Wham, bam, thank you...

By: Angela Reid
The Chanticleer News Editor

"All I can say is parking lots, parking lots, parking lots," said Corporal Neil Fetner of Jacksonville State University's Police Department referring to where most traffic accidents occur on campus. "It doesn’t matter where," he said, "parking lots."

Over the past year, from Aug. 1, 2004, to Aug. 1 2005, 47 traffic accidents were reported on campus. This does not include accidents on streets such as Highways 21 and 204, Mountain Street and Forney Avenue. Of those 47 accidents, 37 occurred in parking lots. Five accidents occurred on Bennett Blvd. in front of Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing. Another five were reported in the parking lot of Bibb Graves.

Fetner said the main reason for on-campus accidents is people do not check their blind spot. "That requires you to turn and look." Checking your mirrors is not enough.

According to records clerk Lavon Brown at the Jacksonville Police Department, most accidents close to campus occur between the intersection of Highways 21 and 204 and Pete Mathews Coliseum. Brown said most of those accidents occur because of failure to yield right-of-way, meaning, "people turn when they aren’t supposed to." She said people get in a hurry and are impatient.

Rushing to class and not checking the blind spots are not the only reasons for accidents. Some drivers actually don’t put their car in park. Fetner wants to remind drivers that if they don’t leave their car in park "its going to roll." It doesn’t matter if the parking lot seems level, a car can still roll. This is why so many accidents occur to unoccupied vehicles while people are in class.

Accidents are not the only traffic problem on campus. Since August 1, UPD has issued 129 traffic citations and 1,149 parking tickets.

"My ticket book is my best friend," said Fetner, but he also admits that he tries to "cut a..."

According to Jacksonville Police Department accident reports, most traffic accidents close to the JSU campus occur on this stretch of Highway 204 between Highway 21 and Pete Mathews Coliseum.
By: Brittany Travens
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

What do Winston Churchill, Abraham Lincoln, and Vivien Leigh all have in common? They suffered from some form of mental illness.

October 2 through October 8 was Mental Illness Awareness Week. To help raise awareness, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill held a day of prayer on Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church of Jacksonville. The Day of Prayer was the first event of its kind for the Jacksonville chapter of NAMI.

Mary Lord, who headed the event, said there was a greater need for the Jacksonville chapter of NAMI. "People don't want a crutch because you see the handicap. The problem is, what if you have a broken foot?" he said.

Scot Ferrell had a radically different approach than Dr. Randolph. Having a mental illness himself, Ferrell opened his speech with jokes about the subject. Ferrell plans to open a center in Atlanta to help patients in the areas of nutrition, spirituality, and physical activity. The center is planning to open in 2006.

NAMI of Jacksonville also honored very special supporters of their program by giving them the "Open Door Award". The recipients included Commissioner Rudy Abbott, Sheriff Larry Amerson, Koven L. Brown, Dave Harvey, President Bill Mechan, and James R. Wilson.

Members of NAMI's Jacksonville chapter organized the events and made themselves available to visitors seeking prayer or conversation. One visitor, who suffered from bipolar disorder, said her prayer was "if this reaches just one person who is struggling through college, they will get help because it is possible they could have a form of mental illness."

NAMI's main goals are to educate people about mental illness and to break the stigmas related to mental illness. While NAMI does not offer counseling, they provide support for the families of the mentally ill by teaching coping and communication skills.

"[This organization] helps you realize that you are not the only one going through this," said a NAMI member.

Statistics show one in four families is affected by mental illness. NAMI of Jacksonville also honored very special supporters of their program by giving them the "Open Door Award". The recipients included Commissioner Rudy Abbott, Sheriff Larry Amerson, Koven L. Brown, Dave Harvey, President Bill Mechan, and James R. Wilson.

Fresh faces

By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

"They do lectures that are just outstanding," said David Dillon of Drs. Llewellyn Cook and Paul Beezley from the Jacksonville State University history department. "They tie everything together."

Dillon is one of 177 history majors at JSU. The department's enrollment more than doubled in size over the past year, from 84 graduate and undergraduate students in fall 2004.

Students and faculty alike credit the department's academic atmosphere. Dillon's favorite class this semester, American Military History with Dr. Llewellyn Cook, takes the military campaigns of the past and applies them to current situations around the world.

"You get to see all the little bits and pieces falling together," he said. "We're talking about the American Revolution and how you can draw comparisons to what's going on now."

It's a situation the professors have been working toward.

"When you hire someone, and I've been part of the hiring of the last five people, we hire professors who care about teaching and have good personalities," said Cook. "We like professors who can reach freshmen as well as grad students."

The environment created by this philosophy is what attracted the department's newest hire, Dr. Prudlo who came to JSU straight from his one-year postdoctoral appointment at Liberty Fund in Indianapolis, IN.

"There is an incredibly wonderful faculty. I was really impressed with the collegiality of the department," said Prudlo, adding that the lack of internal strife also appealed to him.

Spending some time with a class full of graduate students offered further insight.

"One of the reasons people come is because you can get your intro classes. Western Civ and American History taught by someone with a PhD," said Matt Ford.

Heath Compton, a grad student majoring in secondary ed with a concentration in social sciences, agreed, citing the qualifications of the history professors as one of the reasons students choose JSU.

"The school makes it easier for out of state people to come here, too," added Scott Jackson, a history and social science graduate student.

"They work with you better than the schools..."
Greeks: Making the Grade

By: Kimberley Davis
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Greeks strive toward academic excellence by making their grade point averages their number one priority on campus. Many of the Greek organizations have reached their academic goals while others are still working hard to maintain their status.

The Greeks’ overall GPA average is calculated by adding all the members of each chapter together and dividing it by the total number of members. The chapters are ranked in order according to their GPAs every spring semester from the previous fall grading period. The rankings for spring 2005 place Alpha Omicron Pi with the highest GPA on campus. Their overall GPA is a 3.08 and, they were honored by the university for their academic achievement.

“There are many incentives we have to maintain academic achievement like Pi Club, Panda Pal, Academic Center for Excellence, and our special Ruby ‘A’ badge,” said AOPi President Lindsey Brown.

AOPi’s “Pi Club” honors and rewards members who attain a 3.14 GPA. They also have a “Panda Pal,” named after their mascot that matches up members in the same field of study.

The panda pals help each other throughout their college career. Alpha Omicron Pi sorority members are all required to visit the Academic Center for Excellence each week. The number of hours they are required to spend there depends upon their GPA.

The special Ruby “A” badge is rotated to the sister with the highest GPA in the sorority.

“Alpha Omicron Pi is founded on friendship and, we uphold every thing we work for. Our GPA is above average over all the other women and, we will work harder this fall to maintain our number one spot,” said Brown.

Delta Zeta ranks number twelve overall with a 2.35 GPA. They are improving their GPA by developing a class that will teach each member how to study.

“I am making sure that the girls are aware of how important our grades are, and we will try our best to improve individually for our entire chapter,” said Delta Zeta President Jessie Owens.

Owens is encouraging her members to maintain a beneficial relationship with their professors, so their grades will improve for spring 2006. Delta Zeta’s goal is to improve their GPA to a 3.0. Sigma Nu ranks number four with the highest GPA in the Interfraternity Council and over all the other fraternities on campus.

“We help guys focus on what they are in school for by making our grades priority and, we excel by having study groups,” said Sigma Nu President Drew Wagner.

Sigma Nu fraternity prepares young men for the future by making their academics a priority with a 2.85 GPA.

Pi Kappa Phi ranks number sixteen overall with a 2.17 GPA. They are striving toward a higher GPA for spring 2006.

“We are working harder to improve our grades this semester by having a mandatory study session twice a week,” said Pi Kappa Phi President Woody Rozier. Pi Kappa Phi goal is to improve their GPA to a 2.65 for spring 2006.

Delta Sigma Theta maintains their grades through their Scholarship Committee which helps implement programs and develop study sessions. They have received other rewards for their academic success, such as the Presidential Bronze cup for their accreditation program.

“Our goal is to regain that number one spot that we had in previous years,” said Delta Sigma Theta President Marlon Hornstein. Delta Sigma Theta maintain their grades through their Scholarship Committee which helps implement programs and develop study sessions.

“We have implemented a brotherhood study session where each brother helps each other with their weakness, so we can excel as a whole,” said Iota Phi Theta President SirArthur Edwards.

Our grades decline last semester because of personal problems within the fraternity, but we are now focusing our personal problems and academics so each brother is a brother to his brother.” Iota Phi Theta goal is to maintain a 2.0 GPA for spring 2006.

Many of the Greek organizations are hitting the books hard with study groups, tutoring sessions and classes, so they can maintain higher academic standards for their chapters. They have set goals to achieve, so their academic improvement for this semester will show in the spring 2006 rankings.

Pushing for pedal power

is a bicycle” according Chief Ladya Trail and save members money
By: Jacob Probust
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"I think it has a good chance to grow and get some people interested," says Ronnie Harris, faculty advisor, "It would be good for people if they would ride to class instead of driving. It would save them some money on gas, and help with the parking problem too."

The Jacksonville State University Cycling Club officially started only a month ago but it already has 11 members. The organization is very optimistic about its future, especially considering work on the club only started two months ago. Membership is open to everyone on campus, students and faculty members alike. "All you need is a bicycle," according to Ryan Youngblood who initiated the club. He also wanted to stress that people of all fitness levels are welcome.

Youngblood said that when he realized there wasn’t a cycling club on campus, he went to faculty members who were cyclists themselves and they helped make this happen. "A lot of people on campus ride but just don’t have the opportunity to ride. The sport isn’t very big and we want to try to further the sport," he says.

They already have some events going on. Once a month they host a free trial. A time trial is a ride over a set timed course in order to track fitness levels and improvement. The course is 18 miles long, part of it being on the Chief Ladiga Trail, and part of it on county roads. Currently, the club has group rides every Tuesday and Thursday. The rides start between 2:30 and 3 p.m. They ride for about 35 miles on the Chief Ladiga Trail and county roads. One Saturday a month, they have a group ride that leaves at 7:15 in the morning. The next Saturday ride will be October 22. Youngblood and Dr. Carmine DiBiase, an English professor, are currently exploring new routes.

This might possibly open the door for a JSU cycling Team, according to DiBiase, something the university hasn’t had since the early 90’s.

The club plans to purchase bicycle tools that they can use to repair their bikes, which will save members money, considering a bike tune up can cost between $40 to $100.

Members are considering starting a training bank so members can check out trainers, a device that turns a regular bicycle into a stationary bike. They are also thinking about social events such as movie night.

James Hall, the treasurer of the club, is now working on a web site to post days and times for rides, time trials, and the results of the time trials. They are hoping to have this up and running soon.

For any inquiries about membership or rides contact Ryan Youngblood at (706) 676-5134, or Ronnie Harris, the faculty advisor, at (256) 782-5576.

Go ahead, Google anything...
Parking:
break to students." University police officers issue two types of non-traffic citations. One type, the on-campus citation, costs half as much as a regular ticket. For example, running a stop sign will cost you $50 with an on-campus citation, while with a Uniform Traffic Citation, running a stop sign will cost you $112. The on-campus citations also do not require court dates and are not reported to insurance companies.

The only problem is that on-campus citations can only be issued on campus. A police officer must issue an UTC on streets such as Forney Avenue and Mountain Street, any street that is not actually on university property. Most officers prefer on campus citations because "an on campus citation gets the point across," said Fetner. Twenty-four of the 129 traffic citations issued since August 1 were UTC's and 105 were on-campus citations.

Fetner said most of the on campus citations were issued for seat belt violations under the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. He cautions students that officers are writing tickets for noise violations. Under the city ordinance, a noise violation is a misdemeanor and will cost you a day in court and $175.

For more information about citations and fees visit the UPD website at police.jsu.edu.

Organizational Overview

By: Regina Ezell
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"Cocky Showdown is this year's theme for Homecoming Step Show," said Marshontri Reed, head of SAC Family Day. The host for the cocky showdown will be Ced Delaney, co-host of the "Wake Up Morning Show" on Hot 107 in Birmingham. The step show will be held October 29 at 9 p.m. in Pete Mathews Coliseum. Students can purchase tickets for seven dollars and general admission is $10.

Greek life is coming alive at this year's event. All National Pan-Hellenic Council sororities and fraternities will participate. They will have a mix Friday, October 28 at Leon Cole Auditorium from 10 p.m. until. A tailgate party will be held on game day behind Paul Snow stadium. For more information go online at www.nphpc.org.

The scheduled Student Activities Council events are as follows:
A phone dance party on October 26 in front of the Theron Montgomery Building, J-Day, October 27, will have extreme volleyball, a huge volleyball court that can hold up to forty people. It will also feature a dancing head, a green screen that surrounds a person as dancing figures move around under their head. It will be held in the TMB's food court.

Family Day they booked some inflatables for kids, like moonwalks with slides. One is called the "Eliminator" and has an obstacle course. Another is called the "Caterpillar" and is intended for children under the age of five.

Student Activities Council's trip to the National Association for College Activities was rewarding. "Jacksonville won the most outstanding delegation award for the NACA conference," said Casie Sanders, Vice President of Student Activities. There were over six thousand students at the conference from different schools in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi.
JSU students had more participation and school spirit. The conference was very informative to SAC. Each committee will get together to plan events and take advantage of the exposure at NACA.
Enrollment:

“I think, too, they teach classes that would be interesting to someone that’s into history,” added Compton, mentioning that Dr. Phillip Koerper teaches one on Winston Churchill.

“In my old school I would have never heard of that.”

Whatever the reason, the history department isn’t alone with elevated enrollment. Overall enrollment for fall 2005 is 9,110, up from 8,930 in fall 2004 and surpassing the all-time high enrollment of 9,031 students in fall 2003.

Most departments fluctuated slightly this year, gaining or losing less than 20 students. In addition to the history department, however, the Math and Educational Administration departments also made striking gains with 72 and 42 students added respectively.

The university saw only a slight increase in part-time enrollment, which bumped up by 20 students from last year’s 2,737. Full time students made up the bulk of the enrollment with 6,353, a gain of 160 students.

Correction:

Soraya Molina is not from Chile, as reported last week. She hails from El Salvador.
Do the math!

By: Jaclyn Cosper
The Chanticleer Copy Editor

Okay, a lot of people are complaining about gas prices. However, those same people are willing to pay a buck fifty for a bottle of water and well over three dollars for some fancy cup of coffee from Starbucks. Now don't get me wrong, just the other day I enjoyed a delicious vanilla-bean cream frappachino. I must say it was worth the $3.50 I shelled out for it.

All I am saying is, if someone is going to whine about how high gas is, maybe they should look at their daily spending habits. Come on, paying that much for water? Are we running out of plastic?

Now I realize not everyone buys these things, but the price for a gallon of gas isn't as bad as it could be. We have to realize gas is a natural resource that we are slowly yet surely running out of.

In my marketing class I learned that this concept is called inelastic demand. When the price goes up the demand stays the same. I even remembered that right off, and I didn't have to look it up. However, I did get that question wrong on the test.

Enough about marketing terms, what I am trying to point out is, that no matter how high gas prices get, people will still pay.

Before you start screaming at me for putting you down for buying bottled water, lets do the math. A gallon of water holds four sixteen-ounce bottles of water. At a $1.50 for one bottle you are spending $6 for a gallons worth of bottled water. However, a gallon of gas costs around $3.00. So, you are spending more for water than gas. Feeling stupid? I am.

While we are at it lets think about all those other ridiculously priced items that we have no problem buying. A dollar to get a little bag of chips, which is mostly air, out of the vending machines. Those little cans of energy drinks for $2.00. Or a dollar for a shoe.

All in all, when you hear the price of gas is going up again, stop and look at what you are spending your money on other than gas. It will make you think.

Spare the rod... please...

By: Audrey Hykes
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"Yes, you can stay with the blind for perpetuity going around"

"Yes, my mom will probably cry if you make me get one anyway."

She told me with a broad smile that she didn't approve of what they were doing, and then removed them from the temptation/situation. "I'll see you in the movies."

The parent out there who has this problem—buy a how-to-discipline-your-child-in-a-humane-way book and follow the instructions.
Everyone has seen it some time or another—a parent in a public place with their young child who is misbehaving or being a whiny brat. So they yank the kid around by the arm and give 'em a few swats on the butt, with the threat of worse punishment if the kid doesn’t straighten up.

I don’t know about other onlookers in situations like these, but it always makes me angry and uncomfortable. I can’t understand why a parent would want to publicly humiliate their child and take one step short of child abuse in front of numerous people.

The way I see it, kids are going to be kids. They are going to have moments in places like Wal-Mart and pitch a fit because they can’t get that noise-making toy and a pack of bubble gum. And of course that’s embarrassing for any parent. But to yank them around, spank them, yell at and threaten them—is that really necessary?

And there’s worse. Like when a parent is simply in a bad mood and takes it out on their kid’s every move or facial expression. Take for instance the time I took my infant son for a doctor’s check-up. A woman was there with her two kids, who were flitting around the waiting room and crawling on empty chairs, but not making much noise. Their mother told them to sit and be still, but that’s not exactly possible with three and six-year olds. So she went out to her car and came back in with a switch, and whipped their thighs each

She told me with a broad smile that I would need to carry around a switch someday, to which I replied, “Nope. I’ll never hit my son with a stick. Ever.” She scoffed at that.

The truth is, kids aren’t stupid. They understand the difference between good and bad behavior from the time they’re old enough to get into everything in infancy. All you have to do is get down on their level, use a firm tone of voice to let them know they’re doing, and then remove them from the temptation/situation after the second warning. As they get older and are able to comprehend circumstances, all a parent has to do is put them in time-out for a few minutes. If the child grows up with this discipline, it should be easy to control these situations in their future.

This type of discipline is seen consistently on TV shows like Super Nanny and Nanny 911. Some of the world’s worst...
Classroom in Paradise

By: Jeff Pruitt
The Chanticleer Features Editor

When most people think of classrooms, sandy beaches and dolphins don’t usually come to mind.

Welcome to Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

This past summer, three Jacksonville State University students had the opportunity to live on the island while taking marine science classes as part of the Marine Environmental Science Consortium.

MESC is comprised of 23 Alabama colleges that help establish summer programs. Each school is represented by one faculty member who serves on the program committee and acts as a liaison.

Paige Reece, who received her bachelor’s degree in environmental science from JSU and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in education, attended the two-week session offered in May. She took a three hour class titled “Flora Ecology of Dauphin Island.”

“I had a blast. I don’t need the hours, but I would love to go back if I could,” said Reece.

Another student, Emily Cohen, who graduated from JSU with a bachelor’s degree in biology, was on the island for one of the four-week sessions offered in June and July.

“It was great. You get to meet a lot of people. Plus, it’s something to say when you can go out fishing for a class,” Cohen said.

While neither Reece nor Cohen were required to be there, JSU students with a concentration in marine biology were. As part of their degree, they must complete 16 hours of marine biology classes at Dauphin Island which usually takes two summers.

Typically, students are in class from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an hour lunch break. Classes are held Monday through Friday, except for Tuesday when there are no afternoon classes.

As part of their classroom experience, students go out “into the field” and conduct research. JSU Biology Professor and MESC Liaison Dr. George Cline said a common scenario would involve students taking a boat trip and using nets to collect organisms to work with in the classroom.

“There gonna get a lot of hands-on and intensive experience during their time here,” said Cline.

Cohen echoed this sentiment by saying, “There are times when you’re stuck up to your knees in mud.” However, she attributes the hands-on training as part of the reason she enjoyed her stay on Dauphin Island.

While there, students were housed in dorms that formerly served as a base for the U.S. Air Force. Regular JSU tuition costs were applied to their coursework, but they were required to pay room and board.

As part of their lectures, keynote speakers were brought in to speak to the students. Next summer, Robert Paine, a renowned marine biologist who Cline said “proved that the starfish plays a critical role in the tidal pools of oceans” will be one of these speakers.

“These lectures give the kids an opportunity to interact with some of the best marine biologists in the southeast,” said Cline.

While much of their energy was spent on academic endeavors, students still found the time to enjoy a social life.

Reece said she took regular walks on the beach, and the two bars on the island offered a chance to mingle with locals, tourists, and students alike.

Tuesdays, Reece and her friends dubbed as “casino night.” Once a week, they would drive to Biloxi and visit the casinos.

Cohen spent some of her free time watching movie they rented from the island’s only video store with friends.

Like most students there, Cohen and Reece intend to take the knowledge they learned on Dauphin Island and apply it to their careers. Cohen plans on attending Auburn University to get her master’s degree in fisheries and Reece wants to teach high school science.

Other JSU alumni and recent attendees of Dauphin Island Sea Lab have gone to work at the National Marine Fisheries, while some have continued their education at prestigious graduate programs.

Cline said that while classes on the island consist of students from Troy State, Auburn University, and UAB as well as many others, “JSU students are doing as well or better than them.”

Classroom in Paradise

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Writer

Cassandra King looks like your favorite stylish

Cassandra King visits JSU for Friends’ Fall Program

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Writer

“Besides,” she adds. “Whatever I left out of Sunday Wife is in Same Sweet Girls!”

The Same Sweet Girls draws on King’s life, but also on the lives of her friends. King, who is fond
By: David Howton
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

With the controversy going wild throughout several places in Texas about how 'risqué' cheerleading routines have become, we were curious as to how this has affected the cheerleading squad here on campus. The answer is... it hasn't.

"We just don't care!" says maybe junior (he's not sure) cheerleader Nick Mastley.

"We haven't really ever thought about it," says Junior Sam Jones. "We've never been all that risqué to begin with."

The JSU cheerleading squad is led by Mrs. Michelle Alford; a 1995 communication graduate from JSU, who worked eight years in sports information here before quitting in April to become a stay at home mom and teach

cheerleading.

The squad is divided into two separate groups: the red squad and the white squad. The red squad is all girls while the white squad is co-ed.

"The white squad does the more difficult routines because they have the guys to do the more physical stuff," says Alford. "Although the red squad is like an elevated step above a high school squad, they are there because they want to be a cheerleader and love JSU, so they are sort of my heart of the program for that reason."

This is Alford's second year as cheerleading coach. She took over late last September. She is excited about the possibility of going to competitions as early as regional this spring. They are looking at events in Tennessee and Mobile.

"This squad was picked to compete" replies Alford. "They're young. We just have to motivate ourselves."

The last time the JSU Cheerleading squad was in a big time competition, they went to the NCAA nationals in 2000.

As any student who has extra curricular activities, as well as going to school and working, some of the cheerleaders have to put forth the extra effort to succeed in all areas. "In the long run it's worth it," says another JSU cheerleader. "It teaches us to set our priorities and install a serious work ethic."

With the Jacksonville mascot being Cocky, we have been able to come up with some interesting themes for our t-shirts, the latest of which is the cheerleading t-shirts that reads "Cock Cheerleading... We get it up!"

"It was strictly the students. I had nothing to do with it," says Alford. Now we all know that every organization around campus is extremely proud of their group and very particular about things when something is said, so I asked Alford how she responds to those who say that cheerleading is not a sport.

"I've gone back and forth in what I believe. I definitely believe that cheerleaders are athletes but until someone like the NCAA steps up and says that they recognize us as a sport then technically we're not a sport, but they are definitely athletes," replies Alford. "We're a sport in our own."

For those of you who are interested in the cheerleading squad, try-outs are in April and practice is two or three days a week throughout the summer. During the school year practice is on Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. till 5:30 p.m. There are eight scholarships available and are given on a semester basis at the discretion of Coach Alford.

The Jacksonville State University cheerleaders warm up before a pep rally.
Keller Williams: One Man Band

By: Jacob Probus
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

You walk into the venue, the Alabama Theater, and see a stage covered with different instruments and musical equipment, and think to yourself, “One person is going to play all of these things.”

When Keller Williams takes the stage he seizes the attention of everyone in the room. The guy is literally overflowing with energy and talent, yet if you asked a room full of random people who he was they probably would have no idea.

Keller, as he is affectionately known by his fans, captivates audiences for as much as three to four hours, alone. He takes advantage of a technique known as looping to make the music sound as full as if an entire band were on stage with him. Looping involves recording a part of the song, let’s say the guitar part, and then playing it back over and over. While this is being done he moves to another instrument and adds that part, and so on and so on. He truly is a master of his craft.

When he began to play the first song of the night, “Freaker by the Speaker,” the crowd went wild. The beat affected everyone in the room and there wasn’t a still body to be seen.

He bounced from place to place on the stage, playing different instruments, fiddling with that knob, twisting this one, and operating a piece of sound effects equipment from the ‘50s. Once he had gotten everything the way he wanted it, he slung his guitar to his back and danced to the groove he had created. At that moment, I could read his shirt and it said “I’m with the band,” except “with” is crossed out. Now it read “I’m the band.”

Keller smoothly transitioned into the next song without stopping, the transition so smooth it’s almost undetectable until he started singing the words of this new song. He said he developed this technique to fill the uncomfortable silence that came at the end of songs when he was a fledgling musician new to gigging.

Several songs into the show, Keller moved to the keyboards and went into a spine-tingling, goose-bump-raising instrumental version of “Stairway to Heaven,” the classic Led Zeppelin song. He made it universally understood by all generations in attendance. He mastered the keys as if he had been classically trained on the piano since birth. How can this guy be able to masterfully play every instrument he picks up?

Another amazing thing was the variety of sounds he made with his mouth. Keller was, and is, a human beat box. On top of the percussive oral sounds he made, he did an incredibly realistic trumpet with his mouth.

During a rendition of the classic jazz song, “Moondance,” he and the sound guy, Lou Gozain, went into a trumpet battle. Gozain played a real trumpet from the sound board and Keller played the “mouth trumpet.” At times it was hard to tell which one was playing.

Midway through the show it was time for a break, after all the guy has been bouncing all over the stage nonstop for an hour and a half. Keller sang, “It’s time for me to go back-stage and take a short break and I hope when I get back you’ll still be here.” With that, it was a mad stampede to the bathrooms and drink lines, because no one wanted to miss Keller when he returned to the stage.

When he did take the stage after the break, he picked up his ten-string guitar. This contraption was essentially a bass guitar and a standard guitar combined into one instrument, allowing Keller to play both a guitar part and a bass part at the same time, an amazing thing to watch.

From this point, it was non-stop music for another hour and a half, one continual jam encompassing many songs from the Keller Williams catalogue.

When it was finally time for the show to end, no one wanted it to be over. How can it be over? Then Keller came out for an encore of three songs, the last of which he sang acappella with the crowd known as the “Keller Choir” and everybody was loving it.

Serenity Now!

By: James Burton
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Serenity is the big screen version of Fox’s ill-fated (but well loved) “Firefly” by twisted Buffy/Angel creator Joss Whedon. The main character, Captain Malcolm Reynolds (Nathan Fillion) heads an operation to rescue Dr. Simon Tam’s sister, River.

The evil Alliance kidnapped her and tested her for her psychic abilities, as well as other things. A cold and ruthless assassin sim-
well as other things. A cold and ruthless assassin simply known as "The Operative" travels across the galaxy with an army of Alliance goons to try to stop the Serenity and its crew.

Unbeknownst to the crew, River begins to possess some of her other hidden talents. This may prove detrimental to not only the crew, but for the human race as well.

I wasn't sure what to expect when I entered the theater because I never got acting is very well done, which is pleasantly surprising considering the cast is composed of virtual unknowns.

You may remember Nathan Fillion as Caleb, the psychotic preacher, in the final six episodes of Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Gina Torres, who plays Zoe, played Cas in the second and third Matrix films, but nobody watched them so I'm just wasting my breath.

Finally, you'll probably recognize Hoban Washburn, played by Alan

We have a slight problem with our entry sequence, so we may experience some turbulence" (and then... explode).

So, the bottom line is, go out and watch it now, while it's still at the theater. Don't wait until it's on DVD. You won't get that "WOW" effect on your dorm room TV like you will over at Amstar 12.

I don't know about you, but I think it's the perfect way of getting the bitter taste of Episode 3 out of your mouth.
Justin Griffin knew what he had to do in Monday’s showdown with the Blazers at intramural field one. Griffin and his Brick House team sealed a playoff spot with the 19-6 win.

Griffin’s ten completions for 106 yards and two touchdowns led the team to victory. His counterpart, Ola Fajobi of the Blazers, finished with eleven completions and a touchdown, but three costly interceptions.

After the Blazers (3-2.5) took control of the ball on the first possession, Fajobi led his team down the field to the Brick House 17. Then “Gator” showed up.

After “Gator” sacked Fajobi on two of the Blazers next four plays, Brick House took over on downs, but could not take advantage. Jemelle Farmer picked off the errant Griffin pass on 3rd down to set up the Blazers at their own 19.

The next play, Fajobi scrambled to his right and launched a pass to the middle of the field. Josh Wall and Bradley Handy tipped the ball before Albert Cox caught the deflection and found the end zone for the score. The extra point was blocked.

By Chris Yow
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Gator sacks Fajobi to end the Blazers first drive

Brick House (4-1) took possession in the second half, and held the ball all ten minutes of the 3rd quarter, but could not manage to score on 4th and goal.

A defensive stop by Brick House ending with a Cox punt, set up Griffin and company at their own 16. Griffin took the first snap and raced 9 yards to the 25-yard line and a first down. Nate Harrellson managed to get separation from the defensive backfield on the following play and haul in the 55-yard touchdown strike making it 13-6.

Griffin would put the game away on the ensuing series, picking off the ill-advised pass and setting up the Blazers at their own 11. The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Not this time around

The score was 28-23 and the Murray State Racers were driving down the field. It sounded like the same old song. The Gamecocks were up and the Racers were gaining huge chunks of yardage. A touchdown and the Racers wouldn’t even have to kick the extra point to win.

The Gamecocks have already lost to Furman and UT Chattanooga on the last play of the game. The Racers handed Jacksonville their first OVC loss of the year two years ago.

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

UT Martin has been to the OVC this season what Vanderbilt has been to the SEC. Martin has been a doormat of the OVC for a long time but this season is off to their best start in 10 years. Martin is also one of three unbeaten teams left in league play.

The SkyHawks are coming in hot as they lead the league in rushing, total and scoring offense, and are No. 1 nationally in turnover margin.

“We have a better feeling today than we’ve had a lot of times this fall, said Head Coach Jack Crowe. “We have some reassurances that when you play hard and try to do the right thing you get the right results.”

Jacksonville State finally received justice for hard work their success and strengths of their football team by how they fair in their game against JSU.

“We have a tremendous challenge for our defense with the UT Martin team, said Crowe. “Defensively for UT Martin, they’re very sound and they force you into making mistakes.”

The Gamecocks need to continue to pound the ball on the ground and force the SkyHawks to stop the run. The SkyHawks are rolling offensively and create a lot of match-up problems. On paper the SkyHawks should win the game but games are not played on paper and the SkyHawks haven’t been hit like...
the game. The Gamecocks had
Jacksonville their first OVC loss of the year two years ago 17-10 and all the ingredients were brewing for another loss.
The Gamecocks were up 28-17 before the Racers scored with five minutes left in the game. The Racers went for the two point conversion to cut it to three, but failed and the score was 28-23. The Gamecocks managed to take over three minutes off the clock before having to punt. Zac Walden’s punt went into the end-zone and the Racers stood eighty yards away from handing JSU their second

Jacksonville State finally received justice for hard work late in the fourth quarter and improved to (2-1) in conference play.

“We are a sound football team that has not lost its edge that’s trying to get payback for a lot of hard work,” said Crowe. “They’re an exciting team for me to coach. I think they get excited about each other.”

Preview
The Gamecocks will host UT Martin on Hall of Fame Day/Family Day at Paul Snow Stadium at 4pm on Saturday.

for his football team, said Crowe. “I think he makes the defense play better.”

Prediction
The Gamecocks will need to bring their “A plus” effort against the SkyHawks. The Gamecocks have found out that every team they have played (minus UAB) has brought their best effort to the game. That is what faces a winning program year in and year out. When you are the “Big Dog.” Everyone takes their best shot at you. The Gamecocks have been the big dog and other teams measureplayed on paper and the SkyHawks haven’t been hit like their going to get hit on Saturday.

The difference in the game will be the crowd and the Gamecocks will need all of their fan support.

“I hope our fans realize they can be the winning edge in this football game, said Crowe. “We need to redirect what the momentum is in our own stadium. We got to make a sixty minute fight out of this.”

JSU stays on track and wins 44-41

“That’s why you run against the Big Dogs”

By David Howton
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

“Our kids were jacked for the race,” said Coach Steve Ray of the cross-country meet his team participated in at the 13th Annual Auburn Invitational at the Indian Pines Golf Course this past weekend. “The difficulty of the meet was high but we ran lights out.”

Jacked up for the race, the girls set a school record by having five runners finish under 20 minutes in the 5K (3.2 mile).

Leslie Binning led the lady Gamecocks with an 18:10. The top five JSU runners finished out with Sarah Caine running an 18:30, Megan Ziarek with 19:20, Shelby Roberts with 19:55 and Stephanie Jones with 19:55.

The ladies team finished at overall 17th out of 23 teams with Samford taking home the top spot.

“There is room for improvement but we are definitely on the right track” says Ray.

Coach Ray bragged earlier in the week about the impressive record the guys have this season, emphasizing that he expected a few losses at Auburn.

“That’s why you run against the big dogs.” Ray says.

The coach likes to see a schedule with a good mix of teams that are beatable and teams that will push his team to work harder. Competition brings out the best in everyone.

The guys, led by their usual superstar Japhot Waweru with a blazing 8K (5-mile) time of 24:28, finished 8th of 25. The top team of the men’s meet was Auburn.

When asked his opinion of the course, Ray seemed surprised at it’s overall condition. “It rained like crazy on Thursday and Friday. I was expecting a slow course but it ended up being really fast.”

Coach Ray plans on taking the team back next year as a confidence booster. “We did well.”

Their next meet is Saturday against Georgia State in Atlanta.

Music not sweet to their ears against State in Nashville

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Assistant Sports Editor

With a huge match against defending OVC champions Eastern Kentucky coming up this Friday, the JSU volleyball team looked to add a little more momentum to their already impressive start in conference play. The Gamecocks split the weekend, taking out Austin Peay in four games 30-23, 30-18, 28-30, and 30-23. However, Tennessee State put and end to the Gamecock winning streak, winning in three straight games,

30-22, 30-25, and 30-26. “I don’t think we’ve won there since I’ve started coaching here,” said JSU coach Rick Nold of the victory at Austin Peay. “That’s really a tough place to play and I thought we came out really solid in the first two games and put a lot of pressure on them.”

Abbey Breit tied her career high with 24 kills against Austin Peay, the same team she set the mark against in November of last year. For her career, the sophomore from Louisville, KY is averaging 23.5 kills per match against the the Lady Govs.

“They put up a lot of single blocks, which for a middle blocker is Heaven,” Breit said. “We’re able to run slides a lot up to; they were going to put it down. I could just tell.”

Tennessee State defeated the Gamecocks (8-8, 5-1) for the first time in school history, avenging a three straight game loss at JSU on September 23.

“When they were down here, the first two games were very, very tight,” Nold said. “They’re really athletic. When they pass the ball well they can be a really good offensive team and can be tough to stop. They’re definitely the most improved. They probably have the best shot right now, in terms of schedule, to host the conference tournament.”

Withers wore pained expressions as they discussed Saturday’s loss to TSU.

“They played extremely well,” Withers added. “They were picking up every ball and were hitting aggressively. Everything was clicking for them on their side. I just felt like we couldn’t really get in the flow of things. It was kind of inconsistent. We never really had the edge on them.”

The Gamecocks will next travel to Richmond, KY Friday night to take on reigning OVC champs Eastern Kentucky in what could be a preview of the conference championship, then take on Morehead State on Saturday.

“It’s a big game,” Nold said of the EKU match-up. “We don’t need to change a whole lot. I think we’re in good shape. We’ve been playing well. We don’t need to panic because we lost a match. It’s just a matter of being consistent with our intensity level.”
SkyHawks get the boot

By Brandon Weems
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

“Our goal today was to come out and score some goals, practice makes perfect,” said Senior Mid-fielder Ashley Smith. “The next weekend will be huge. We have to win both of those games. The win today was good for our team.”

At half, JSU held onto the lead by a score of 1-0. In the first half, the Gamecocks were able to possess the soccer ball more and produce shots to build the confidence level back up.

The Gamecocks went up 2-0, two-minutes and 41 seconds into the second half. This goal came when Courtney Moore carried the ball up the field. Instead, the ball was played out by Heather Swift who initially shot the ball that rebounded to Elisa Kurlchek who recorded the goal. Smith ended the scoring for the Gamecocks on a penalty kick in the 57th minute.

“The Back Four,” defense for the Gamecocks played phenomenal soccer as they forced the Skyhawks off-sides seven times during the game.

“We have to secure our back line. We have a lot of young players in this area of the field. People are playing new positions,” said Davis. “At some point, I think coming back from two losses and making major strides toward their ability to move and do well can place themselves in a good position in the conference.”

Dani Myrick scored a goal and an assist with 3:2:4 left in the game. Pay Davis was named team captain. She also has international experience which has helped her adapt to the collegiate level.

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There were moments during the game that were missed, but overall, the Gamecocks were able to possess the ball more and produce shots to build the confidence level back up.

Gamecock Spotlight of the Week

By Brandon Weems
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

There are factors that face soccer in the state of Alabama. Endurance and humidity plague the sport.

Christina Balint understands what it takes to overcome the heat in the classroom and on the field. Last year, Balint studied her way into the JSU Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame. In her prep career at Markham District High School, Balint was named team captain. She also has international experience which has helped her adapt to the collegiate level.

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The Chanticleer staff is counting on Balint to help her team stay on a winning note. The Chanticleer staff was able to kick some questions at this 5’ 6’’ junior mid-fielder from Markham, Ontario. We found out Balint loves to travel and learn about different cultures of the world.

CS: What’s in your CD player right now?
Balint: I have a mixed cd that has everything.
CS: What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
Balint: I bought a guitar and a harmonica that I have been playing. I had an electric guitar at home, but it just doesn’t sound as good as an acoustic guitar. When I walk, I play the harmonica.

CS: What is your favorite movie?
Balint: Shawshank Redemption.

CS: Why do you like this movie?
Balint: Alot of movies bore me and this is not a typical Hollywood movie. It gets me emotionally, and I just love that movie.

CS: Why did you choose JSU?
Balint: I wanted to go somewhere that is completely different from home to see other cultures. I wanted to be far from home so I could see more things in between and along the way. I came here and visited the campus and I thought it was gorgeous. I enjoy somewhere I can walk and take in the scenery.

CS: Who is one person in your life that you look up to?
Balint: That's a hard question, but not really one person. I look up to all my friends for their different qualities.
CS: How were able to adjust to the warm weather being from Ontario?
Balint: Actually, it is really hot at home in the summer. It is a bit more humid here in Alabama. When I was a freshman, I could be fit for a ninety-minute soccer game in September or October at home. But I remember coming here and only lasting for twenty minutes. I just drink more water before a game to overcome the humidity.

CS: I understand you lettered in Ultimate Frisbee during high school, can you describe the sport?
Balint: We don’t really letter in sports at home, it’s just like getting an award. It is a great game for endurance and speed. The atmosphere of the game is great. There are no refs. It is about having fun and meeting different people. Ultimate Frisbee is an up and coming sport.

CS: What kind of international experience do you have?
Balint: With my club team, we traveled all over the place. My team played in California, Florida, New York, and Minnesota.

CS: What are your plans after JSU?
Balint: Graduate here with a Bachelor in Science and Education. Then, I plan to go to the middle of Africa where it is not real populated. I want to teach there and do some remote work for a couple of years and learn about more cultures. After this I plan to go back to school in Ontario, London, or maybe Australia for Naturopathic (alternative medicines) college classes. Finally, I want to open a practice that combines traditional medicines and naturopathic medicines.

CS: What is your favorite quote?
Balint: I have a lot of favorite quotes! The one I always say to myself, “I believe that life is ten-percent what happens to me and ninety-percent how I react to it.” This has helped me get through a lot of things in life and stay happy.

CS: What is one thing the Chanticleer readers need to know about you?
Balint: Tell them to come talk to me because I love meeting new people. Congratulations to Christina for her accomplishments so far this year.

The Gamecocks will be back at home October 21, when they will host Austin Peay at 7 p.m.

No sad day in Mudville last weekend

By Amado Ortz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

I don’t want to say I told you so but I pulled exactly what I said I would do. “An undefeated

limb and pick the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame to cover the 12 point spread against Southern Cal. I really like the Irish to win the game at home but I still think they keep the game close.

The Irish have enough firepower on offense to stay with the Trojans and their defense will definitely come up with Blowout Line

It is real hard to win in Little Rock, Arkansas year in and year out so it is going to be real hard for the Auburn Tigers to cover the seven point spread. Auburn manhandled the Razorbacks at home last year and look for the same in Little Rock.

The Razorbacks will keep it close on the road.

Must see game

The rumble in Baton Rouge should be a very good game. LSU is favored by six against Urban Meyer’s Florida Gators.

There is a lot of uncertainty with the Gators following the blow out loss to Alabama.

One thing for sure is that the LSU defense is not as good as their offense. They will probably keep it close.

The line is not as good as the LSU defense, but it should be a good game.
Daniela Malta gets possession of the ball.

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Blazers 3-2.5
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Wesley Foundation 1-2
BCM 1-4
Natty’s 0-5.5

White Division
Mercenaries 2-0
Something Serious 2-1

One thing for sure is that the LSU defense is not as good as Alabama so therefore the Gators will score some points. Chris Leak and the Gators started out slow against Mississippi State but took care of business late in the game.

I am just not a believer in LSU to cover the six points and I think they are going to have a hard time winning the game.

Florida 21-20

...and in other intramural activity

GDI 1-1
Outkast 1-1
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Daniela Malta scored a goal for the Skyhawks (7-8, 2-4 OVC) in the 72nd minute on an assist from Katie Behrens. Kate Kelly finished the weekend with eight saves in the goal.

"They are coming off a hard physical week of training," said Davis. "Communication on the field is more precise which has worked into a positive way."

"It’s nice to be back on top with a record of 3-2 in the OVC. This team has really turned a 180 in their ability to believe in themselves. That whole philosophy is regards to believing in leadership and character is starting to show as they perform on the field."

The Gamecocks will be on the road tomorrow as they play Southeast Missouri State at 7 p.m.

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with a chip shot 30 yards from the goal with less than two minutes left in the half.

Jessica Fioranelli scored the lone goal for the Racers in the second half on a penalty kick seven-minutes and 51 seconds into the period. Despite the goal from Fioranelli, the Gamecocks were able to pick up their stride as they produced more shots and were able to set off-side traps.

"From 18 to 18 they are going to get some wins by playing well," said Davis. "We are not going to try and turn around what we are doing just because we are losing. Our team is playing good soccer and pretty much even though we lost two straight, we dominated these games."

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The only other person I know to have called their shot like that was Babe Ruth. I now face the problem of going two for two. An undefeated record two weeks in a row is almost unheard of but I believe it can be done.

Upset alert
I am going to step out on a limb and say there is a chance the Trojans and their defense will definitely come up with some stops. The Irish are no strangers to big games and Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis would like no nothing more than putting it to Pete Carroll and the Trojans.

The Trojan secondary has definitely been exposed this year and the team as a whole has gotten off to sluggish starts. Start slow against the Irish and quarterback Brady Quinn will have the Irish out and running. Look for Notre Dame playmaker Jeff Samardzija to have a big game. Notre Dame 37-35 same in Little Rock.

The Razorbacks will keep it close early but then the Tigers will pull away late in the game. Auburn is going in a little underrated and thrives in that role. Quarterback Brandon Cox has kept defenses honest against the pass this year so look for running backs Brad Lester and Kenny Irons to have big days on the ground. Auburn 28-7

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