellow Ribbon Society: The YRS is dedicated to the support of our troops. Every Tuesday at 5 p.m., 6th floor of the Houston Cole Library.
E-mail: YellowRibbonSociety@yahoo.com

JSU Drama: “The Member of the Wedding” by Carson McCullers is playing Nov. 17-20. For tickets contact the box office at 782-5648.

Campus Outreach: Christmas Conference will be December 27-31 in Chattanooga, TN. Register at www.birmingham.campusoutreach.org. Cost: $150 before Thanksgiving and $165 after. Contact: Seth Terrell at sterrell@campussouth.org or Traci Mathews @ tmathews@campussouth.org.

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: Meredith Harvey mharvey@AOL.com.

Zeta Tau Alpha: We hope that everyone is having a fabulous week! Good luck Nanci in the Miss JSU pageant. Congratulations to all of our new sisters as well as our new EC officers. Study hard, finals will be here soon! Go Gamecocks!
Contact: Natalie_Shearer@hotmail.com.

10th Annual St. Luke’s Community Thanksgiving: November 24, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Join us in the Parish Hall or carryout. No reservation needed. If you need transportation or delivery call 435-9271 and leave your information Nov. 16, 17, 18 and 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Transportation and deliveries in Jacksonville area only. See you on Thanksgiving.

Delta Zeta: Congratulations to all our new sisters on their initiation! we love you all! We’re looking forward to our Thanksgiving dinner with KA! Visit our website, www.jaxstlutzereta.org.
Contact: Laura: ibuchanandz@hotmail.com

JSU Ambassadors: Everyone did a great job with Emerging leader’s Day. Break a leg tonight Jacob!!
Happy Thanksgiving.
Contact: Ashlie Holland or Meyori Brown at X5260.
November 7 -
Patricia Teal Mantooth reported the theft of a silver ring at Dixon Hall.
Disorderly conduct was reported at Sparkman Hall.

November 8 -
Marketta A. Hart reported harassment at Fitzpatrick Hall.
Jake Lawrence Livingston reported the loss of a cell phone at Ayers Hall.

November 9 -
Marcus Terrell Hawkins reported a accident involving an unattended vehicle in the Dixon Hall parking lot.
Jason Harris Davis and Jonathan Hudson Davis reported a burglary of $100 at Crow Hall.
Alyssia Danelle Thornton reported domestic violence and harassing communication at Sparkman Hall.
Disorderly conduct was reported at Sparkman Hall.

November 10 -
Hazing was reported at the Computer Center.
Marijuana use was reported at Crow Hall.
A domestic incident and a 911 overdose call was reported at Penn House Apartments.
Stephen R. Page reported the theft of a backpack and books at the Houston Cole Library.
A minor in consumption of alcohol was reported at Dixon Hall.

November 11 -
A K-9 search and a 911 hang up call was reported at Daugette Hall.
Kelly Levone Johnson was arrested for DUI at the intersection of Pelham Road and James Street.
A driving while license suspended incident was reported at the intersection of Woodward and HWY 21.

November 13 -
Christopher Demetrius Cook was arrested for disorderly conduct in the Cock Diesel parking lot.

November 14 -
James Donald Latta reported the theft of a mountain bike at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

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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170 students give gift of life

By: Katrina Thomas
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The drops of red blood started at the entrance of the Theron Montgomery Building and continued up to the third floor. It might have been enough to make first timers a little nervous. But once they walked into the Hawaiian-themed auditorium, the nervousness and tension subsided.

The Student Government Association’s annual blood drive brought 170 participants to the TMB on Thursday and Friday. Kati Richards, an SGA senator and chair of the Making a Difference Everywhere committee, organized this year’s blood drive.

"This year we tried something new. We wanted to have a theme," she said. "We did not want to be so much like a hospital. We wanted to ease the scariness for first time donors," she added. Richards also decided to use LifeSouth Community Blood Center out of Birmingham. For some, this was a first time donation with LifeSouth. Most people are used to giving to Red Cross. Richards also said they went with LifeSouth because "they give different size shirts and they actually have Jax State on the back."

According to Talisha Williams, Donor Services Team Leader, "Most people just aren’t going to go giving. You have to give them incentives." Some incentives they’ve given are hotdogs, drinks, chips, and door prizes. LifeSouth travels to many colleges and sets up in places from the café to the library.

Some participants have personal reasons for donating.

Albertville freshman, Tara Phillips, was involved in a serious accident two years ago. She had three large lacerations on her arm. Even though she lost a lot of blood she did not require a transfusion. She says, "It’s good the blood was there if I needed it. It’s a priority to give blood whenever I can."

Jessica Pearson, a freshman from Pell City, seems anxious and nervous. She is offered an apple juice to help calm her nerves. She tried to donate last year but her iron was too low. So this was her first time giving, "Just to say,” she wanted. While giving blood, she became light-headed and the tech placed an ice pack behind her head and encouraged her to sip on her juice.

People will come not realizing that they should eat and drink plenty of water. The team leader suggested that along with announcing the blood drive, promoters should let people know what needs to be done before they get there.

If a person is deferred during the screening process, they cannot give blood. Some reasons for deferrals are: tattoos, low iron, high temperature, high or low blood pressure, having been to a country where malaria is prevalent. Chewing gum before donating can raise your temp reading if the probe is placed on the metal," she adds. There were nine deferrals on Thursday and by Friday afternoon there were seven.

All SGA senators had to work the blood drive and according to some senators there, not everyone showed up. There were some sign-in sheets for fraternities and sororities that were fairly blank except for three or four names.

The goal for this year’s blood drive was to collect one hundred and fifty units. www.lifesouth.org.

A student donates blood during the Hawaiian-themed SGB blood drive in the TMB Auditorium.

Photo By: Katrina Thomas

See Senate. Page 5.
I died last Wednesday night. Multiple times in fact. I was shot in the back of the head once, shot right in the face with a sniper rifle and blown up with a plasma grenade more times than I want to count. No, seriously. Our editor-in-chief has pictures to prove it.

Hold off on sending flowers and condolences to my mom, I’m physically fine. It was all part of the Gadsden Mall and I ran a Halo: Combat Evolved (the original Halo) tournament at the Halo 2 pre-release,” said tournament coordinator Ford Adams. “Me and a couple of my friends ran a small tournament that we didn’t get to finish because it was midnight.”

Coming into the tournament, I knew I had less of a chance of survival than I would if I climbed in the ring with Mike Tyson. After all, in the week before the tournament was asked to come up with a “gamertag” or identity to go by for the tournament. They ranged from “RunningShadow” to “MrNiceGuy.” Mine was, prophetically, “SittingDuck.”

I was slated for the last game of the first round, so I sat back and watched all of the other players. I even asked one of the players, Keith Kent, whose gamertag was “Tervalent Spark” for a little advice.

The funny thing is, he was hands down the best player. He handed to me roughly every 15 seconds.

Each time you’re killed in the game, you “respawn” or return to action, after waiting five seconds. There was one point of the game where I respawned turned
After all, in the week before the tournament, I was having trouble beating Kyle, the ten year old son of our editor-in-chief.

INT3NSITY, which consisted of Adams, Clay Rives, Len Jackson and Marcus Mitchell, set up the tournament bracket. Six players faced off in each game of the tournament's first round. Each game ended when one of the six made 25 kills. That player and the second highest scorer from the round would advance onward. Later in the night, a team tournament was played - won by INT3NSITY.

During sign-up, each participant was given a piece of paper - I was in line at GameStop in Oxford's Quintard Mall. Halo 2 was released at midnight with hundreds of customers waiting in line to purchase the game.

There was one point of the game where I respawned, turned around to go in the opposite direction and was taken out by David Robbins, “Running-Shadow” before I could take my first step. Don’t believe me? You see the picture of the dead guy? Yeah... that’s me. Hey man, nice shot.

The sad thing is, my illustrious editor was standing behind me the entire time, snapping pictures of nearly every time I was struck down by another gamer. When my round ended, I finally saw my pathetic excuse of a score... five.
DARS got you down?

Don’t freak out if your DARS says you can’t graduate; it’s only a guide for advisement

By: Angela Reid
The Chanticleer News Editor

How many of you have ever had a problem with DARS? Maybe your major/minor combination was invalid or the actual report was just too confusing. Well, there’s good news. A new program is on the way, but until then, certification secretary Karen Gregg has some advice for struggling students.

“DARS is a guide to work in conjunction with students reading their catalogue, getting a checksum from their department, and working with their advisor,” Gregg said. Since each college at JSU can organize DARS reports differently, it’s easy for students to be confused.

Gregg suggests that students divide the report into 3 parts and tackle a “little part each day so it’s not so overwhelming.” First, students should look at general information and core curriculum, especially transfer and on-campus hours. To graduate, students must have 64 hours at a 4-year school. Remedial class hours will appear in the on-campus hour count but will not count toward graduation. Students must have 128 hours at 100 level or above. 52 of those hours must be 300-400 level.

Second, look through the major/minor requirements. Courses listed as “IN-P” or “In-Progress” include classes students are currently enrolled in and pre-registered for.

Finally, DARS is a good reminder of other graduation requirements such as the CBASE, ECE and residency requirements.

Some students think that every requirement on their DARS report must be completed before they can apply for graduation, but DARS does not determine any student’s eligibility for graduation. Registrar Kelly Osterbind said, “The DARS are for advisement only. A certification secretary in each college determines if a student can graduate. DARS is only one of the tools they use.”

Gregg encourages all students to talk to their advisor if they have a question about their DARS report.

Many of the problems students encounter come from the program itself. The computer program looks for numbers only. If a class number is changed or if a student is allowed to substitute a class, DARS will not recognize the alternate class. If a class does not appear where it should, check under the elective list.

DARS was “cutting edge when we bought it, but now the company that sold it to us does not even service it,” said Osterbind. Instead, JSU is hoping to implement a new system, called Banner, by February of 2007. “Banner will change the look and extend the options for students,” said Osterbind. The new system is an entire computer system including hardware and software. It is now used in over 1,500 colleges including all of Georgia and most schools in Alabama.

Senate:

Again the ballots were passed out and collected. The final count was 19 years and 11 nays. Lord said that the meeting would continue as normal and would be followed by a special session.

At the end of the normal meeting, Lord allowed a five-minute break between the sessions. During this time, Senator Mead, secretly resigned to Lord and left.

At the end of the break, Lord called everyone back in and explained that Mead had tendered his resignation.

During an interview after the meeting, Lord explained that the allegations were for misconduct.

He said that several members of the senate and the freshman forum had come to him with concerns and these allegations had to be addressed.

According to Lord, the senators are role models to the students and have to give a good example to the younger students. He went on to say that it was nothing personal, but a very hard, yet necessary, thing to do.

Moody Duff said that he had volunteered to make the motion, but others would have also and that it was not personal. He also stated that Lord would have done it, but it would be inappropriate for him to do so.

Overall, the senate saw Monday night as a loss of two good senators, but losing them was unavoidable.

During the course of the regular session Monday night, four bills passed.

Bill 56 allocated $250.00 to the JSU Pre-Law Society for the Fall semester 2005. Bill 57 was allocated $300.00 to the JSU Student Chapter of American Chemical Society for the Fall semester of 2005. Bill allocated $300.00 to the Kappa Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, INC. for the fall semester 2005. All three bills were authored by Lauren Dennis were sponsored by the Allocations Committee.

The fourth and final bill was put forth by Drake Russell of the Executive Board to remove Jayme Rochester as Associate Justice of the Student Judiciary Council for the 2005-2006 terms. He explained that Rochester had stated that she was unable to full fill the standards as a justice and instead of resigning would like to have a bill to remove her. It also passed.

UPD looking for new workers

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Jacksonville State University’s police department is home to more than just the officers who pull students over for traffic violations, it’s also home to the student security force and that friendly voice that greets you when you have an emergency – the dispatcher.

Granted, the officers are definitely the most visible part of the police force. And that’s the point.

“In my job I want people to know who I am, so if they need me they know who to call,” said UPD’s Corporal Neil Fetner, adding that visitors to campus also get plenty of exercise.

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“call,” said UPD’s Corporal Neil Fetner, adding that visibility is probably 90 percent of a patrol officer’s job.

In addition to being the visible reminder for students to slow down and follow the traffic laws, they enforce the laws of the city as well as the state and federal governments, assist motorists whenever they have car trouble and respond to crimes in progress.

“You have to be able to handle going from calm, relaxed to high alert in a matter of a few seconds and then after the incident is over you have to come off your adrenaline high and go back to your calm, relaxed mode. That’s something we have to contend with on a daily basis,” said Fetner as he related a comparison made by one of his officers that the job was “98 percent boring and two percent excitement.”

And they have to be constantly vigilant and aware that the exciting two percent of the job could occur at any moment. Just look close the next time you see one of the officers bent over at a traffic stop talking to the driver. The position tightens the shirt across their back and shows off the kevlar vest they always have to wear.

Or watch the way they back up warily to their car instead of turning their back on the driver, even during routine traffic stops made on a student who turned left instead of right out of Stone Center’s parking lot.

Some of the most routine calls, such as securing buildings or unlocking vehicles, are taken by student patrol.

Student patrol is made up of student workers at JSU who have no criminal record, are presentable and work well with the public.

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