Think positive!

By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

"The two most important things that I need are God and my life and I have those," said Kevin Jacobs, the first Katrina evacuee to come to the starship barracks at McClellan.

To say that Jacobs has had a rough time for the past month would be an understatement. Between a hurricane chasing him out of his home in Gulfport, MS, and his ultimate evacuation to Anniston, AL, things haven't exactly been smooth sailing.

So, it's rather impressive that Jacobs is handling this adversity with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. That attitude led to his talk October 8, in Roxana Conroy's positive psychology class.

"I met him at the starship and had some time to talk to him. I picked up on how his attitude was and how he was handling the situation - positive as opposed to those around him," she said.

Jacobs sees the difference and acknowledges that he has his moments of weakness as well, mentioning how nightmares often wake him at night and how he worries about the future, but he's put his trust in God and is making the most out of what he's been given.

"We had a few that were really upset about it, they..."
The dog ate my computer

By Aaron Tanner
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

There is no need to panic if the computer in your dorm crashes while typing a paper or if you need help on a statistics lab. Jacksonville State University is home to plenty of computer labs that are available to all students.

The Academic Computer Services maintain several general use labs for all students as well as special computer labs for the different majors offered.

Each of the general use labs are managed and staffed by ACS workers and student workers as well. These labs are open during the week, meaning they are open to all students, regardless of major. Internet access, including Gamecock Electronic Mail, and Microsoft Office are available at all the general use labs.

For printing, both general and departmental labs have the card printing system available for students to add money to their student ID card in order to print.

The Academic Center for Excellence, located on the third floor of the Theron Montgomery Building, is home to one of the general use labs maintained by ACS.

“We are here to serve the students,” says Ann Poe, one of the workers at the Academic Center for Excellence. Located in room 305, the lab is open Monday and Wednesday from 9:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Friday from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday Nights they are open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

“All fifteen of our computers are usually filled up at a time,” says Poe, discussing how busy the lab usually is. Another general use lab for students that is just as busy and just as convenient is the Houston Cole Library computer lab on the 10th floor.

“We are probably the busiest lab on campus,” says lab assistant Marcus Cunningham. He credits not only the convenient location for the high volume of student traffic, but the closure of the Bibb Graves Hall computer labs as well as the longest lab hours on campus.

The library computer lab is open nearly the same hours as the library closing fifteen minutes before the library does. If both these labs are full, Self Hall has more labs as well.

The lab in Self Hall is open Monday through Thursday and from 8 to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. Although it is an open lab for students, it is especially useful for business majors since Merrill houses those classes.

“A majority of our business and business in education classes are in this building and the lab is convenient for those students living in the dorms as well as those students needing to prepare a presentation, or other reports and class work,” says assistant Christopher Smith.

Need to use one of the general use computer labs but want to eat at the same time? Unfortunately, many of the labs do not allow food or drink. However, there are computers available in the food court of Theron Montgomery Building and in Jack Hopper Dining Hall if one needs a soda while surfing the web. Internet access along with Microsoft Office programs is available at both these locations.

If you live in the dorms, you may not even need to leave the residence hall to check email or type a term paper or history class. Almost all the residence halls on campus have two computers in the lounge for student use.

“We try to keep them open 24/7 if possible,” states Residence hall director Kevin Houl. Daugette Hall is the only residence hall that does not have public computer access, but hopes to have computers in the student lounges by the spring semester.

There are other specialized labs on campus that are for departmental use. These labs are more limited in who can use them. They are mainly for students who are in that particular department’s classes, such as math or biology.

These labs, while maintained by ACS, are managed and staffed by the different departments. Classes are often held in the departmental labs, and as a result may not be open for student use all the time. For lab hours, call the department of that particular lab. Hours are often posted outside the labs themselves.

In the Luree B. Wallace Nursing building, the nursing lab is available for nursing majors in room 219. Along with typing reports and doing research, the lab is also used for teaching the online STEP program and studying for clinicals.

The lab is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ayers hall is home to the math, psychology, computer science and technology computer labs. The tech labs have engineering software, such as safety and manufacturing, available for teaching purposes. Minitab is available in the psychology and mathematics lab for statistical use. Except for the psychology lab, all labs in Ayers Hall 1...
Senate Minutes

Faculty Senate Meeting

By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Turner’s opening address:
Dr. Rebecca Turner opened the faculty senate meeting on October 10 with a word of thanks for the open communication that her office has always shared with the senate. She also expressed her gratitude to the faculty for getting the year off to such a smooth start.

Her remarks to the faculty included an update on the number of new faculty this year, the accreditations of various departments around campus, an update on the progress of building projects and a discussion of faculty and staff salary and contracts.

President’s Report: Dr. Jeffrey Dodd, the faculty senate president, gave an update on the issue of background checks that was held over from the September meeting. He spoke with Director of Human Resources Karen Davis regarding the checks and was told that they would be limited to the previous five years and would be conducted by NAPS, a reputable outside vendor.

The senators raised only two concerns about the background checks. They wanted to know when in the hiring process the checks would be conducted and they wondered about the rationale behind the five-year limit. Dr. Dodd promised to follow up with Ms. Davis regarding those issues.

Committee Reports: Dr. Rick Davis, head of the Political Relations committee, updated the senators on the makeup of his committee. Dr. Lori Owens from the political science department and Justin Lord from the SGA have agreed to serve. Davis plans to recruit additional members from among the alumni and the athletic department.

The ad hoc committee on recycling has begun researching the feasibility of a recycling program. Steve Loucks, the committee’s chair, was told by George Lord, head of physical plant, that the faculty would have to take on any duties that came with the project, since placing that burden on the cleaning staff would be unfair.

Loucks has scheduled a meeting with Joe Whitmore, director of special services, to discuss the project since he has prior experience with recycling programs.

New Business:
A much-anticipated report on distance education was presented to the senators. They were each asked by Dr. Dodd to review it carefully and be prepared to act on the recommendations when they meet November 14.

Some discussion was held on the problem of faculty receiving large amounts of junk e-mail and what could be done to alleviate the problem. Dr. Dodd plans to discuss the issue with Computer Services.

The next meeting will be held November 14 on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library.

Student Government Association

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Allocations: A bill to allocate $100 to the JSU History Club was passed at this week’s Student Government Association Senate Meeting. They will use the money to pay for fuel and admission into Stone Mountain for the highland games.

Student bill 50 allocates $300, the maximum allowed, to the JSU Writer’s Club. The club has no membership fees so they will use the money to print t-shirts for a fundraiser. The money raised will be used to form a scholarship. They are also going to a literary conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

JSU Ambassadors: The JSU Ambassadors are sponsoring a “Dead Man’s Ball.” Costumes are suggested, and a canned food item is required for admission. It will be held October 26 at 8 p.m. with DJ Big Sweat.

Quarter’n’up: The total that JSU raised to help Hurricane Katrina survivors is $4,147.80.

Homecoming Elections: Voting for the top five has been moved to the Theron Montgomery Building auditorium, room 300, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

All senate meetings are held on Mondays at 6 p.m. in room 300 of the Theron Montgomery Building.

Sobriety Wars

Episode 1: The Random Screening
Testing 1, 2, 3...

By: James Burton
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

You’ve probably seen that beat up old car on the lawn in front of the TMB and wondered, “Is it ‘Friends Don’t Let Friends Drive Mitusbishis’ day again?” No, it’s National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Between October 17 and 21, the Counseling and Career Services, Peer Educators, and Housing Department are hosting a variety of events to educate students on the dangers of intoxication, and to help them learn to say “When.”

(Yes, I did shamelessly rip that from an old Miller ad campaign.)

Fred Mays, one of the main advisors for the program, was very optimistic.

“I think it’s good.” Mays said. “We’ve won program of the year for the last three years.”

That is very impressive, considering the program has been here since 2001, and colleagues in the program include Alabama, Auburn, and Mississippi. He also mentioned the peer educators that went around to classrooms to teach students about the dangers of alcohol.

Of course, not everyone was as optimistic. Crime reports at UPD cannot prove that the number of alcohol-related crimes has decreased.

“It probably went up,” Cpl. Neil Fetner said, “But I can’t

See Alcohol. Page 3.

By: Angela Reid
The Chanticleer News Editor

It’s two semesters before graduation. You have internships to find, finals to pass, and you are already making plans for after that walk across the stage. Somewhere in the midst of all the confusion, frustration, studying, and planning, you keep hearing the letters ECE and CBASE. If you don’t know what these letters mean, you want to find out now.

The English Competency Exam and the College Basic Academic Subjects Examination are the two tests every JSU student must take to graduate. The ECE is a written exam graded by the English department to assure students, professors, and future employers that JSU graduates have sufficient writing skills. The CBASE is a two-part test given to evaluate a student’s general education level and determine the success of the university’s core curriculum.

The ECE is given twice every spring, summer, and fall. Students are given 90 minutes to complete a 400-500 word essay. They are given two general topic choices and must write about one of them. Results are usually posted on the Student Access System within 10 days after the exam.

Department head, Dr. Robert Felgar, encourages students to take the ECE as soon as they have successfully completed EH 101, EH 102, and 60 credit hours. He wants to reassure students that “no one wants people to pass more than the English department.” He also says the test “is in everyone’s best interest to know that they maintained the writing skills they attained in 101 and 102.”

Tests are graded by two readers from the English department faculty. In the case of a disagreement, a third reader may be brought in.

Though most students pass on their first attempt, Felgar encourages students to keep trying if they do not pass on their first try. There is no limit to the number of times a student can take the test. Some students go to workshops sponsored by the English department before the test. Others review material from English composition classes or go to the Academic Center for Excellence.

A instructor from Learning Services tells students to not “get freaked out when they walk in the room.” Stay “calm and focused.” Since part of his job is to instill confidence in worried students, he reminds them that they “can do it because they passed EH 101 and 102.” Some students even take his LS 096 Written Competency Skills class as remediation or preparation for the test.

Students can register for the ECE online through the Student Access System.

Though the CBASE, a test that focuses on English, math, science, and social studies, is required before graduation, students do not have to pass the test to graduate. According to Dr. Alicia Simmons, Acting Director of the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, results of the CBASE are reported to the president, vice president, and deans of the university “so they can take the results into account in their planning and continuous improvement efforts.”

Students that have successfully completed 96 credit hours can take the test. It includes a written and multiple choice section. The test usually lasts between three and three and a half hours.

Simmons says, “Students who do their best on the CBASE ensure that we are getting an accurate picture of the quality of their general education knowledge.” She also says that many colleges use CBASE results in accreditation reports.

Students may register for the CBASE by e-mail.

Since both tests are required before graduation students are encouraged to take the tests as early as possible.
J-Club Remembers

By: James Barcus
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Former JSU Gamecock football players and their families got together for a family reunion on Saturday, October 15. They smoked ribs, ate plenty of food, and enjoyed a festive atmosphere before watching the Gamecocks of today battle it out on the turf against UT-Martin’s Skyhawks.

They also kept a former coach’s memory in the forefront. They honored Coach Clarkie Mayfield and his positive influence over the football players at JSU during his tenure. Mayfield died in a fire at a restaurant in Southgate, Kentucky after evacuating a number of patrons from the burning building. They also honored him during the pre-game festivities by walking across the field at Paul Snow Stadium.

This event brought families together in celebration. The Robinson Family had two generations smoking the BBQ ribs. Bob and Matt, both former JSU players, grilled in the hot sun along with Keith Martin. Also in attendance was assistant coach under Mayfield and current Athletic Director Jim Fuller.

The J Club is an organization made up of former JSU football players who wanted a way to give back to the school that gave them their education and football experience. The club raises money throughout the year to help with the items needed by the football program and capital improvements of the football facilities. Members also organize the coaches’ clinics during the spring.

The J Club was founded in 2000. Dues, start at $10.00 with the option of giving more. For more information or to join the J Club, go to www.jsufootballjclub.org.

Computer Labs:

are available by password only. One must be enrolled in one of those classes in order to attend. The advantage is the lab instructors in these labs are students of technology and nursing and can better serve users of these labs.

“Our lab assistants are technology majors and as a result they can come in to help students,” says tech department head Terri Marbut.

Need to type a speech for a communications class? Room 104 of Dixon Hall is home to the music department’s computer lab. What makes this lab different from the others is that the lab is in compliance with the Technology Scholarship Program for Alabama that teaches future Alabama Teachers how to equip twenty-first century ways into their curriculum.

In addition to the high tech equipment, tutoring is also available in the MIL lab to help students deal with all kinds of problems daily, ranging from logging in to student web access, to resetting the printer.

“A lot of our students haven’t gotten used to the new printing system yet, especially the newer ones,” says Smith.

Of course the lab assistants often have to deal with questions from those who are computer illiterate, such as the time Smith dealt with a student who did not know how to work the mouse on the computer.

“Sometimes I don’t see a whole lot of people in here and I think they should. When labs are not busy, many of the lab assistants, including Charlie, are there to answer any type of questions a student may have. I have never had a ridiculous question asked before,” says Wyatt.

Alcohol:

verify that.”

He’s actually right, statistically speaking. UPD was not allowed to make DUI arrests until 2003, so the number of crimes would have dramatically increased. For example, in 2004 UPD made 45 DUI arrests and JPD made 114 DUI arrests. All total, there were 156 DUI arrests in the city of Jacksonville in one year. However, not all of the JPD arrests involved college students. Chances are there were a few Cleatus’s coming back from the Hoot-N-Any down by Possum Snout Bar and Grill. On the other hand, there were probably some plastered students that managed to make it to their destination without being noticed. Monday and Tuesday’s activities were primarily signing pledge cards, and filling out surveys in the TMB. This is what some of them had to say about their personal reasons for signing a pledge card:

“To not drink,” Nakasha Shoyinka

“As a reminder to myself to keep me and my friends safe,” David Jennings

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OPINION

Maybe it's bird flu...

The staff of The Chanticleer expresses concern that the rooster crowing at our home football games is ill.

By: Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Assistant Sports Editor


I've been to hundreds of football games, but this season's home opener against Furman was my very first JSU game.

Since that game, I have found a lot of things I love about JSU football. I love the atmosphere. I love the way the stands are so close to the field. I really love the fight song.

However, while sitting in the stands at the UT-Martin game, one thing started to bother me... the rooster call.

Sure, every school has a mascot sound. Alabama has the elephant trumpet and Auburn has the tiger growl. They sound really cool and powerful, but our gamecock sounds sick.

I'm not against the sound at all. I actually think it's cool, but it needs to be louder. It needs to have more power. It needs to sound healthy, for crying out loud. Right now, our gamecock sounds like it is ready to be battered, deep fried and served with a special blend of eleven herbs and spices.

Do I think we need to get rid of the sound? No, but I do think we need to replace it with something a little fiercer.

A gamecock is supposed to be a warrior. It's supposed to fight to the death. Yeah, I know I'm totally making PETA's day with that line, but it's true. Our gamecock sounds less like a mascot and more like a punch line to a really bad joke.

Then again, maybe it's got the bird flu.

It's all fun and games until somebody dies.
By: Jessica Sumne
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Isn’t it ironic that Alcohol Awareness Week is being co-sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity when there is cold, hard evidence that joining a fraternity or sorority increases the risk of alcohol abuse? It’s about as amusing as Sigma Pi hosting Sam Spady week last March. After all, if the girl hadn’t died in a frat house with almost half her blood filled with alcohol, would they give a crap about underage drinking?

But you can’t blame it all on the fraternities. After all, it is one’s personal choice to drink. Or, in Sam Spady’s case, commit suicide.

The decision to drink is one’s own, but the idea that underage drinking is OK can be attributed to many factors. The blame can be spread across many sets of shoulders. The beer companies with their teen marketing and their underhanded endorsement of drinking games. MTV’s spring break programming needs to take its fair share... and since when does spring break run from February to June, can anyone tell me that? And let’s not forget those lovely film geeks like Animal House and American Pie and the lawsuits-smashed Girls Gone Wild.

Oh, and the human male sex drive. A recent study from a psychologist at Indiana State University found that 44% of men played drinking games to sexually manipulate other players, and half of those men did things later that night that could easily be defined as sexual assault. How romantic.

How exactly are we combating underage and destructive drinking?

A pledge table. For two days out of the year. That, and a bunch of small signs scattered throughout campus.

Of course, Sam Spady week last March wasn’t much better. Sigma Pi had pool, poker, and basketball tournaments, a benefit concert, a barbecue, and a beauty pageant.

Now, it may be just me, but aren’t concerts, pool, poker, basketball, and barbecues kind of associated with drinking? I mean, people don’t drink milk at these events, do they?

Speaking of Sam Spady, let’s just say nobody cares about an issue until a middle-class white girl dies.

It’s true. Sam Spady got national coverage when she decided to drink herself to death at a fraternity house, and now every chapter of Sigma Pi must carry this girl’s death on their shoulders.

Now, let me tell you a secret: Sam Spady was not the first girl to die of alcohol poisoning, nor will she be the last. She just happened to die rather spectacularly, with a blood alcohol level of 0.436... for you remedial students, that’s four times the legal limit.

She got a fraternity chapter dissolved and scarred the rest of its wins. Granted, her notoriety is mostly due to her parents founding the Sam Spady Foundation, and her parents now travel around the country promoting alcohol awareness. They had articles in several national magazines, like People and Teen Vogue. That’s really big of her folks. If I drank myself to death at a frat house, I guarantee you my father wouldn’t cross my name off the family tree and left me to rot in a stagnant, sewage-filled pond. (Don’t worry, my dad loves me... it’s just a tough love.)

Last September, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a new estimate on the number of underage deaths due to drinking. Any guesses? The number was 4,554. That’s 12 and a half kids a day. Almost half of JSU’s students gone in one year.

Do you know what else is interesting? The casualty rate for Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom currently stands at 2,022. That’s just over two thousand deaths over two and a half years. In fact, I’ve done the math, and the average daily morality rate for U.S. troops is 2.2 deaths a day.

So it’s actually safer to go to Iraq than to be drinking underage.

It’s safer to go to Iraq than drive, as well. There were 12,874 drunk-driving fatalities in 2004. That means 35 people died each day last year because someone was stupid enough to drink and drive.

Hopefully... and I mean this in the sweetest way possible... these people only managed to kill themselves. You hear stories about people driving drunk and killing others while they managed to walk away. How could you live with yourself after something like that? I can’t even imagine.

I really wish I could end this article with a plea for lowering the drinking age. In fact, there are two bills right now, one in Wisconsin and one in Vermont, with that general idea. The Vermont bill pushes for a general lowering of the drinking age to 18, while the Wisconsin bill lowers the age to 19 only for Wisconsin soldiers. (Wisconsin State Representative Matt Pettis figures if the government can entrust a 10 million-dollar tank to a 19 year old, they might as well give them a beer.)

However, there are four major obstacles to lowering the drinking age. The first is the fact that the age of 21 was chosen for a reason. In the 60’s and 70’s, the drinking age was lowered to 18 in many states. Unfortunately, there was a dramatic increase in the highway deaths of teens after the age was lowered. In 1982, 55% of crashes with teenage deaths involved alcohol. Hence the push to raise the drinking age back to 21. After raising the age, states saw a huge decrease in teen fatalities, Soon, all the states were up to 21.

Does it make sense that you can vote for president and die for your country before buying a beer? No. Is it necessary? Most likely, at least in this case.

The second issue blocking lowering drinking age is simply money. As in, the government’s money. You see, the federal government cannot dictate the drinking age. That’s a state issue. But those old guys are sneaky. If a state decides to lower the drinking age, the government will cut funding for that state’s highways. Even getting a waiver on the drinking law, Wisconsin’s soldier-drinking bill, requires an act of Congress. And we all know how much fun it is to get something through Congress.

Third hurdle—recent studies have shown that our brains don’t finish fully developing until age 20 or 21. So while 7,000 kids under the age of 16 have their first taste of alcohol every day, that won’t encourage the government to consider lowering the drinking age any younger than 21.

I mean, you can see the lawsuit coming on that one. All it would take would be one guy, aged 18, losing some brain functions due to alcohol consumption. Then the government would be slapped with a suit and we’d be right back where we started—21.

The fourth thing is, we use Europe (which has a drinking age of 16) as an example of a younger drinking America, where the forbidden aspect of drinking is gone. After all, where’s the fun if it’s allowed? A lower drinking age seems like it would reduce the number of fatalities and abuse, but the numbers don’t quite match up. A quarter of the countries in Europe have a lower teen-drinking fatality rate, a quarter have the same rate, and half of Europe has a higher rate. So, apparently, the aversion to becoming drunk isn’t so much a deciding factor as is the stupidity of the younger set. Teenage idiocy is worldwide. Huzzah.

So what can we do to end underage drinking? Sadly, it’s so simple, and so unlikely to happen. Stop drinking underage. Stop buying alcohol for friends under 21. Stop supporting movies and television shows that portray underage drinking as normal or glamorous. You can have all the education and fundraisers and functions you want, but it’s not going to do anything until that alcohol-accepting mindset is purged from our culture.

And since that’s not going to happen anytime soon, just stop being dumb when you drink. Hide the keys, lighters, and firearms, lock upper-story windows, and have someone sober enough to call 911 if it comes to that. And remember to keep the music down. The police are the last ones you want knocking on your door.
Starship:
sleeping out in an open area.”
Jacobs also spent time giving
the class his first-hand account
of living through a hurricane.
“I’ve slept through every hur-
icane that I’ve been through
since 1969 and I said I’m gonna
sleep through this one too,” he
said, telling how he and his ex-
girlfriend decided to stay in
Gulfport and weather the storm.
“At about 5:30 I hear shingles, I
hear boards. I hear everything
just flying everywhere. I look
out the window and I’m like
‘Oh, my, we’re in trouble.’
After the storm, Jacobs
stayed in Mississippi for nine
days until his family in
Eastaboga, AL convinced him
to leave and come to their
home.
“There was nothing there, I
mean nothing,” he said of the
area near the beach after the
storm. “And you look at the
highway and it’s chiseled up
into thousands of pieces.”
He, like many of the other
evacuees, is now looking for
jobs in this area. The barracks
on McClellan have been outfit-
ted with computers, allowing
them to post their resumes
online and look for work across
the country.
Here, Jacobs positive outlook
is helping him out again.
Because of his attitude as well
as his background in hotel
management, the Federal
Emergency Management
Association, the Joint Powers
Authority and the
Environmental Policy and
Information Center at
Jacksonville State University,
the groups responsible for the
McClellan project, are consid-
ering hiring him to take care of
the other evacuees.
There are currently 168 peo-
ple on McClellan - 162 at the
Noble Training facility and six
at the starship, and there is
room for up to 1,000 at the star-
ship barracks alone. The facility
is in contact with the governor
of Louisiana concerning
more people who may get sent
their way.
The Starship Barracks is just
one of the reuse projects on
McClellan that have been
undertaken by the Joint Powers
Authority. Pete Conroy, one of
JSU’s own from the
Environmental Policy/Information
Center, has been on JPA’s board since
Governor Siegelman appointed
him in April 2002 and he was
reappointed by the legislature
when that term was up.
“We have created 2,000 jobs.
There are 2,000 people working
out there every day,” said
Conroy when he spoke at the
JSU Academe meeting on
Monday. “And 200 families
living out there.”
Jobs and homes are impor-
tant, but the most important
things to Conroy have to do
with the ecological as well as
the economic impact of
McClellan’s reuse.
For example, the wildlife
refuge.
“Just to look out there and see
a mountain range, and some of
those hills are 2,000 feet high,
and it will always look like a
mountain range. It won’t look
like a development,” he said.

Pictures of the week:

One of the cars involved in a collision
near Ayers Hall last
Wednesday morning.
Crashes along this
stretch of Hwy. 204 are
easy to find, especially
during class changes.
Our reporters were
on their way to break-
fast when they hap-
pened upon this one.

Drive safely
everyone!
The line outside of Cock Diesel Saturday night stretched down the sidewalk.

The new club had its grand opening Friday night.
JSU hosts Fall Family Day

By Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Writer

“I was actually signed up to do cotton candy,” says Falen Cox, a Student Government Association Senator overseeing the children’s slide on Family Day. “But I like it so much more over here. I love kids, and they’re so excited. It’s a lot of fun.”

Family Day, held on Gamecock Field from 12:00 to 3:30 p.m., lies in the shadow of the Paul Snow Stadium. The main attractions are the two lunch tents, filled to the brim with visitors, and the large primary-colored play area. The play area has a rock climb, sponsored by the Army National Guard, and three separate inflatable courses: the Turn-Around, Cox’s Titanic Slide, and the Iceberg. Now, the Iceberg has no clear function, but the children clearly find it amusing enough to stand in line for again and again.

Cox’s former post, the cotton candy station, is between the play area and the bandstand, which currently holds the Jazz Band, and will later host the Gospel Choir, Marching Southerners, and the Cheerleaders. The cotton candy station is also almost directly under the ROTC area.

“I say under, because ROTC’s Ranger Team, a group of extremely fit and dedicated cadets, is repelling from the football stadium as its Family Day contribution. ROTC’s Almond Bell, a large locomotive bell, is struck before each descent. It’s an effective tactic, drawing all eyes up to the top of the stadium and adding a nice counterpoint to the jazz music.

“It’s a good location,” says Lieutenant Colonel Henry Hester, who joins his students as they voluntarily plunge into thin air. “I think having us near the band and the singers shows how JSU is a well-rounded campus. It addresses all the interests of prospective students.”

Apparently, an interest of prospective JSU students is teddy bear stuffing. The line for Teddy Bear Stuffers dwarfs the lunch line, which is on the other side of the bandstand.

“I did this last year and they asked me to come back,” says Mary Cable, the owner of Teddy Bear Stuffers. Based out of Quintard Mall in Oxford, Cable has printed up a special batch of JSU shirts for the little bears she’s selling. She’s very happy with how popular they are today.

“They’re a perfect present, always, every time,” Cable says.

Cheryl Cray, a prospective transfer student from Calhoun County Community College, is sporting an airbrushed JSU Football tattoo and clutching a JSU Bear.

“We were looking at Auburn, but it’s turning out to be mostly this,” Cray says, gesturing towards the main bulk of campus. “I’d really love to live in a dorm or an apartment near here.”

Cray plans on entering next fall semester as a Childhood Education major. Her brother, fresh out of high school, might join her at JSU as well.

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Right: Cheryl Cray receives her JSU bear from Mary Cable, the owner of Teddy Bear Stuffers. Cable had specially produced JSU t-shirts and airbrush tattoos for Family Day.

To Drop or Not to Drop?

By: Toni Shippey
The Chanticleer Features Writer

When students sign up for classes, how many really expect to complete all of those classes? From what I have learned lately, it does not seem like too many.

According to the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, as of September 14th, students have dropped 4624 courses this semester. At this time last year, the number was only 3097.

The reasons for people dropping vary. Talking to students, I have heard everything from “that teacher was mean” to “his tests were too hard”. I myself even dropped a class this semester, not really because the class was hard but because I did not have time for the out of class assignments that were required. Some people wait until they get their first test back to see how they fared. Some even drop after the first day when the professor reads them the riot act and tries to “lose the dead weight”.

This is for their benefit as much as the students. Teachers do not like to waste their time grading extra papers and giving additional help to students who are not going to take the class seriously.

Yet again, it comes back to the students. At the beginning of the semester, we are for the most part focused on classes. Then, the distractions start. They can come in all forms, from a neglected boyfriend or girlfriend to sleep-deprivation. Some people even have to work during the day and their schedule can’t be altered. The same thing seems to happen every semester. After the distractions begin, the classes start to be skipped. Then the grades go down and the result? Classes get dropped.

Daniel Weeks, a senior, has dropped two classes in the past. He said he dropped the first one because “it was at 7:30 and I had a job working late so it was really hard for me to get up and make it to class.” But the second class he dropped was because “I found out I didn’t need it and my workload was overwhelming.”

Many people have had the same experiences as Weeks. Some are quite different though. Second-year freshman, Chris Yow, said he just “forgot to go”, resulting in his missing assignments and eventually having to drop the class.

The stories can go on and on because we each have our own reasons (or excuses) why we need to drop. However, next fall students should probably think twice about dropping classes because JSU is getting rid of the window that allows students to have a set tuition rate from 12-16 hours. Next spring will be the last semester that the school offers this blanket rate. After this school year, students will be charged by the hour. So if you are the one footing the bill, you might want to think twice about even signing up for the hours unless you plan to stick with them.
By: Jeff Pruitt
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Jacksonville recently played host to our neighbors from across the pond when The Capes, a five-piece band from London, England, made a stop at Brother's Bar on October 8 as part of their first U.S. tour.

Opening up the night were Greedy White Citizens, a metal band from Atlanta, Georgia, and the headliner for the night was Taylor Hollinsworth, a Birmingham, Alabama singer-songwriter who combined a unique vocal styling with some excellent guitar playing.

In between were The Capes who performed an hour-long set which included, along with others, a few songs from their recent release titled *Taste*.

“Francophile,” the first song on the album, was also the group’s first song of the night. Heavier than many of their others, it matches power chords with keyboards and tops it off with some cool vocal effects.

Toward the end of the set, the band played “Tightly Wound,” which includes a reoccurring clap-along section and a Weezer-like chorus.

The Capes chose to end their set in the same manner they close out their album, with the song, “Galaxie Fraulein.”

One of their best, the song starts out with what sounds like intergalactic Warfare coming from the keyboards, adding some ominous background vocals along the way and then breaking into a psychedelic chorus that serves as a shelter from the onslaught before diving out of the chorus and back into the song.

Although unaware at the time, I would have liked to have seen the band play “Chromeless.” Since meeting the band and getting a CD, this has become my favorite song on the album.

From the first notes of the keyboard to the opening lines, “Well it’s all a lie. I don’t know what I’m thinking,” this bittersweet song uses the melancholy effect of the keyboard to complement lead singer Kris Barrat’s high-pitched voice, while tucking in a nice bass line towards the end of the song.

For more information about this band, check out their website at www.thecapes.com.
Toshi Reagon has just put out a new CD titled *Have You Heard,* not only an album title, but a good question. Have you heard? I hadn’t.

Upon receiving her CD, all I knew about Toshi is that she was being backed by Righteous Babe records, a record company ran and created by none other than the babe herself Ani Difranco. So right away I suspected an eclectic style and a great live show.

This was Toshi’s sixth full-length album, and just as I thought, heralded as another brilliant depiction of the “see it to believe it” live show that the hot vocalist/guitarist was packing.

To help ensure this depiction, she included members of her live band called “Big Lovely,” a consortium of local NY music scene all-stars.

Her live show, however, is not the only or biggest attribute allowing her to shine in a galaxy of performers. Her songwriting ability is a fresh reprise. It is formulaic only in the manner of using many different genres as breath for her musical exhalation.

Toshi has earned the respect of many musicians, including Lenny Kravitz, with whom Toshi quit school to tour with for a year and hasn’t stopped since.

Her live show impressed the likes of Elvis Costello, who invited her to play in his backup band when he appeared on Letterman.

The chaotic collaboration of styles is delightful. On songs like “Ooh Wee,” she mixes her bluesy gospel choir vocals to the quick chop of a funky guitar riff.

In the background, the groove builds with the soothing Supremes-like female back-up that brings a subtle doo-wop feel to many of the songs on the record.

She continues her genre-bending antics all the way to her final song when she delivers her take on The King’s very own “Heart Break Hotel.”

So go ahead. Pick up Toshi’s new CD. Treat yourself to the sweet sounds and see what those crazy New York undergrounders are diggin on...

Get yourself some culture, young JSU student.
You’ve earned it.
The “Curse of the Turf” is over, as the Gamecocks claimed a 31-17 victory over high flying UT Martin SkyHawks on the strength of Clay Green’s fourth straight 100 yard rushing game and six UT Martin turnovers.

The saying goes “Nobody takes care of business like you do” and the Gamecocks definitely need to take care of business from here on out.

Jacksonville State must be living right because a gift from the sky fell on the Gamecocks as the Eastern Kentucky Colonels were beaten by the Eastern Illinois Panthers this past Saturday 53-22. The game was important for the Gamecocks as Eastern Kentucky beat JSU earlier in the season and held the tiebreaker over JSU. Now the final home game of the year for the Gamecocks against Eastern Illinois just became a big deal.

The game sets up a big scenario for the Gamecocks as the team tries to three-peat as Ohio Valley Conference Champions.

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

unbelievable inside track to their third straight ring if they take care of business.

All the marbles don’t rest on the shoulders of the Racers either. Both teams still have UT Martin left on the schedule and the SkyHawks can score a lot of points if they don’t turn the ball over. All three teams still have to play Tennessee State at Nashville so the Tigers will definitely play a key role in the OVC race.

“I think the game did a lot for us mentally. I also think with Eastern Kentucky getting beat that did a lot for us mentally as well,” said Head Coach Jack Crowe.

“I think we're more on track than where we were with the close lost to Furman early in the year. If we take care of our business, we can decide who will win the league and have a chance to get back into the playoffs.”

Preview
The Gamecocks travel to “Music City” Nashville, Tennessee to take on the Tennessee State Tigers. The Tigers are fresh off beating Tennessee Tech 31-20 and are 2-3 overall. The Tigers lead the league in total, scoring and pass defense.

“We’ve got to have our best offensive day. I really think we’re on schedule to have the best offensive day,” said Crowe. “We haven’t had a day where the running and passing game were integrated and at maximum point production.”

The Tigers are finding their identity on offense and rely heavily on their defense to win the line of scrimmage and the field position game. The Gamecocks will have to make sure they put a hat on pass rusher Jonathan Edwards or he will wreak havoc on Maurice Mullins.

Prediction
The Gamecocks are gaining some confidence and are starting to mesh as a football team. They are starting to believe they are a lot better than their record indicates (3-4).

“I think until we distance ourselves with a lot of wins, we’re going to be working on getting our self esteem back, said Crowe. “I still think we’re a volatile team, I mean, we can turn on ourselves or turn on somebody else at...
Gamecock Athlete spotlight of the week

By David Howton
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

We are all aware of the larger sports here on campus. Football, Basketball. Even baseball...but many of us are not that familiar with the smaller, yet faster growing sports like track and field. This past week we sat down with Josphat Waweru, our leading track-and-field runner who hails from Nakuru, Kenya, to ask him the probing questions that you are all dying to know.

CS: First off, why don’t you tell us why you decided to on Jacksonville State?

JW: I was recruited by another coach, then through a mutual friend, I came to JSU. Between that, running and my major, I decided to stay here.

CS: If you were not running at here at JSU, what would you be doing?

JW: Focusing on school.

CS: What’s your major?

JW: Electronics Technology

CS: What are the toughest and easiest teams you’ve run against?

JW: There’s not really a tough team. There are tough individuals. The guys from South Alabama are pretty good. As a team they are not as good.

CS: Where is your favorite place to run?

JW: Anywhere that is flat. Like on a track.

CS: What’s your favorite hobby?

JW: Soccer. We always play soccer.

DH: Do you have a most embarrassing moment?

JW: Here at JSU?

CS: Yeah.

JW: When I first came here, I was very new and didn’t know the kinds of food to eat, I would have trouble at restaurants so I would just point to a picture and whatever they give me, that’s what I would eat.

CS: What is in your CD player right now? Who is your favorite artist?

JW: Anthony Hamilton.

CS: If you could tell JSU students anything about you, something that wouldn’t mind them knowing, what would it be?

JW: Some people think I am not aware of stuff, being an international student. Things are tough. I haven’t seen my family in the last four years. I am out by myself. It’s been a hard way to learn. I’ve struggled but I’ve made it.

CS: What’s your favorite section?

JW: Always get started with the sports, especially the volleyball. I’m a very big fan of that. I like football too. I always go there.

CS: Did you read the cross-country article last week?

JW: Yeah I did.

CS: You guys have OVC coming up in two weeks, right?

JW: Yeah.

CS: What do you think your toughest competition is going to be from a team standpoint?

JW: We have a chance to win the competition but definitely have two teams that are pretty good; Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Illinois but I think EKU is going to give us our toughest competition.

CS: What about nationals you have coming up in a month? Do you see you guys doing well in Nationals?

JW: On a national level, we have not gotten to that level. Maybe individually maybe someone can get a spot in the top 10 or maybe top 15 but as a team, we don’t see to do very well.

After sitting down with Josphat, one got a lasting impression of his work ethic. His passion for running and a thirst for education is the reason we choose him as our spotlight. For those of you who do not know this young man, you should. He, along with the other runners, and Coach Ray are putting Jacksonville State on the national map. They may not be at the top of the mountain yet but they never quit climbing.

They have already left a lasting impression on the OVC winning this past weekend at Georgia Tech, making it their third victory this season.

Waweru

JSU golf shoots third lowest round in school history at Mission Inn

By Staff Reports
The JSU Athletic Department

Jacksonville State shot the third lowest round in school history with a 1-under par 282 on Sunday to win the team championship and sophomore Julian Colmenares won medalist honors at the Mission Inn Collegiate Classic.

The Gamecocks finished with a 54-hole total score of 845 to edge past Ohio Valley Conference foe Murray State’s total of 850 to claim a 5-shot win. It was the first win of the season for the Gamecocks after finishing second in their first event three weeks ago.

Second round leader Ole Dominion (856) finished third, followed by Elon (865) while Radford and St. John’s tied for fifth with a total of 866 in the 18-team field.

Jax State entered Sunday’s final round in third place, behind ODU by five shots and Murray State held a two-shot lead over the Gamecocks.

“I just can’t say enough about the way we played on Sunday,” said JSU head coach James Hobbs. “We entered the final in third place and five shots out of the lead, so we knew we needed to put up a low score to win.

“Anytime you score as low as we did, that’s proof that everybody had a good, solid round,” added Hobbs.

Colmenares shot the third lowest round in school history with a 65 in Sunday’s final round to claim a 2-shot win over Murray State’s Michael Craft. Colmenares shot rounds of 69-71-65 to post an 8-under par 205 to win his second career tournament. His previous low round was a 67 during last season’s 8-under par 205 to win his second career tournament. His previous low round was a 67 during last season’s 8-under par 205 to win his second career tournament.

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Can we say three-peat for the Desperado!

By Brandon Weems
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The Gamecocks dropped two road conference matches by a slim margin at Southeast Missouri State and Eastern Illinois over the weekend.

"I thought our team played with a lot of heart and a lot of courage," JSU coach Julie Davis said. "We played against two opponents that play very different styles of soccer. We had to make sure we were trying to disrupt their style of play in order to play our style which is more of a possession style. I felt that they did a very good job of that."

The Gamecocks lost a 2-1 decision to the Redhawks (8-4-1, 4-1 OVC) on Friday night, behind the foot of SEMO’s Lisa Schweppe.

The Redhawks jumped on the board first at the 9:56 mark when Schweppe scored her first goal of the year. Mary Kalinowski grabbed her fifth assist of the year on the goal. The Gamecocks were able to stay on top of their game as Christina Balint answered with a goal at the 15:11 mark. Daniela Malta picked up the assist for the Gamecocks on the corner kick.

The Gamecocks had a scoring chance in the 23rd minute when Joanna McQuaugh fired a shot that was saved by SEMO goalkeeper, Lindsay Pickering. For the rest of the first half, neither team was able to take a shot as the half ended.

SEMO came out firing early in the second half, but keeper Amanda Stephens used her abilities to keep the game tied up with two great saves. The Redhawks were finally able to find the back of the net in 71st minute off an unassisted goal by Schweppe. Stephens finished the game with an astounding six saves in goal for the Gamecocks (6-8-1, 3-4 OVC).

Coach Davis said of her team’s performance, "I don’t think that the scores really affect how the girls played this weekend."

The Gamecocks lost a 1-0 decision to perennial power Eastern Illinois (7-8-1, 5-1-1 OVC) in the closing minutes on Sunday. Michelle Steinhauer scored in the 85th minute from 10 yards out, off a pass from Sharyne Connell who picked up the assist on the goal.

The first half on Sunday saw both teams keeping possession of the ball to find opportunities. The game was very slow offensively as both teams only produced five total shots on goal. Stephens finished the game with three saves in goal for the Gamecocks.

Jacksonville State University is set for the final weekend in conference play. This will be huge as the Gamecocks will play for a chance to go to the conference tournament. Right now, the Gamecocks are in tie for sixth place in conference play with Tennessee Tech, which will be the opponent for the Gamecocks on Sunday.

If the Gamecocks win both games this weekend, it could possibly help them receive a better seed in the tournament. The Chanticleer was able to ask Coach Davis of her thoughts against Tennessee Tech this weekend.

"Well there are two advantages one, we’re at home, which is always nice to play here. I think both of these games are crucial. It’s not necessarily just the Tennessee Tech game but both are important. If it’s Tennessee Tech that we have to face then I would rather it be them. They have been inconsistent. Tech has had ups and downs in their season as well. They have not really found a way to string wins together like our group has." The Gamecocks will be the host of Austin Peay tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. and Tennessee Tech Sunday at 1:00 p.m., to finish conference play.

Men’s Cross Country wins at Ga St

By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Josphat Waweru topped the college rankings for men’s cross-country yet again at Georgia State University October 15 with his 25:12.31 finish in the 8K race.

For this accomplishment, the Ohio Valley Conference named him as their athlete of the week for the second week in a row and the third week this season.

Waweru takes athlete of the week for the third time this season

than their closest competitor, Kennesaw State.

The ladies’ cross-country team did well in their meet as well, snagging fifth place, 31.94 seconds behind East Tennessee State University.

"There were two fairly big hills that we had to do twice," said Lesley Binning, the top female runner from JSU for the Georgia State meet, adding that they did well despite the fact that they had to run well."

Though they only took fifth, the girls ran their second best time of the season, best time being the Auburn meet which was held on October 8.

Next, the men and women look forward to the Ohio Valley Conference meet on October 29 in Charleston, Ill.

“As a team, the goal’s to win," said McKay.

“There’s two other good teams on the men’s side —
Volleyball Splits Weekend Road Trip

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Assistant Sports Editor

The JSU volleyball team moved up to third place in the Ohio Valley Conference after concluding a four-match road trip with a split this weekend.

The Gamecocks were defeated 3-1, by defending conference champions Eastern Kentucky Friday night and defeating Morehead State 3-1 on Saturday.

Offensively, the Gamecocks (9-9, 6-2 OVC) were led by the trio of Abbey Breit, Katie Moyers and Suzi Terrell as Eastern Kentucky extended its winning streak at home to 21 matches. Moyers had a career-high 17 kills while Breit and Terrell contributed 19 and 16 respectively.

The Gamecocks took the first game against the defending champs 30-23, but EKU proved to be too much in the end, taking the following three games 30-22, 30-18, and 30-27.

"They were able to take the momentum," said JSU coach Rick Nold. "It took until sometime near the beginning of the fourth game before we made the switch and picked up our serves. I thought in the first game and most of the fourth, we played very well. It's just a matter of consistency."

After holding the Colonels to a .083 hitting percentage in game one, the Gamecocks were unable to hold off EKU's offensive production as they were out-hit in the three final games.

The final leg of the Gamecocks' road trip featured a career-high 44 assists from sophomore Annie O'Connor and a series of dominating runs from serve as JSU pounded Morehead State 30-13 in the first game, and winning the second game 30-27. After the Eagles survived the third game, winning 31-29, the Gamecocks put Morehead State away in the fourth, 30-19.

The first game was as one sided as it was thanks to a 8-0 run to close the game out that included four service aces by Terrell and a .500 hitting percentage for the team.

The second game was a bit closer, but nine errors by the Eagles kept them from capitalizing on opportunities that could have resulted in the extra points needed to win the second game.

In game three, Morehead State found itself in an early 15-10 deficit before storming back with a 8-0 run that helped them take the lead and hold on.

"They're struggling with injuries," said Nold of Morehead State. "They lost their setter and a couple more people. We came out and I thought we started off really aggressive. The third game, I didn't think we were down that much, they just made some good plays and got some momentum, obviously being at home helped. After that, I was really happy that we were able to force them to tighten up."

In the fourth game, it was an 11-1 run that gave the Gamecocks all the momentum they needed.

Terrell and Breit were the offensive spark that JSU needed in the win against the Eagles, with 22 kills each while JSU's all time leader in digs, Kisha West, led the charge on defense with 22 digs.

Preview
The Gamecocks finally return to Pete Mathews Coliseum this weekend where
By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The theme for this year's homecoming is Hollywood Homecoming.

The ten girls that won the Homecoming Pageant, held on October 13, are as follows (from l-r above):

Ashley Smith, 21, was sponsored by the Student Athletic Advisor Committee. She is majoring in Nursing and is from The Woodlands, Texas.

Kristin Piper, 21, was sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha. She is majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in English and is from Marietta, Georgia.

Beth Cantrell, 22, was sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha. She is majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in English and is from Marietta, Georgia.

Kati Richards, 21, is from Cleveland, Alabama. She is majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in General Science. She is from Cullman, Alabama.

Stacy Hansen, 20, is from Jacksonville, Alabama. She was sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha and is majoring in Nursing.

Bonnie Head, 20, was sponsored by Alpha Xi Delta. She is majoring in Communications with a minor in Marketing. She is from Rockmart, Georgia.

Chantel Hill, 22, is from Bessemer, Alabama and is majoring in Nursing. She was sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta.

Allison Crow, 22, was sponsored by GO Leaders. She is from Alexandria, Alabama and is majoring in Elementary Education.

Jessica Graves, 21, is from Attalla, Alabama. She was sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta and is majoring in Nursing.

Mary Blackwell, 20, was sponsored by Delta Chi. She is majoring in Nursing and is from Hoover, Alabama.
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