

The write stuff!

By: Summer Hunt
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

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. Steven 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 day is divided into two

Cheap food, good fun

By: Jessica Summe
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"Hey y'all," Delores Laster, a JSU Ambassador, drawled. "We got some Progresso!" She dropped the canned soup into the collection box to the sound of applause.

The Ambassadors hosted the "Dead Man's Ball" at TMB auditorium on October 26. The admission to the costume-optional party was a canned food item, although they also accepted dollar donations and even Ramen noodles from students.

The auditorium was lined with tables and chairs along the walls, with a buffet of chips, cookies, and a lone fruit plate available for students to snack on. The lighting was moody and dramatic, with almost every light in the room reflecting off the red curtains on the stage. A strobe light flashed above the DJ station, which overlooked the mostly empty floor. Students, both in and out of costume, gathered around the food and the closest tables. But it was early yet.

Costumes ranged from street clothes with masks to complete and cumbersome outfits. The Ambassadors were host to a pirate, two fairies, an evil stepsister, a fur-

clad rock star and several others

"We just made up our costumes," a student clad in a formal gown laughed as she handed over her admission. "We're reject beauty queens!"

"I'm not really worried about stains," said Kat Simino, who was dressed as a hula dancer. "No wonder Hawaiians like this outfit! It's kinda cold though."

"We've got prizes for the best costume," said Laster. "A haircut from Exquisite Barber Shop and two tanning packages from Jacksonville Tan."

The auditorium was about half full later during the night, but the majority of students weren't in costume, and several hadn't even known about the "Dead Man's Ball."

They had been drawn in by the music, which could be felt throughout TMB.

The ball ended at 11:00 p.m., with Kat Simino winning the costume contest.

"I won a tanning package," she said on Monday. "Can you tell I've been twice already?" She points to her pale skin. "They burned my butt, though."



Photo By: Jessica Summe

Lindsay Dant and Leann Leathers enjoy the "Dead Man's Ball" hosted by the JSU Ambassadors. Food items were collected as an admission fee.

Photo of the Week:



Classes you'll want to take next year

By: Angela Reid
The Chanticleer News Editor

Looking for some enjoyable elective credit hours this spring? The Chanticleer staff has done the work for you. Try some of the fol-

prerequisites.

If you are looking for something more applicable to the everyday life of a college student, try Personal Financial Planning, FIN 311. The instructor, Mr. Gene Padgham, said the goal of the class is to "acquaint

used in the bowl. This year, the two areas were drama and poetry.

The day is divided up into two sessions. In the morning half, students were given a prompt reminiscent of the television show *Lost*. A person all the team members know has been discovered in a box, and team members wrote a monologue describing what he or she is doing there.

The afternoon half of the competition required teams to produce three "pseudo-biographical quadrants," or four-line poems, called "clerihews." In these poems, students chose a book, movie, or television show and wrote three clerihews describing three central characters.

Several groups chose the movie *Napoleon Dynamite*, while a group from Southside High School decided on the popular television show "Family Guy."

Past topics have included combined fairy tales, writing movie sequels, and producing an advice column letter and response.

One of the most difficult things about the competition is not the actual writing itself, but the group work.

"Some people just don't like working in groups," said Christopher.

Students must work together for an hour and a half to produce something that will really impress the judges. This requires them to listen to one another and take in what all group members have to say.

"It has nothing to do with the individual," said Dr. Whitton.

In most cases, two heads are better than one. In this case, it's six heads that are better than one. Students are able to bounce ideas off one another while working within the group.

"Sometimes it's a lot more helpful to be able to share and discuss your ideas," said Ben Echols of Southside High School.

However, this does not always come easily since the groups are composed of students from different grades. Some of the older kids may not want to hear what the younger ones have to say.

"You get more ideas, but your ideas all conflict a lot," said Meagan McCain of Piedmont High School.

Some students have experienced the group dynamic and still shy away. "I definitely feel like I

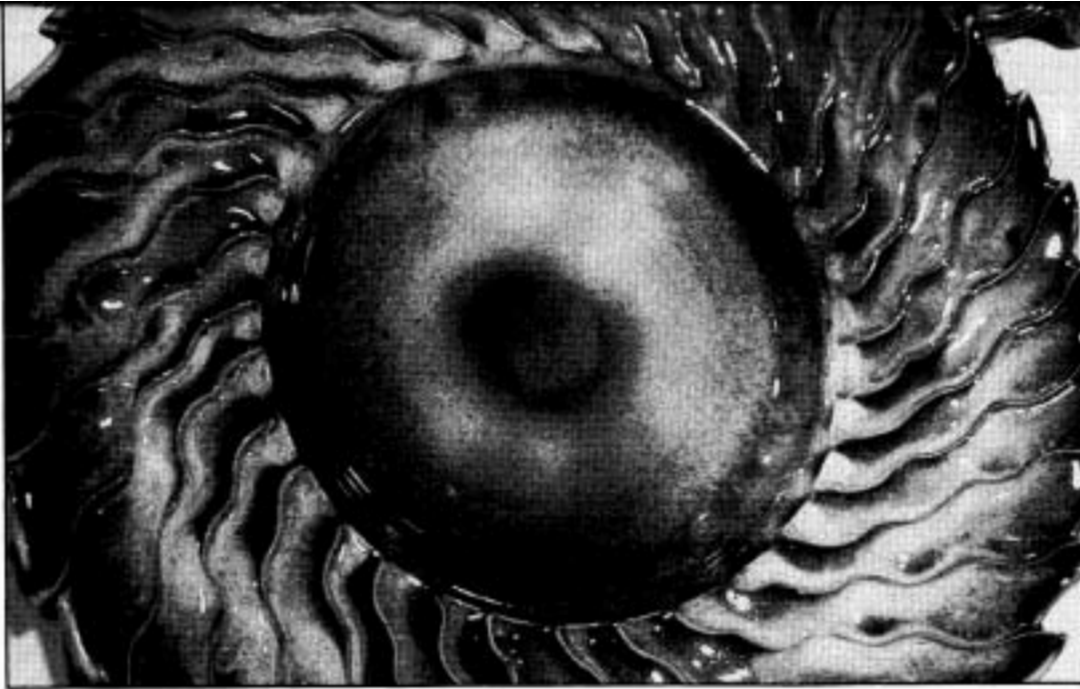


Photo by: Angela Reid

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.

Don't panic

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

College students are low-risk for flu as long as they practice good hygiene and maintain good health. Most college students do not need to get a flu shot for this upcoming flu season, even with the panic about the Avian Flu.

"We've put in an order, but we don't have any flu vaccine in the office," said Robert Mills, a registered nurse at JSU's Student Health Center. "We're a fairly low-risk population, so all we can do is put our names on the list."

Those who need flu shots each year are at high risk for complications from the flu. This includes people over 65, people who live in long-term care facilities, those with chronic heart and lung conditions or weakened immune systems, children from 6 to 23

months, and women who will be pregnant during flu season.

People who are recommended to get flu shots are those people aged 50-64, and people who could transmit the flu to others who are high-risk, like nurses at a long-term care facility.

Because of the limited numbers of flu vaccine, shots were only given to those in high-risk groups until October 24. Now that the general public, including JSU students, can receive flu shots; they should know how much they are at risk for flu before requesting a vaccine.

"There's always risk in a population of 9,000 plus," continued Mills. "But as long as students maintain healthy habits, like washing their hands after touching a doorknob or going to the bathroom, the flu shouldn't be a problem."

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."

So 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.

elective credit hours this spring? The Chanticleer staff has done the work for you. Try some of the following classes for personal improvement, exercise, and even stress relief.

First, in the Physical Education department, classes such as Swing, Folk/Square Dance, Beginning Tennis, Skiing, Intro to Yoga, Beginning Swimming, Aerobics and Fitness, and Intro to Judo are great ways to get elective hours.

Dr. Ronnie Harris, a professor in the P.E. department, said that P.E. electives "get students out of the classroom and lecture" and encourage them to "do more exercise." Some of the classes, he adds, promote stress relief. All P.E. intro classes, especially 1 credit hour courses, require no previous experience.

Harris especially enjoys teaching the Swing class and Intro to Aikido. The Swing class, Harris said, "is a really interesting class" and "has a good beat." Aikido is a form of martial arts used in many Steven Seagal movies. Harris wanted to remind students that Seagal "does the dirty kind."

If the martial arts aren't your speed, electives in the Geography department may interest you. Dr. Kelly Gregg said students should "use electives to explore the university." High schools do not teach many subjects so college is a good time to explore other options. In fact, Gregg said, "most geography majors come through electives."

For example, GY 250, Atmospheric Patterns, is where many Geography and Meteorology majors start. GY 251, Landsurfaces; another beginning class, explores the "solid part of the earth."

Gregg also suggests Anthropology and Archaeology classes to curious students. During May, Gregg teaches Geography of Food. In that class, students discover the origination of many food crops and the culture surrounding them. Gregg said the class is interesting because "the number one industry in the world today is food production." The only prerequisite for the class is "a willingness to snack."

Though not in the Geography department, Gregg advises students to take classes in the Art and Drama departments to get a well-rounded education. Many of the intro classes in the Art and Drama departments are 3 hour courses that are 300-level and above and require no

Financial Planning, FIN 311. The instructor, Mr. Gene Padgham, said the goal of the class is to "acquaint people with all aspects of personal financial affairs." The class covers credit, insurance, preparing for retirement, investment, and even simpler tasks like balancing a checkbook. Padgham said the class is important because "a lot of us don't get very good financial training growing up."

Students should be aware that some arithmetic is required in the class but no high-level math.

Wanting something more artistic? Try MU 260, Class Guitar. The class covers chords, finger styles, and strumming. Towards the end of the semester, the class learns current songs. Dr. John C. Merriman, the instructor, is "always happy to see non-music majors in the course" but cautions students that "there is a reading component." Though Music Theory is a prerequisite, students can talk to Dr. Merriman about taking the class without the Music Theory credit.

For the more computer-minded, CS 430, Human-Computer Interaction, helps students understand how humans interact with certain devices and how to make those devices easier to use. Basically, the class is all about "ergonomics" because "people will use things if they are easy to use." Dr. Donnie Ford said the class is "a great class for computer science majors," but it is not open to all students.

If you are willing to wait until summer, the Social Work department offers a class on Death and Dying. Though it may sound morbid at first, the class studies grief, bereavement, and the health care system. The class includes a tour of a funeral home, including the embalming room; and a cemetery project where students search for tombstones of specified years or ages. Dr. Maureen Newton said the class is open to "anybody that has an interest." Other Social Work electives include a service learning project where students spend 40 hours working on a "social action need." Last year, the class gave makeovers to students in the Cleburne County School System.

For more ideas, look through the spring schedule book. You'll be amazed at what you can find. Don't be afraid to ask other students for ideas or call professors to ask them about their classes. Most of them are more than happy to talk to you about what they teach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BCM: Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Christmas Lighting and Parade: JSU in Lights will be November 28 at 4 p.m. Jacksonville's lighting of the lights on the square will be November 28 at 6 p.m. The Jacksonville Christmas Parade will be December 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Scholarships Available: Two and three year scholarships with full tuition, fees, partial books, and monthly spending allowance are available through JSU ROTC. Annual \$1000 Alumni Scholarships are also available. The department will hold a scholarship board on April 2. Contact Major Dean Shackelford at 782-5601.

Alpha Xi Delta: Congrats Group 2 on Big/LiH. We are looking forward to Initiation this weekend! Good Job Alpha Xi football! Sister of the Week: Heather Esnault; New Member: Brittany Webb! Go Gamecocks!
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: NAMIatJSU@yahoo.com

Mimosa: The 2005 Mimosa is now on sale for only \$15. Contact Ashley Stedham in room 107 Self Hall.

ROTC: The ROTC department is looking for interested cadets to attend the Leaders Training Course (LTC) in June. Students will earn \$770 during their stay at Fort Knox Kentucky. They will learn basic leadership skills during the 28-day course. Students will have no military obligation after attending this course. Interest meeting are at 5 o'clock on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be on the 16th.
Contact: CDT Hunt at 452-8307 or 2 Lt St. John at 782-5601

Gamecock Orientation Leaders: Hope everyone had a safe and fun homecoming. Remember to pick up your Gamecock Orientation Leader application today in this Office of Student Life TMB 402. Go Gamecocks! Contact Dana Roberts or Matt Morgan: GoPc2006@yahoo.com

Yellow Ribbon Society: The YRS is dedicated to the support of our troops. Come to our meetings to find out how you can improve the morale of our deployed soldiers! Every Tuesday at 5 p.m., 6th floor of the Houston Cole Library.
E-mail: YellowRibbonSociety@yahoo.com

All-Faith Student Alliance: AFSA is an organization dedicated to religious education and tolerance. We encourage students of any and all faiths to our meet-

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 per-

cent," 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 Senate 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.

Writers Bowl:

would do much better working alone," said Helen Long of Bob Jones High School.

One fun aspect about working as a group is being part of a team. Several teams made matching shirts bearing team names and slogans.

First-timers Amanda Hogan and Tiffany Bolinger, from North Sand Mountain High School, sported team t-shirts they designed themselves. The bright blue shirts bore the statement: "If you think we look good, you should see our writing!"

Another fun element about the competition is that it is always around Halloween.

"We have had groups come in costume before," said Christopher. There have also been prompts in the past that have had a bit of a Halloween twist. Dr. Whitton explained one in which a creepy creature was writing a letter to apply to be on a popular

reality show.

This year, there was an added bonus in that the bowl was held during JSU's homecoming week. Students were able to experience college life at its finest and participate in all the festivities.

Faculty members hope students will take something valuable away from the Writers' Bowl. "I hope students will find something fun about writing," said Christopher. As freshmen, too many students hope for a time when they never again have to write another composition essay. "It's fun to see students take a delight in writing," said Davis.

Participants in the bowl all shared their ideas of what it takes to write a good story. "Something funny is always good because it makes the story interesting," said Joel Statum of Southside High School. Amanda Hogan of North Sand Mountain High School had a different take on the traditional writing process.

"The first thing I think about [when I'm writing] is the ending," she said. "I want to know how it's going to turn out."

All that is required of students is a small registration fee used to purchase awards and other necessary materials. The Writers' Bowl all started with just a little bit of what Christopher calls "seed money," and it's been able to keep running for the past ten years.

Christopher, Davis and Whitton have all been there since the very beginning. They were excited to not only see such a big turnout but also a lot of familiar faces.

"We noticed that there are quite a few folks who've been here before," said Davis.

They hope to see more students coming back year after year. Several visiting students have already set their sights on JSU to be their collegiate home once they graduate high school.

"I love it here," said Hogan.

"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 experi-

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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.

JSU College Republicans: Campaign Seminar 2005 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 PhilipSGoodman@yahoo.com

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

CAMPUS CRIME

October 26

A set of keys was recovered at Houston Cole Library. John Lucas Pruitt reported an accident involving an unattended vehicle on Treadaway Ave.

October 27

Jose Benitez Gonzalez was arrested for driving under the influence on Pelham Road S.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the Stone Center Annex parking lot.

Jonathan David Edge reported the theft of a Motorola I710 Nextel cellphone valued at \$102.

October 28

Laniece Janen Thomas was arrested for driving under the influence at the intersection of Mountain Street and Old Gadsden Highway.

Carlie Elyse Peal reported an accident involving an unattended vehicle in the Dixon Hall parking lot.

Kenneth Elliott Fomby Jr. reported a burglary in Daugette Hall.

October 29

Brian K. Thompson reported damage to a vehicle in the Sparkman Hall parking lot.

An assault was reported at the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house.

October 30

Natalie Ann Roig reported an accident involving an unattended vehicle on Coffee Circle.

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.

The Chanticleer Staff writer

Many JSU students were very disappointed at some of the National Panhellenic 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 always win, won."

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 help 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 Itelya 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 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 Chrystal Hudson. "If we want a 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 displaying 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 NPHC 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 SirArthur Edwards. "I was shocked that Florida State Iota's did not 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 Shibunna Ehimevir.

"I felt like rules and regulations were broken because of the bashing," said Sigma Gamma Rho Vice President Marquitta Williams.

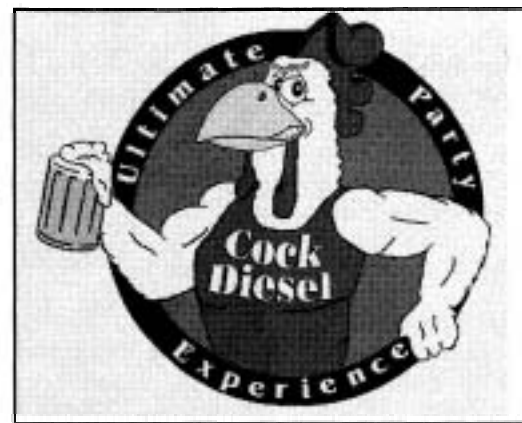
"We would not be in the step show next year if people could break the rules and win," said Omega Psi Phi member Greg Pointdujour. "We felt as though the odds were against us because all the restrictions were aimed toward us."

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."



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT DID YOU HAVE FOR LUNCH?



Ben Caples
Senior

"I had a number 1 at
Captain D's."



Robert Elliott
Senior

"I had a BLT sub from
the TMB."

OPINION

Royal Flush

By: Jaclyn Cosper
The Chanticleer Copy Editor



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.



Say What???

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

I tend to shy away from writing opinion pieces. First of all, my opinion on things changes all the time. Print just seems so final. Secondly, I do not like to make people mad. I have a need to make everyone like me. Plus, controversy just really isn't my thing.

However, there is one thing that really perturbs me.

I work in a pharmacy. In order for me to fill your prescription, I have to get all of your personal information.

If you can't pronounce your own name correctly, I can't help you. If you look down

you. If you can't enunciate your words, I can't help you.

It amazes me how many people do not have the ability to express their thoughts when they speak, or speak clearly.

It is not hard. Knowing your name and address and how to pronounce them is not a difficult task.

Calling something a "doohickeymafluchy" will not help me figure out what you are talking about.

Have we all forgotten about our phonics lessons from elementary school?

I know I hate it when there is a song that I really love, but I just can't figure out the lyrics. It is the same way. In

you are saying, people have to be able to understand you.

I think anyone who has worked in sales can agree with what I'm saying.

Some people may attribute the lack of clarity to low education levels and poverty stricken areas. You do not have to have a superb vocabulary to get your ideas across. I think that people are just lazy when it comes to speaking. I think that most people are thinking about what they are saying, but are they really listening to their own words?

Don't get me wrong, this does not apply to people with true speech impediments or people who are still learning how to speak English. This is

not care about how they speak.

To be successful in what you do, you do need to be able to communicate your ideas through spoken words. It isn't just giving a speech to a huge amount of people; it is everyday conversations.

I also think that most people do not realize when they are not being clear.

Just remember the next time someone has to say "pardon" to not get mad at them. Slow down, think about if what you said makes sense, and say it again. There is no need to get angry.

Just like Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, correct speech can be learned.



REVIEWS

If you can't pronounce your own name correctly, I can't help you. If you look down when you speak, I can't help

is a song that I really love, but I just can't figure out the lyrics. It is the same way. In order for people to know what

true speech impediments or people who are still learning how to speak English. This is mainly for the people who do

Just like Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, correct speech can be learned.



Kendall Brooks
Senior

"I had a Big Mac from McDonalds."



Jannie Bonds
Sophomore

"I was at my grandmother's house in 1984. I had chicken with mashed potatoes."

By: Jeff Fuller
The Chanticleer Features Writer

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 The **Coop DeVille** in **Gadsden** where he manufactures 24 different flavors of tasty 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 commonality 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. Less 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

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 crack!

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 tetris during an interview.

MH- That wasn't part of the rules.

JF- 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.)

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FEATURES

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. Colum 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 bad luck...the "trick" of "trick-or-treat!"

Next year, when you're gouging out the innards from your pumpkin to make a

jack-o-lantern, be thankful, because jack-o-lanterns used to be made from beets and turnips! Another Irish tradition, jack-o-lanterns were lights that represented the souls of the dead.

The legend of the jack-o-lantern is that this no-good fellow named Jack, who was due to die and go to hell, tricked the Devil into giving him first another year, then ten years of life. The third time he tricked the Devil, he made the Devil promise never to bother him again.

When Jack finally died, the gates of Heaven were closed to him, and the Devil wouldn't have him in Hell, so he was doomed to wander eternally.

His only amusement was leading people to their death in swamps with a faint light. Irish lore says to wear your jacket inside out after dark to protect yourself from Jack and his lantern.

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

Feralia, and gave offerings to the dead to ensure their continued peaceful rest. It was originally held on February 1, but Pope Boniface changed Feralia 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.

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 official languages. Guatemalans 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 a cup of coffee and

Guatemala is a country full of legends, every single place has it's 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 her

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.

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with a total area of about 108,890 sq kms; it is slightly smaller than Tennessee.

Yes, it is a small nation. However, it is the land that saw the birth of the Mayan people.

Guatemala is called "the eternal spring-land" because flowers bloom at any time of the year. Its climate is not complicated. We have summer and winter. It is a tropical country, with hot and humid lowlands and cool highlands. Its terrain is mostly covered by mountains with narrow coastal plains and rolling limestone plateau. Guatemala is situated between both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. It has beautiful black sand beaches.

Spanish, although around the country various groups still speak some officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca.

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 next to me. 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 more now that I am gone, is sitting in the park and watch all the old ladies talking about the latest gossips. The smell of firework 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...

that used to go down the mountain, where she lived with her father, to bathe in the lake. When her dad found out about it he forbid her to do it again because it was too dangerous, but the lake had fallen in love with her, so when he saw she was not coming back, begun to call her with the wind... now the wind still calls her, and produces a strange tide in the lake until she comes back.

In my country, the most popular sport is soccer. Guatemalans are very passionate about it. Not me though... which is funny because I grew up with my dad and my brothers obsessed about it.

contributions to Guatemalan literature.

Guatemala has recently been struggling to recover from Hurricane Stan.

A lot of news about it was published in the national newspaper, "Prensa Libre" (free press). Guatemala is a small but strong country. I am sure it will manage to get through this one. After all we managed to survive the Spanish conquest; it cannot really be that bad.

I love my country and I miss it a lot now that I am away, although I never actually thought I would ever end up saying that. No matter where I am, home will always be home.

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 to 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 guiding 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 have 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."

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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 touchdown's 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!

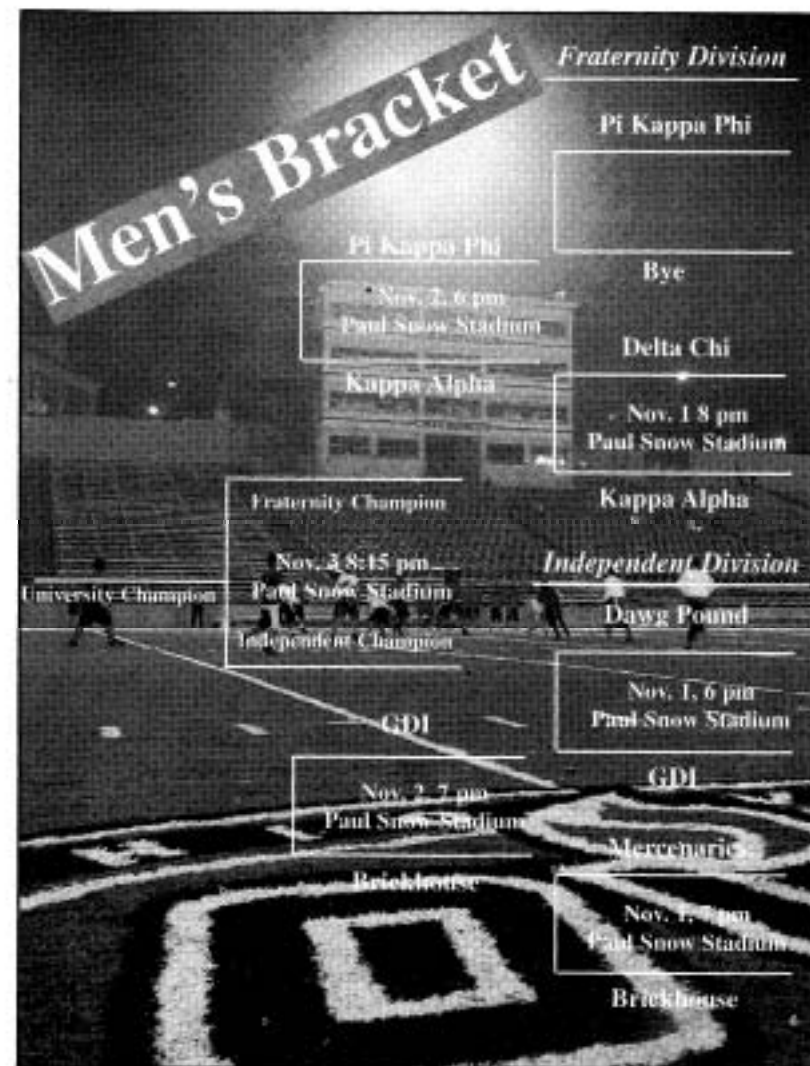
All University championships will be held tonight at Paul Snow Stadium. The Men's championship will begin at 8:15 pm, followed by the Women's championship at 9:15 pm.



Delta Chi lost in the first round to KA as a member waves their flag early in the game



Alpha Xi beat Phi Mu in the opening round.



Courtesy/ Jennifer Bacchus

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. "To compact our midfield five and our back three defensively in order to make sure that we're shifting appropriately and take care of players on the flanks."

The Gamecocks (8-8-2) scored first in the eighth minute when freshman Heather Swift received the crossing pass from Courtney Moore and found the back of the net. Freshman Kristi Pereira added her first goal of the year in the 18th minute on an unassisted one-on-one with Eagle's goalkeeper Dimitra Poulos. Pereira kicked the ball just out of the reach of Poulos hands, giving the Gamecocks a 2-goal lead. The Gamecocks played a great first half, as the younger players were getting physical and improving their

confidence levels.

"What we really wanted to focus on was it was our last home game and we were on our own turf," 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.

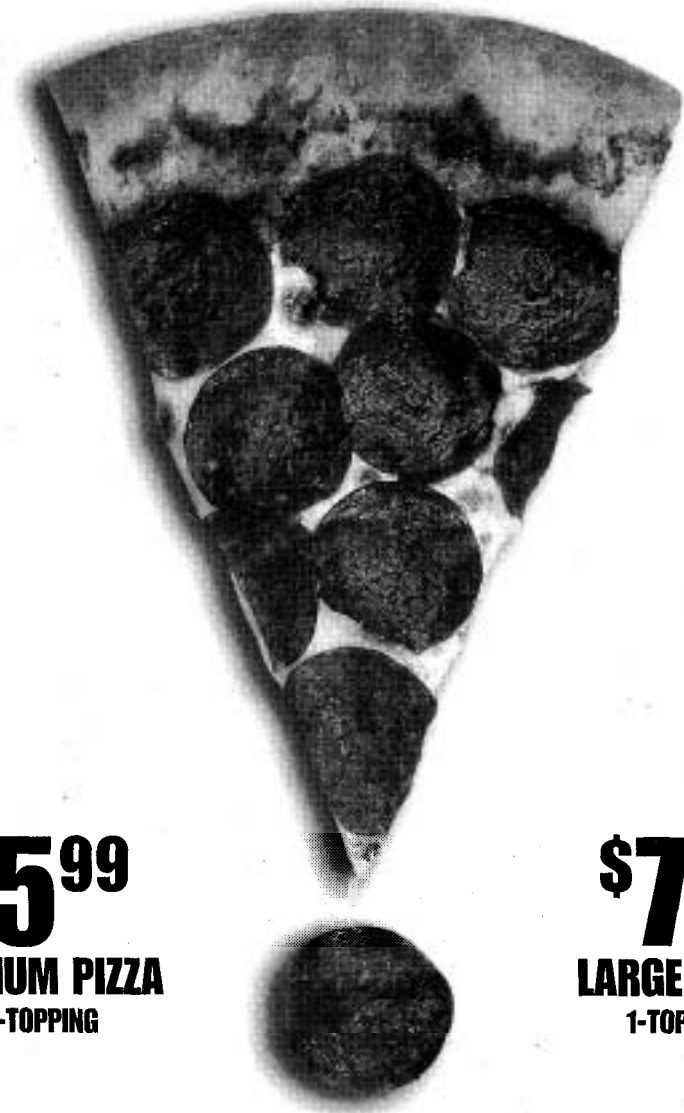
They came in and worked hard allowing our seniors to set the tone for the result," Davis said. "The seniors did a very good job of providing leadership. Going into the conference tournament, it was to continue what we've worked on and review to some of the things that Southeast Missouri State is going 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.

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In the long run...

A 1- 2 step in the wrong direction!

By
Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



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." I

"That's what happens when you only have five, six, or seven good guys. If one guy goes down you're in trouble."

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Josphat 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 did-

n'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 sec-

onds, 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."



JSU's three All-OVC team members: Josphat Waweru, Ashenafi Arega and Ryan McKay at the OVC meet in Illinois.

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

any longer. Clay is for rear and I rightfully have dubbed him the "Real Cock Diesel." I hope the name catches on. Clay needs 312 for the all-time single season rushing record set by Rodney Rogers in 2001. There are at least two games left in the season. Samford gives up 179 yards a game on the ground and Eastern Illinois gives up 120 so that adds up to 299. That is thirteen short to help out the math majors. But you heard it here first, Clay Green breaks the record and the Gamecocks win out.

Blow-out Line

Auburn at Kentucky is a blow-out line. Auburn is favored by twenty two and I think they will be up that much with twenty-two seconds left in the first quarter. Auburn is probably and arguably the most underrated team in the SEC. Kentucky is fresh off beating Mississippi State in a barn burner for both schools 13-7. Auburn wins by four touchdowns.

Upset Alert

Wisconsin at Penn St. This is a real risky game because Penn State is playing unbelievable football. I like the Badgers to possibly squeak one out in Happy Valley. The spread is 11 so I will take the Wisconsin Badgers even though Penn St.'s freshmen wide receivers are playing like seniors. Penn St. 35 Wisconsin 31

Must see game

How will the Tennessee Volunteers respond to losing to South Carolina? Tennessee is an eight point dog against the Irish at South Bend. There are a lot of problems in Knoxville and add this game to the mix. My gut tells me to take the Vols but I just can't do it. I am leaning on the fact of the Irish losing last year's game to Tennessee and have revenge on their mind. The offensive struggles continue for the Vols. Tennessee 10 Notre Dame 24



Courtesy/ JSU Alex Stillwagon

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

Do you want to know who the real Cock Diesel is? Will the real Cock Diesel please stand up? Jacksonville State Gamecock Clay Green has been explosive for the Gamecocks this season.

He has shattered any concerns from the Gamecock faithful about how good the running game would be at the beginning of the season. Green has been nothing short of impressive.

In Saturday's 43-17 win over Tennessee Tech, Clay Green rushed for 163 yards on 10 carries. You missed one of the best runs I have ever seen live at the college level when Green ran for 63 yards, breaking several tackles. When I say tackles--- I mean he broke several tackles --- about 10 if you are keeping score at home.

Green also had the longest run in school Division 1 history in the first quarter on a 81-yard take it to the house run.

He is now just 312 yards shy of Rodney Rogers' school record of 1,414 rushing yards set in 2001. Green has rushed for 100-yards in six consecutive games.

One more time for the road

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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 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, 9-3 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.

Terrell's 315 kills this season is second amongst the team.

Halbach graduated in the summer of 2005 with a degree in Exercise Science and Wellness and is from Burlington, Wis. Halbach is tied for third in total blocks.

The Gamecocks play host to UT- Martin at 7pm on Friday and Murray State at 2pm on Saturday.



West



Halbach



Terrell