Students from high schools across Alabama gathered at JSU on Thursday, Oct. 27 for the tenth annual JSU Writers’ Bowl. Schools sent their best writers to flex their creative muscles in an attempt to bring home the gold.

So what exactly is the Writers’ Bowl? It consists of two separate parts. First, there is the essay competition. Topics are sent out to the schools before the competition and students are prompted to write essays on the given topics.

“It’s much like the ECE,” said English faculty sponsor Gena Christopher. These essays must be sent in the week before the bowl.

The second part is the core of the Writers’ Bowl. Schools send as many teams as they like to the competition, as long as each team has two each of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Teams put their heads together to produce interesting and entertaining masterpieces to be judged by a panel organized by Dr. Randall Davis.

The panel members read through each story focusing on plot and character development. They also decide whether or not the dialogue is believable according to the situation.

Finally, they give an overall impression of the work. Groups are then awarded medals for top marks.

“A good story is one that makes us forget where we are and takes us where it wants us to be,” said Dr. Steve Whitton.

Before the competition, students are given three areas to think about - fiction, drama, and poetry. However, only two are actually used in the bowl. This year, the two areas were drama and poetry.

The competition begins with the essay portion. Students are given a prompt and must write a three-page essay on the topic. The essays must be submitted before the competition.

Once the essays are in, the judges begin their evaluations. They look for interesting plots, well-developed characters, and believable dialogue. The essays are then given a score.

The second portion of the competition involves the teams. Each team is given a prompt and must produce a drama or poetry piece. The teams have two hours to put together their productions.

The productions are then judged by a panel of judges. They look for interesting plots, well-developed characters, and believable dialogue. The teams are also judged on their costume designs.

The competition ends with the announcement of the winners. Prizes are awarded to the teams that perform the best.

Overall, the Writers’ Bowl is a great opportunity for students to flex their creative muscles and compete with their peers. It is a great way to hone their skills and see what they are capable of achieving.

By: Summer Hunt
The Chanticleer Staff Writer
Don't panic

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

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Mills said the biggest problem with flu on campus was students transferring germs by not washing their hands frequently. “Students just really need to wash their hands and practice good hygiene,” he said. “If a student is really concerned about the flu, or falls into a high-risk group, the Calhoun County Health Department has the vaccine. But there shouldn’t be a problem if students wash their hands, and they can always call us if they’re feeling unwell.”

If you’re worried about catching germs from someone else, you shouldn’t have to go to the trouble of getting a flu vaccine. Washing your hands frequently should stop the transfer of germs, and using wipes or something like Purell can further reduce your risk of catching the flu.

Students can contact the Student Health Center at 782-5310 or the Calhoun County Health Department at 237-7523.

Photo: Angela Reid

This piece by Lynette Hesser is on display in the “Jacksonville State University Department of Art Faculty Exhibition,” which opened Tuesday night and will run through November 22.

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The votes are in...

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"Top five would have been enough," said Kati Richards after she was crowned Jacksonville State University’s Homecoming Queen for 2005 at the bonfire on October 27.

Richards, from Cleveland, Alabama, is 21 years old. Her parents are Beth and Danny Richards. She is a management major and plans to graduate this spring. Phi Mu sponsored her.

"They backed me 100 percent," said Richards about her sorority sisters who made signs on her behalf.

Richards is involved in many organizations on campus. She is the Student Government Association’s Senator Clerk, Vice President of the Student Activity Council, MADE Committee Head, Secretary of the Society of Human Resource Management, and she works in the Management Department Office.

Richards transferred here from Snead State Community College where she was named their Homecoming Queen last fall.

She also served as Homecoming Queen in high school. Rachel Townsend preceded her as Homecoming Queen both here and at her high school.

Richards and the other members of the top five, Beth Cantrell, Jessica Graves, Stacy Hansen, and Chantel Hill, were presented with a gamecock charm necklace.

During halftime Saturday, Richards was escorted onto the field by her father, where Dr. Bill Meehan and his wife presented her with a plaque and flowers.

"My parents were extremely excited," said Richards.

Richards also commented that the rest of the court was very nice and that everyone played by the rules.

"Each of the girls deserved it," she said.

Also on Saturday, the winners of the float and banner competition were announced.

In the float competition, Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Epsilon Pi were awarded first place, Zeta Tau Alpha and Kappa Alpha Order were second, and Delta Zeta and Sigma Phi Epsilon were third.

In the banner competition, Zeta Tau Alpha and Kappa Alpha Order won first place, Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Epsilon Pi came in second, and the Wesley Foundation finished third.

The Financial Aid Office and University Housing tied for first in the door competition. The Jacksonville Bookstore won the window competition.

Cocky Shutdown

By: Kim Davis
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Many students believe that JSU’s step shows are never worth their money and some refuse to go because of past experiences.
dedicated to religious education and tolerance. We encourage students of any and all faiths to our meetings every Wednesday at 6 p.m. on the 12th floor of the library.

JSU Ambassadors: Thanks so much to all of you for helping out with our fall preview day. Don’t forget about Emerging Leaders Day coming up on November 8th. Have a great weekend.
Contact: Ashlie Holland or Meyori Brown at 782-5260.

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Learn how to campaign for the 2006 mid-term elections.
Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m. in 302 TMB.
Contact: Philip Goodman: www.jsucr.org or
PhilipSGGoodman@yahoo.com

Many JSU students were very disappointed at some of the National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities’ and sororities’ performance at the homecoming step show.

Some students believed that the step show was not worth their money, that the step show was not at a college level, that there was no competition, and they felt as though some groups did not practice.
• “It was more like a Cocky shutdown,” said education major Tia Ware. “Some of the fraternities and sororities seemed intimidated and disorganized, and it showed in their shows.”

A step show is when Greeks display how proud they are to be Greek, but in this case some students felt as though the stepping did not display pride.
• “If this is their life, they should demand attention, be secure, and take pride in what they are doing,” said music education major Jarrod Lee.

“It was given that the Deltas were going to win,” Ware said. “The female sororities know the Deltas are going to bring it, so if they want to defeat the Deltas, they need to start practicing now for next year. The same people that didn’t display pride last year.”

Students did not think the show had any competition because Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, who won the competition in 2002 and 2004, won first place for the fraternities.
Delta Sigma Theta, who placed first in 2001 and 2002, beat the other sororities and won this year.
• “It was very much a competition, and the groups worked hard, and they put their best foot forward,” said Eddie Banks-Crosson, Assistant Director of Student Life.
• “Creativity, motivation, and practice helped the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi take home another win,” said Martelli D. Smith.
• “It was a given that we were going to win because of the crowd response after we performed,” said Kappa Alpha Psi President Marcus Shepherd.
• “We felt in our hearts that we had the best show because we worked hard and we deserved it,” said Delta Sigma Theta member Jessica Graves. “I would have been mad if I had to buy a ticket because the shows have been better in the past.”

Many of the students were excited about the step show because of the step tease held several weeks prior to the step show. The step tease gave students a little taste of what the step show would be about.
• “Everybody did better at the step tease, but I don’t think some people took the step show as serious,” said nursing major Iletya Jackson. “The Deltas did great, and their props and uniforms were together.”
• “I enjoyed the atmosphere and the host, but some of the stepping looked like it was thrown together,” said sophomore Sade Nix. “I felt as though the step tease was deceiving.”

Some students refuse to go because of past experiences.
• “If the quality is good, people will go to see the show, but if the quality is not good that $5 can be spent on a hamburger,” said music education major Christyal Hudson.

“If we want to see a quality step show, we will have to go to Miles, UAB, or somewhere else.”

Students said they would pay to see a quality step show if it was worth their money.

“Students should support the school because it’s displacing school pride,” said Sigma Gamma Rho VP Marquitta Williams.

“Overall everyone came in and gave it their best, and we practiced hard, and second place was appropriate for us because the Deltas had a better show,” said Williams.

Many of the NHPC fraternities and sororities agreed that the some of the shows could have been better.
• “Overall, everyone did a good job, but we look forward to more participation and a better show next year,” said Si Arthur Edwards. “I was shocked that Florida State Iota’s didn’t win first place because their performance showed enthusiasm, and the Kappas and the Deltas should have been disqualified for breaking the rules.”

Step show rules state that the use of profanity and sexually explicit material and shows over 10 minutes will result in an automatic five point deduction, and bashing or slander of another Greek organization will result in immediate disqualification.
• “The step show was not fair because the Kappas used explicit material and the crazy spray and the Sigmas had 20 minutes,” said Omega Psi Phi Shobunna Ehimever.
• “I felt like rules and regulations were broken because of the bashing,” said Sigma Gamma Rho Vice President Marquitta Williams.
• “We would not be in the step show next year if people could break the rules and win,” said Omega Psi Phi member Greg Pointdujour. “We felt as though the odds were against us because all the restrictions were aimed toward us.”

The Omegas said that they did not break the rules in their show, meaning they did not take off their shirts, bash anyone, or do anything that would have caused them to be disqualified.
• “Points were deducted for rules that were broken,” said Banks-Crosson.

The step show did not meet some student expectations and some Greeks were very disappointed by the step show results.
• “A Cocky Showdown, no, because there was not a lot of personality in some of the step groups,” said Phi Beta Sigma member Darryl Hamilton. “It’s a show, so you’ve got to give the people a show.”
If you have ever been in the bathrooms of Self Hall, you might have noticed that the toilets are automated. I have because I practically live here and let’s face it; sometimes I have to go potty.

However, like many machines, they have a little glitch. Now, I’m not saying that having a toilet flush for you, because even college kids can forget to flush, is a bad thing, but flushing at least ten times while you are still on the pot? Come on!

I cannot stand the fact that when I’m sitting down to go it flushes. Or that in the middle of me doing my business it flushes. Also, how about when I am reaching for the toilet paper and it flushes. Oh, and let’s not forget that it does flush once I stand up.

However, this is the only time it should flush. Not only is this annoying, but have you ever wondered how much water that wastes? That’s a lot of money going down the drain if you think about it.

I asked my fellow writers if they had noticed it. They had, and had some pretty interesting things to say. However, to save their integrity I have decided not to publish their names.

One person said, “When it flushes it creates a back splash, so I am constantly having to raise up. It is very gross and annoying.”

Someone else commented, “When I sit I tend to rock. This makes that stupid sensor go off like crazy.”

Another person said, “If that’s all you have to put up with to be sanitary, then it’s not that bad.”

I personally think that an automated toilet is a good thing, but they have a few bugs to flush out.

So, the next time you sit down on one of those pesky toilets, count how many times it flushes on you. It may surprise you.
For today's review section we're going to take a break from entertainment criticisms and chat with local punk band "Derk and Elvis," I sat down with Casey Maddox (drummer) and Mike Holman (guitar and vocals) at their home in Jacksonville for an interview where I intend to discover the subtle complexities surrounding this local power trio.

The third piece of the group; Michael "Muddy" Waters (bass and vocals) joined me later via telephone from Coop DeVille in Gadsden where he manufactures 24 different flavors of fasty hot wings.

JF- I've gathered various information from undisclosed sources that leads me to believe that the name "Derk and Elvis" actually originated from a mutually beneficial business transaction between the band and various representatives of the king himself to re-introduce the Elvis name back into circulation in the collective pop culture vein. Could you please comment on these allegations.

MH- Who are you and why are you in my house?
MH- Totally False!
MH- Right?
CM- Yes totally false.

(MW- It's all true. Everything you've ever heard is true.)

JF- Now I hate to bring a commonalty to your uniquely diverse sound, but we do live in an infinitely complex world of sensory stimuli that affects us constantly. So, with this in mind could we possibly list some of the band's influences here for our readers.

MH- Once again, who are you man?
CM- You first.
MH- No use for a name, Reel Big Fish, Sublime. Happy, poppy, harmony soaked love songs. They can be punk, pop, country, N'Sync, I don't care.
CM- I appreciate a large diversity in my music, but I'd have to say immediate influences would include Slipknot, Tool, Weezer, Metallica.
MH- I like tater tots.

(MW- When it comes to playing technique. Rancid's bass player is amazing. He makes me sick. Les Claypool is a great one. As far as lyrics, I've always appreciated Bob Dylan's ability to take things that don't even resemble songs and turn them into songs. But as far as overall musicianship and artistry I'd have to say Hank Williams is the man. He turned on a generation. Johnny Cash pops up, but I'm stickin' with Williams. I appreciate elaborate
d David Bowie/ Gwar style showmanship, but I just can't accomplish that. So I've adapted the Country Music singer attribute of, Here's what I am. Take it or leave it. Although, I am fascinated with the way that Weezer takes the negative aspects of themselves and shows those aspects in a different light.)

JF- The big storm brought you guys from Biloxi into our open arms here in Jacksonville Alabama. Has the local music scenes' reception been a warm one? Do you feel your style has a home here for the time being?

MH- Tetris is made of crick!
JF- Excuse me?
MH- No musical genre has a home here in Jacksonville.
JF- Wow. You really think so?
MH- I'm just sayin' Jacksonville is so diverse it's hard to create a scene. There's a lot of good bands. There's just not a specific unity in their styles.
CM- Your not really supposed to play tetrism during an interview.
MH- That wasn't part of the rules.
CM- That's true I didn't specify.
CM- It's very rude.

(MW- I feel particularly comfortable. It's been a nice welcome. We've only been here for a month, and we've been looking for a house and stuff. We just haven't been able to really practice and generally represent
ourselves to the musical community, but the show's we've been able to play and advertise for have been great.

What we're really trying with our style is to be universally acceptable. So to say no would mean to me band failure, and I'm not ready for that just yet.)

JF- All right, thank you so much for your time. Could you guys take a minute to plug the live show for us now?

MH- Fun, energetic show. We actually have a show coming up next Thursday the tenth. It's college night at brothers.
JF- And on college night you get in free with your JSU ID.
CM MH- That's right Jeff. That's the word on the street.
CM- I'll be having my singing debut.
JF- Really?
CM- Yes, but only if all you readers out there come.

(MW- We have a great list of covers besides our original stuff. So if your in the mood to party come out and make a request and we'll probably be able to play it, and remember to keep an open mind.)
Random Knowledge: Halloween

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Amazing Wonderful Night of Free Candy, previously known as Halloween before it was completely commercialized, actually has a rich and varied history that stretches around the world and way beyond mini-Snickers and polyester Disney costumes.

Most of our current Halloween traditions come from the Irish. For instance, that whole deal about free handouts most likely started from an Irish peasant tradition of going door to door to collect food-stuffs and money for the feast of St. Columb Kill.

Another origin of trick-or-treating was the begging of soul cakes for the dead from neighbors. These cakes were given in exchange for promises of good luck and protection against bad luck. So if you didn’t give a cake, you weren’t protected from neighbors. These cakes were given in exchange for promises of good luck and protection against bad luck.

The history of Halloween can be traced back to the ancient Celts, who called the event Samhain. Samhain marked the change of seasons from summer to winter, and was the Celtic New Year. It was also the last harvest before winter.

The Romans celebrated the holiday as Ferialia, and gave offerings to the dead to ensure their continued peaceful rest. It was originally held on February 1, but Pope Boniface changed Ferialia to All Saint’s Day to replace the pagan festival of the dead. All Saint’s Day was held on May 13, then finally switched to November 1, where it remains today.

Festivals for the dead are held all over the world, and it is believed to be the day when the barrier between the living and the dead is the thinnest and easiest to cross. All of these holidays have traditions involving gifts of food and guiding lanterns or lights.

The Chinese, who venerate their ancestors, have celebrations for them several times a year. Their Halloween equivalent is the Hungry Ghost Festival in fall, where they set out offerings for ghosts who have no descendants to take care of them.

In Japan they have Obon, the Feast of Lanterns, from July 13 to July 16. African tribes believe their departed relatives intercede with the divine on their behalf, and hold feasts for them with lots of food and drink.

The head of Hindu families hold ceremonies respecting the dead of the last three generations on the first autumn moon.

The most elaborate Halloween traditions are held on Mexico’s Day of the Dead. According to the Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits, the events start on Halloween night, with a complete house cleaning and lots of food cooked. On November 1, All Saint’s Day, and November 2, the Day of the Dead and All Soul’s Day, the Mexicans celebrate by hosting “elaborate parades and parties, with excessive decorations, amusement park rides, and large quantities of strong alcohol. Mexicans believe the dead want to have a good time too, so mixing the sacred and the profane is quite normal.”

We’re good at mixing ourselves, with an amazing variety of candy and costumes and decorations each year. Halloween has come a long way from its roots as a new year holiday, but the festival of the dead continues today...even though it’s more about the candy than anything else.

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My Country
Guatemala

By: M.J. Ortiz
Special to The Chanticleer

Guatemala is a beautiful country and it is also the capital of Mexico...just kidding. Guatemala is a republic located in Central America. It is a constitutional republic, with the capital located in Guatemala City. It is positioned between Mexico and El Salvador and with a total area of about 108,890 sq kms; it is slightly smaller than Tennessee.

The population is 14,655,189. Guatemala is a very diverse country, with Mestizos (mixed Amerindian-Spanish - in local Spanish called Ladino), European; and several large ethnic groups like the K’iche, Kaqchikel, Mam, Q’eqchi, and several other Mayan and indigenous non-Mayan.

The main language is Spanish, although around the country various groups still speak some officially recognized Guatemalan perspective...Guatemala is a touristy country with lots of options for tourists to explore. Make a wish and it might come true!

Do you want to travel through time? Go to Antigua! My city, it is a small town that remains frozen in time, just like the Spanish left it, with stone roads and one-story houses built right next to the other. This is a town where you can sit in the park, have 1 cup of coffee and

Guatemala is a country full of legends, every single place has its own legend. These legends come from the time of the Mayas who believed that everything has a soul, the volcanoes, the lakes, the trees, the rivers.

This brings to mind the legend of lake Atitlan that tells the story of the lord of the Mountain that had a daughter that used to go down the mountain, where she lived with

We are a small country in dimensions but full of people willing to try harder and reach a higher place. I could tell you about Rigoberta Menchu who won a Nobel Prize for her lifetime struggle for peace during our civil war. I could mention as well another Nobel Prize winner, Miguel Angel Asturias, who won it for his enormous contributions to Guatemalan literature.
Spanish, although around the country various groups still speak some officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinka.

The religion is diverse as well. The main one is still Roman Catholic, but there is freedom of religion as well. In fact, the Mayan people still practice their beliefs with ceremonies and rituals that are appealing and interesting for the tourists from all over the world that want a small taste of their culture.

I could go on and on about all the facts of my country, but let me tell you about it from a right heal to the other. This is a town where you can sit in the park, have a cup of coffee and read a book.

If you want to go further in time you can visit Tikal, former capital of the Mayas, a city that has been waiting for people to go there and discover their amazing culture. However, what I like most about it, even now that I am gone, is sitting in the park and watch all the old ladies talking about the latest gossips. The smell of firewood powder on Christmas Eve at twelve o’clock, driving through the highlands and seeing all the crops that the farmers grow on the mountains, it is such a wonderful view.

Have you hugged your advisor today?

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

“We know it’s not an easy read,” says Coordinator of Academic Advisement Don Killingsworth. “That’s why students have to work with an advisor.”

Killingsworth is talking about the JSU Catalog, a yearly publication that lists all the departments, majors, and minors available at JSU. The Catalog is also the first step in registering for classes.

In a perfect world, students would completely understand the departmental requirements outlined in the catalog, would have no problems filling out the trial schedule in the back of the schedule book, would arrange an appointment with their advisor long in advance, get their classes, and everyone would live happily ever after until next semester. That’s how it’s supposed to work.

As of right now, students for the most part aren’t taking advisement seriously. The ones who do see their advisor often come unprepared and late in the semester, when all the classes they need are filled up. The ones who don’t see their advisor before registration ends are then forced to scramble around online with loads of other students during open registration. And without an advisor to guide your class choices, a missed course can cost you a semester, and sometimes even a year, depending on the class.

But it doesn’t have to be that way. Registration for Spring ’06 is from November 4th to December 6th.

“Advisors are more than the person who approves your schedule and clears you for registration,” says Killingsworth. “They’re a resource for students. Your advisor can help you with choosing a minor, finding an internship or after-college employment, or even switching your major.”

But some students don’t even know who their advisor is! You can find your advisor by printing out the DARS report on the Student Access System.

JSU students get a new advisor after they choose a major. After picking a major, you should contact the secretary of your chosen department and fill out some paperwork, and they should find you a new advisor within the department.

JSU has a faculty-driven advisement, so your advisor knows the field you’re studying intimately, and can give you guidance advice that will last long beyond college. Also, several departments have checklists of requirements for graduation, which makes the whole process of registration much easier. In fact, the colleges of Business and Nursing have separate advisors for students in their first two years of study, then switch them over to other advisors the last two years.

Of course, that means those advisors oversee lots of students.

“Some advisors have 200-300 students, while others only have five,” says Killingsworth. “The systems vary from department to department.” For instance, some advisors have students sign up for an advisement slot, while others prefer you simply stop by during office hours.

Your advisor can also save you from common pitfalls, like the I-can’t-graduate-because-I-forgot-the-ECE disease. The ECE and CBASE are two tests that every JSU student must take to graduate. The ECE is taken after a student passes English 101 and 102 and has a total of 60 hours. The CBASE is usually taken during the graduation semester. Your advisor should have more information on these tests.

Students taking majors in the College of Arts and Sciences need to check with their advisor to make sure they are meeting the Benchmarks For Success, a program meant to reduce forgotten-ECE and forgotten-courses disease. The program has been in place for two years, which means it affects students that came into the college in Fall 2004 or Fall 2005.

The program doesn’t affect students who entered before that date, because students only follow the Catalog that was made their freshman year.

“The Catalog is a contract between JSU and the student,” says Killingsworth. “Those are the classes you need to take to graduate, and any change to them will be minimal.”

“However,” he warns, “If you leave the University for a significant amount of time, you’ll have to go by a new catalog.”

Killingsworth also wants transfer students to know that despite how many hours they had coming into JSU, they have to get 52 hours of 300+ level courses before they can graduate from the university.

The very last resort for students having difficulty with advisement is to meet with the head of their major’s department. The heads are usually at JSU year-round.

“Registration ultimately falls on the student,” Killingsworth finishes. “The student has to take the time to read the catalog and meet with their advisor, or they’ll end up taking classes they don’t need and missing classes they do need. And with JSU switching to an hourly tuition next fall, that could cost students a lot.”
Both independent seeds go down on spooky night

By Chris Yow
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Intramural playoff action began Tuesday night. In the opener, GDI scored 13 unanswered points in the second quarter to notch the 13-6 win over Red Division champions Dawg Pound. Josh Galloway and Rusty Palmore both scored once for GDI. Clarence Jackson hauled in Dawg Pound’s only score.

Brick House ended the Mercenaries’ year in overtime, 13-7. Following 36 minutes and 42 seconds of scoreless play, Jared Holmes opened the scoring with 4:18 remaining in the game. Victor Davis’ interception with less than a minute to play set up Chris Wallace for the lone Mercenaries’ score, tying the game with 14 seconds to go. Nate Harrelson grabbed the winning touchdown in overtime allowing Brick House to advance.

Brick House and GDI played for the Independent championships on Wednesday, their scores will appear in next week’s Chanticleer.

Kappa Alpha scored early and often to down Delta Chi, 35-0. Jake Walker scored the first two KA touchdowns giving the early 14-0 lead. Stewart Whitaker picked off an errant Delta Chi pass and returned it to pay-dirt. KA then led 21-0. On the ensuing drive, KA forced a safety. Brodie Thomas capped off the game with the final two touchdowns, giving KA the 35-0 win.

Kappa Alpha took on Pi Kappa Phi for the Fraternity championship on Wednesday. Their scores will be in next week’s Chanticleer as well.

In the nightcap, Alpha Xi and Phi Mu played to a 7-7 tie during regulation, before Alpha Xi took the 13-7 win. In the early going, it looked like it could be a high scoring affair. Both teams scored in the first quarter, Phi Mu getting things going with Jenna Prince’s touchdown catch. Amy Wallace took the third down snap, and raced 61 yards to the endzone to tie the game at seven. During overtime, both teams were stifled on their first drives. In the second overtime, Amy Wallace did it again, rushing twice from the quarterback position for the score, the extra point failed. Phi Mu couldn’t score, ending the game.

Alpha Xi and ZTA battled for the Sorority championship yesterday. Guess what, the score will be in next week’s issue!

All University championships will be held tonight at Paul Snow Stadium. The Men’s championship will begin at 8:15 pm, followed by the Women’s championship at 9:15 pm.
Soccer season ends at the feet of SEMO

The Redhawks score in the 87th minute to win 1-0 to oust the Gamecocks from the OVC tourney

By Brandon Weems
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The JSU soccer team ended the regular season with an easy 5-1 victory at home against Winthrop on Friday night. The five goals scored for the Gamecocks is a season high. Junior midfielder Christina Balint scored two goals to lead the Gamecocks.

“We tried to work on scoring goals and trying to find a way to possess in behind, which is something we’ve continued to build on,” JSU coach Julie Davis said. “Not only how do we want to end our regular season, but how do we want to begin next year. We allowed some of our younger players to see more playing time to get them some confidence build up.”

Winthrop had a chance to get on the board two minutes into the second half, but JSU keeper Elizabeth Selasky made a great save to keep the score 2-0.

The Gamecocks went up 3-0 in the 57th minute when Balint scored her first goal of the game with senior Joanna McCaughey picking up the assist on the goal. In the 64th minute, Daniela Malta put the Gamecocks up 4-0 when she added her fourth goal of the year off an unassisted corner kick.

The Gamecocks were unable to hold on for the shutout as Allison Stoltz scored an unassisted goal for the Eagles at the 63:39 mark. Balint scored her second goal of the game in the 83rd minute while Ashley Smith grabbed the assist on the goal. With Balint’s two goals, she is now the team leader with five goals scored on the year.

“They played really well. They came in and worked hard allowing our seniors to set the tone for the result,” Davis said. “The seniors did a very good job of providing leadership. Going into the conference tournament, it was to continue what we’ve worked on and review to some of the things that Southeast Missouri State is going to do defensively, we had to find a way to do that against Winthrop offensively. We did!”

The Gamecocks played a well-rounded game and looked very prepared for their opening round match in the conference tournament against SEMO.

“SEMO is a much more physical presence than Winthrop as far as being very dominant, more physical, and strong around the ball,” Davis said. “We have to find a way to work around those situations and I thought we did a good job of that tonight.”

The Gamecocks lost a heartbreaker to SEMO (13-5-1, 6-3-1 OVC) when Casey Kraft scored a goal in the 87th minute to lift the Redhawks to a 1-0 victory. The Redhawks advance to the second round of the tournament and will play number two seed Eastern Illinois tomorrow.
A 1-2 step in the wrong direction!

By Jennifer Bacchus
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Josaphat Waweru placed second in the 2005 OVC Cross Country Championship held at Eastern Illinois University October 29. Waweru’s time of 25 minutes, 14.07 seconds was 34.67 seconds shy of first place, which was earned by Eastern Kentucky’s Jacob Korir. “We were fourth. We should’ve been third,” said Coach Steve Ray of way the JSU men’s team ranked overall, adding that if Steven Calvert hadn’t been recuperating from an injury they may have had the few points necessary to take third place.

The coach’s feelings about the meet were echoed by the team. “We just fell short a couple of places here and there. One of our guys did really well,” said Ashenafi Arega of Waweru. “I ran a pretty good race, but I didn’t do exactly what I wanted to do. I was off a couple of points.”

Ryan McKay, who finished fourteenth summed it up, saying simply, “It wasn’t our day.” Three of the men finished in the top 14, making them eligible for the All OVC team. Waweru, Ashenafi Arega and Ryan McKay will travel to Regionals in two weeks along with Sarah Caine, Lesley Binning and Megan Ziarek.

Ray sees the possibility of beating Moorhead State, but doesn’t see much chance this year of defeating Eastern Illinois or Eastern Kentucky. “They’re so far ahead of us right now we can barely see their jersey,” said Ray of the top two OVC teams.

Women

Caine ran fastest of the JSU women at the meet, but only managed to place 21st with a time of 19 minutes 14.13 seconds, 13.95 seconds behind the leader, Lauren Blankenship of Samford University. “Honestly, I think we ran about average,” said Ray. “Our women - average, they’re sixth in the country. They’re where they should have been.”

Ray sees a bright future for this team. All of the men except Matt Morgan are returning next fall and every female team member is returning, most for the next two years. “They have bigger goals than coach has and that’s good. They should have bigger goals than I.”

He looks forward to continuing the team’s training through next summer, something that didn’t happen last summer because the team changed hands. “Part of the problem is that they just didn’t train this summer,” said Ray. “We’re going to be good, but we’re not there yet.”

The Real Cock Diesel

By Amado Ortiz
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I blew it. I guess I blew it. Let’s think it about for a second and ask a question. Is it really your fault if you don’t pick or handicap a game right? There are several games that are called the right way but for some strange reason, a fumble through the end-zone or missed field goals cause the game to turn in the other direction.

The question really should be about who messed up in the game versus Amado picking the game incorrectly.

Someone has to take the blame and I guess I will. My record last week was 2-2 and a five hundred record is not so bad but way below my standard. The year total comes to 15-7 against the spread so I am in desperate need of a run. Before I get started with the new week, let me show some love to my assistant sports editor who basically called the Jax State game right on the money. His prediction was 42-14 and the score was 43-17. Good job, Patrick.

Jacksonville State

I feel the same way Jack Crowe does about Clay Green. Crowe doesn’t want to jinx Clay and hardly comments in on the subject. My pride as a journalist is keeping me from biting my tongue any longer. Clay is for real and I rightfully have dubbed him the “Real Cock Diesel.”

Clay Green became the OVC’s first 1,000 yard rusher of the season as the Gamecocks run over Tennessee Tech 43-17

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Do you want to know who the real Cock Diesel is? Well, not Cock Diesel...
For the Vols. Tennessee 10 Notre Dame 24

By Patrick Swafford
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With the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament approaching faster than Clay Green has been running lately, the JSU Volleyball team has been gaining momentum with each crushing victory. The Gamecocks dropped Eastern Illinois like a bad habit in three straight games October 22, handing them their first conference loss. They continued their winning ways three days later on the road against Tennessee Tech. Samford came to Jacksonville State in hopes of avenging a 3-0 loss on September 28, but for once, the Bulldogs were held on a very short leash, falling 3-1.

The Gamecocks (12-10, 5-3 OVC) were led by senior Suzi Terrell's 20 kills. Three other Gamecock hitters, Rebekah Nichols, Abbey Breit and Shari Weyer had double digit kill performances as well.

Jacksonville State came out firing early in game one, racking up a .538 hitting percentage on the way to a 30-21 win against its in-state rivals. In game two, the Gamecocks destroyed Samford in a 30-15 blow out that saw the JSU defense hold the Bulldogs to a .000 hitting percentage.

In game three, Samford battled back and took game three in a close 32-30, but lost the deciding fourth game 30-21.

"We still feel like we have to push and improve a lot more," JSU coach Rick Nold said. "As we go along through these games, I think the team knows that for us to win conference tournament, we're going to have to keep improving these last few games."

The Gamecocks will host Tennessee-Martin on Friday and Murray State on Saturday in the final homestand of the season. Seniors Kim Halbach, Suzi Terrell and Kisha West will be honored on Saturday as they play their final home game.

West, a biology/pre-med major from New Castle, Ind. is JSU's all time career leader in digs. Her 1,584 is almost 500 more than any other in school history.

"Right now, I'm just trying to kill the record so that when I do leave, it doesn't get broken again. It's a nice thing, I care about winning, but having a record obviously is nice."

Terrell, a Family and Consumer Science major and high school teammate of West, has been one of the strongest offensive weapons for the Gamecocks this season.

Clay Green became the OVC's first 1,000 yard rusher this season, this past Saturday.