



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.

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Bailamos

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The Chanticleer Staff Writers

The International House and Student Government Association hosted a Latin Dance Night on Wednesday, Oct. 12, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. The International Students Organization and the SGA heavily decorated the TMB auditorium. Filled with multi-colored streamers, balloons, and confetti, the scent of Mexican food floated beyond the doors. Chips, beans, salsa, and fruit had been laid out on tables for students to snack on, but everyone was really looking forward to the dancing.

"I want to learn about Latin dance," said freshman Kajuan Green.

Casi Gunter added that it would be interesting for her to do the mamba, samba, and rumba dances she learned in JSU's Swing class.

The house lights were dimmed as four dancers took center stage. Soraya Molina, a native of El Salvador, put Latin artists Bacilos Caraluna and Shakira on the CD player. As the girls begin a Latin line dance, the stage lights came on and threw their shadows across the room. Individual students and couples joined them, and

Students dance to a Latin beat at TMB.



"We had a few that were really upset about it, they thought it was a prison or a dungeon," he said, referring to the barracks on McClellan. "Thing is, a lot of people don't realize that some of us could have been in the Astrodome, 5,000 cots just

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and drew their shadows across the room. Individual students and couples joined them, and soon almost everyone was dancing. The night was a success.

"It's my favorite thing to be involved with foreign student extracurricular activities," said John Gladden at the end of the night.

Students enjoy the Latin Dance Party in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Jeff Clark, the International Programs Coordinator, said "I believe that Hispanic Heritage Month is an excellent opportunity to educate students about different Hispanic cultures and facilitate bridging the gap between students of Hispanic decent and those from around the world."

Photo By: Constance Glenn

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 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. Located in rooms 240 and 241, next to the Academic Computer Services office, the Self Hall labs have the same software and internet access that the ACE and library labs have, including all Microsoft Office programs and Minitab. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Academic Computer Services also operates a lab in Merrill Building. Their hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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 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 the 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 for 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 stu-

dent use all the time. For lab hours, call the department of that particular lab. Hours are often posted outside the labs themselves.

In the Lureen 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 I

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Photo By: Patrick Swafford

Freshman technology major Ashleigh Frost uses the computer lab in Self Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NPHC: Cocky Showdown Step Show October 29, 9 p.m., Pete Mathews Coliseum Tickets available NOW at the Office of Student Life, \$7 for students, \$10 for all else.

Contact: jsustepshow@hotmail.com

BCM: Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

JSU Writers' Club: Meetings every Wednesday 3 p.m., 7th floor of Houston Cole Library
The Dr. Robert U. Moersch Short Fiction Writing Contest is taking entrants through November 4.

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

University Police: UPD will be sponsoring a free bicycle safety class for riders of all ages October 22 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. No bicycle required.

Contact: UPD at 782-5050 or the instructor, Dr. Jones at 236-6993

JSU Pottery Guild: The JSU Pottery Guild will be sponsoring Southern Masquerade Experience, a horror/costume event with a halloween theme at the JSU/Gadsden State campus on the former Ft. McClellan October 28-30. They will be screening horror films and will have merchandise for sale.
Contact: Brian Breedwell, 847-3628 or see their website at www.eastmeetswest.com

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

Summer Leadership Opportunity: The Department of Military Science is seeking students who have 54 hours or more to attend a four-week leadership course this summer. Travel, meals, and lodging are paid and students receive \$770. Contact: Major Dean Shackelford at 782-5601.

Zeta Tau Alpha: We hope that everyone is having a great week! We are so proud of our new member, Morgan Mowen. Congratulations to Kristen Piper who was recently recognized as K.A.'s "Rose" and Stacy Hansen who is Delta Chi's "Sweetheart" and also "Miss Greek of the week" by Junior Panhellenic. We are looking forward to our homecoming activities with Kappa Alpha Order next week! Go Gamecocks!
Contact: Natalie Shearer - natalie_shearer@hotmail.com

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 faculty 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.

Old 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 \$190 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.

The Gamecock Pep Squad, an organization to support football games at other campuses, was allocated \$300 to pay for fuel to the Tennessee State game.

Ad hoc Elections Committee: A bill to add an Ad hoc Elections Committee was passed. It will assemble if there is a debate about an election, then disassemble after the problem has been solved.

Office of Publicity: This bill requires the Director of the Office of Publicity to have a GPA of at least 2.5 and be a sophomore in good academic standing. Senator Chauncey Slater proposed the amendment requiring sophomore status. The bill was passed with the amendment.

Allocation Requirements: The bill was passed stating that in order for an organization to receive an allocation representatives must attend at

least one O.C. meeting.

Academic Affairs: The Academic Affairs Committee is trying to acquire more cash to card machines and place change machines in dorms. They are currently trying to get ashtrays moved at least six feet from doors to help students that have asthma.

Residence Life and Facilities: Committee Head Senator Jessica Firestone listed the six goals that the committee has. They are as follows: getting new phones with caller ID in all dorms, having a 75 cent charge for washing machines instead of \$1, having one semester housing contracts, making wireless internet available in all dorms, and placing more trash cans in every dorm. A survey will go out next week for opinions and ideas.

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

Alpha Xi Delta: Thanks Samantha for putting on a great Parents Day Tea! You did an awesome job! We are looking forward to initiation this weekend! Congratulations Bonnie! Sister of the Week: Samantha McGee; New Member: Courtney Ray. Go Gamecocks!!!

Contact: Amy Walker - amy_roo@excite.com

Yellow Ribbon Society: The YRS is a student-run organization dedicated to the support of military forces and their families. Students interested in joining should send an e-mail with contact info and schedule to Ricard Chappell at yellowribbonsociety@yahoo.com

NAMI at JSU: We are currently forming a student chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness here at JSU. NAMI is devoted to the education and support of all mental illnesses. Interested students should e-mail Jessica Summe at NAMLatJSU@yahoo.com

Mimosa: SMILE! Student/Faculty pictures will be taken for the 2006 Mimosa on Thursday, Oct. 27 on the first floor of TMB.

Homecoming Elections: VOTE TODAY for the 2006 Homecoming Court at the Auditorium in TMB from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gamecock Orientation Leaders: It was great seeing everyone's parents out for Family Day. Interested in becoming a Gamecock Orientation Leader? Pick up an application now in the Office of Student Life. Have a safe weekend! Contact: Dana Roberts or Matt Morgan: GoPc2006@yahoo.com

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

CAMPUS CRIME

October 11-

Reginald Jerome Sandridge was arrested for simple assault/domestic violence and possession of marijuana.

October 16 -

Tiffany Dawn Hauk reported a billfold and its contents stolen from a 1999 Oldsmobile Cutless at the intersection of Cole Drive and Mountain Street.

Information in Campus Crime is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents that anyone has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe any information to be an error, call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

By: James Burton
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

You've probably seen that beaten up old car on the lawn in front of the TMB and wondered, "Is it 'Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Mitsubishi's' 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 to learn when 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 can not prove that the number of alcohol related crimes has decreased.

"It probably went up," Cpl. Neil Fetner said, "But I can't

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Photo By: James Burton

JSU students sign pledge cards in the Theron Montgomery Building during Alcohol Awareness Week.

Testing 1,2,3...

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 cele-

bration. 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.jsufootballclub.org.

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 111 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 Cletus'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

"To win a car and to get Chiclets," James Wilson

The bottom line is that this is a very good program that can save lives and has probably already saved lives. But it will not work without the willpower of the people who surround the area. Neither this article nor I will stop alcohol-related crimes, but if I have convinced one person to stick the 24 pack of Bud back in the refrigerator, then I have accomplished my mission. Just think of the words of an old bumper sticker on the back of my truck:

S.O.B.E.R. = Slow On the Bottle. Enjoy the Road.

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 Terry Marbut.

Need to type of a speech for a communications class? Room 184 in self hall is home to the communications computer lab for communications majors. Although a password is not required to get in, students needing to use the lab will need to sign up outside the lab twenty-four hours in advance so the lab worker can open the lab.

"We would rather have someone sign up for scheduling purposes," says Mike Steadham. "If it's an emergency and someone has a paper due tomorrow, we won't kick them out as long

as there is a lab assistant in there."

Instead of typing a paper, how about composing a piece of sheet music? Room 104 of Dixon Hall is home to the music department's computer lab. What makes this lab different from the others is the Finale 2003 and MUSE programs available for sheet music and composing on the computers, as well as the speakers hooked up to the computer.

"Unlike other labs that don't have speakers, this lab has working speakers in order for users to hear what they have composed," says lab assistant Adam Joseph Lankford. Be forewarned that the music lab does not yet have the student ID card printing system installed yet.

Over in Ramona Woods Hall, the education department has two sets of computer labs. The multimedia instructional lab in room 207 is a teacher's friend with a pioneer laser disc 2400 that is connected to interactive SMART white boards for teach-

ing purposes. Also available in the MIL are scanners and digital cameras for capturing images.

"The main reason for the multimedia lab is for education majors to learn how to use today's technological tools in the classroom," says lab supervisor Mike Zenanko. In fact, the MIL is in compliance of 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 in case one needs help on a teaching project. Also available in Ramona Woods Hall is the Mac Lab with general equipment, such as Apple Mac computers rather than Dell computers, for student use.

Physical Science departments have their share of labs over in Martin Hall. The geography lab is used for geography students needing to map GIS systems and other geography

related programs. Ever want to hear a bird call? The biology computer lab has the Raven Bioacoustics Research Program for ornithology students to identify different bird calls along with the basic Microsoft office programs. Also in Martin Hall is the chemistry computer lab.

Over at Stone Center, the English lab located in room 229 is used for classes only and is not for general purposes. Also located in the Stone Center are the art lab and the history lab. The foreign language lab is used by foreign language students needing to type papers and work on assignments with the multimedia discs that come with the textbooks.

According to the flyers across campus that post the lab hours for Self Hall, students are highly encouraged to come to the labs to do research on the internet, type papers, and check email.

"I do not feel students take enough advantage of these labs," says Self Hall lab assis-

tant Charlie Wyatt. "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, work on homework.

These lab assistants 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.

"She held the mouse right up to the arrow on the screen and could not understand why it would not work," says Smith. Despite these few incidents, all computer lab assistants at JSU are here to answer any type of question a student may have. "I have never had a ridiculous question asked before by a stu-

dent," says Self Hall lab assistant Jamie Bond.

Forgot the hours of all the open labs? Call 782-8140 for lab hours. For problems with GEM or need assistance in the Self Hall or Merrill Hall computer labs, call the ACS at 782-5381, or stop by their office located in room 239 of Self Hall.

ACS director Stacy Bonds strongly encourages users of the other departmental and general use labs to contact the staff on duty over at the particular lab first and to use the ACS only as a last resort.

"We maintain so many labs it is hard for us to be everywhere immediately," states Bonds. In fact, users of the Houston Cole lab can call the circulation desk at 782-5758 if no lab assistant is available.

When the computer breaks, or you have questions about how to work Microsoft Word, the general use labs are open to all JSU students.

"It is quiet up here and you can ask for help," says Wyatt.

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Katie Mathis
Junior

"No, I haven't. They are not safe, and I don't think racing to get drunk is a good idea"



Garret Bass
Junior

"No, it's not my thing. I drink a little, but not in excess."

OPINION

Maybe it's bird flu...

By: Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Assisant Sports Editor

What's your favorite season? Summer? Winter? Mine's football season.

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.

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



It's all fun and games until somebody dies



Tamesha Williams
Freshman

"No, I'm not a drinker. I really don't like beer that much."



Josh Flemming
Freshman

"Yes, I play a little bit of them all. There is no one in particular that I like the best."

By: Jessica Summe
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 gems like *Animal House* and *American Pie* and the lawsuit-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 those 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 scared the rest out of their wits. 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 would've crossed 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 mortality 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 lower 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 states' highways. Even getting a waiver on the drinking law, like 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 condone drinking 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 availability of alcohol 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.

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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 hurricane 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 outfitted 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 considering hiring him to take care of the other evacuees.

There are currently 168 people on McClellan - 162 at the Noble Training facility and six at the starship, and there is room for up to 1,000 at the starship barracks alone. The facility is in contact with the governor of Louisiana concerning more people who may get sent their way.

On October 22, FEMA will showcase the facilities at McClellan for evacuees. Beginning at noon, they will have an open house for the Starship barracks. There, the

public will be able to view the FEMA Mobile Disaster Recovery Center, look over a state/FEMA travel trailer and talk to recovery specialists about any concerns they have.

Their hope is that evacuees that are currently having to stay with relatives or in hotel rooms will see what McClellan has to offer them and move into the barracks.

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 important, 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.

JPA has themed much of their redevelopment around the arts. They are working to develop an artists' community where tourists can come to watch craftspeople at work on pottery and glass blowing as well as various other art forms. One possible addition, the violin and cello manufacturer Howard Core Company, LLC, met with the board on Tuesday to discuss their future at McClellan.

In addition to the artists' village, each summer the Alabama Symphony Orchestra makes their home in Longleaf Park and Anniston's own Community Actors' Studio Theatre has its home in Zannie Theatre at Buckner Center.

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 breakfast when they happened upon this one.

Drive safely everyone!



Drive safely
everyone!

Photo by: David Howton

The line outside of
Cock Diesel Saturday
night stretched down
the sidewalk.
The new club had its
grand opening Friday
night.

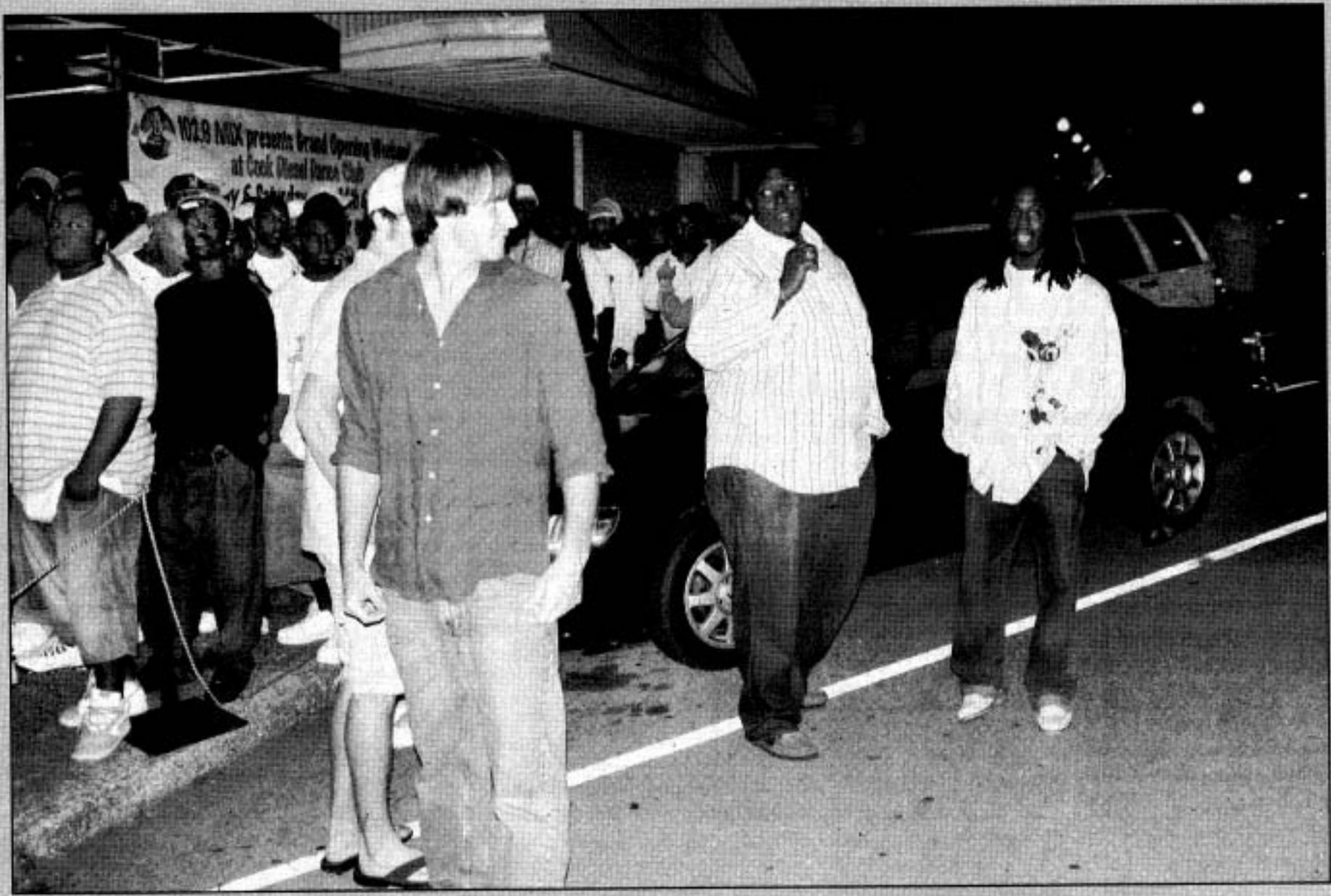


Photo by: Jennifer Bacchus

JSU hosts Fall Family Day



Photos by Jessica Summe

Top: Cadet Bunt, of ROTC's Ranger Team, prepares to repel down from the Paul Snow Stadium.

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.

"I want to play football," says William Wilson, another prospec-

p.m., although volunteers man their stations at 12:00. Every department on campus has a display inside the hall's gym, with representatives answering any questions about their respective departments. Student volunteers greet each visitor at the gym doors with a plastic JSU bag, which they then fill with fliers and freebies from the various departments in which they are interested. The SGA also offered dorm tours to interested students.

"We're just looking for ideas right now," says Brittany Sheets, an eighth-grader. "I was thinking about being a doctor or a nurse, or maybe a lawyer." Her friend, Meagan Cabrer, another eighth-grader, wants to study the culinary arts.

Jayla Williams, whose two brothers are considering JSU, is at Family/Preview Day with three of her friends.

"We really liked the choir," says Williams. She and her friends, who are all in fifth grade, rush through the last row of departmental displays before heading back to Gamecock Field to watch the Cheerleaders perform.

"Family Day is a huge event," says Mardracus Russell, the SGA President. "Marshomtri Reid is the head of the committee, and they've



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



ball,” says William Wilson, another prospective transfer student currently attending Southern Union. “I went to UAB, but I think I’d like it better here. It’s nicer on a smaller campus.”

Inside Stephenson Hall, Family Day turns into Preview Day and is held from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00

Reid is the head of the committee, and they’ve been having weekly meetings since the beginning of September.” He looks over the field, which is overflowing with visitors. “We’re lucky to have such wonderful volunteers on such a beautiful day.”

Go 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.

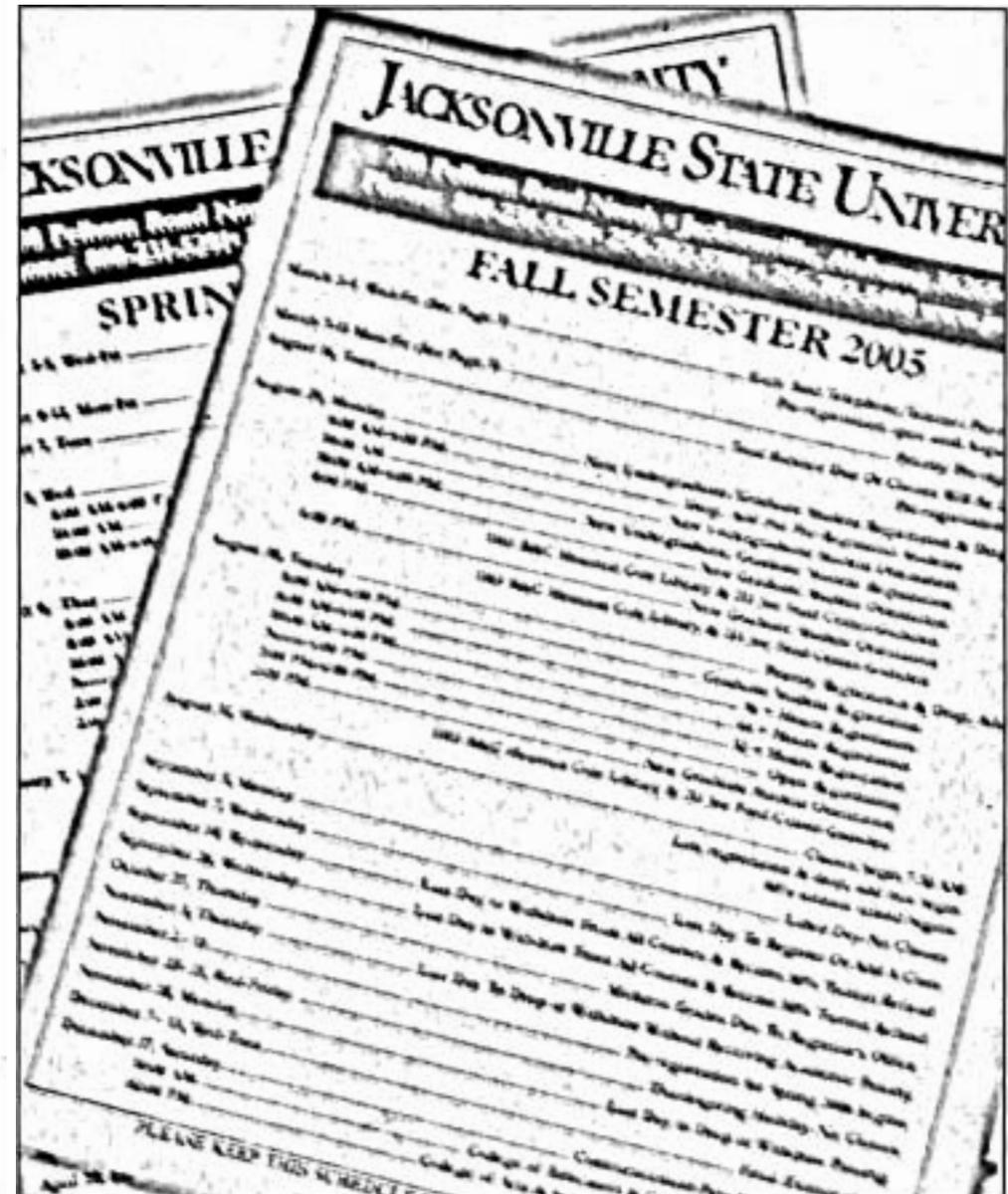
Yet again, it comes back to the students. At the beginning of the semester, we are for the most part focused on classes. Then, the distractions start. They can come in all forms, from a neglected boyfriend or girlfriend to sleep-deprivation. Some people even have to work during the day and their schedule 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.





REVIEWS

THE CAPES SAVE THE DAY

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.the-capes.com.

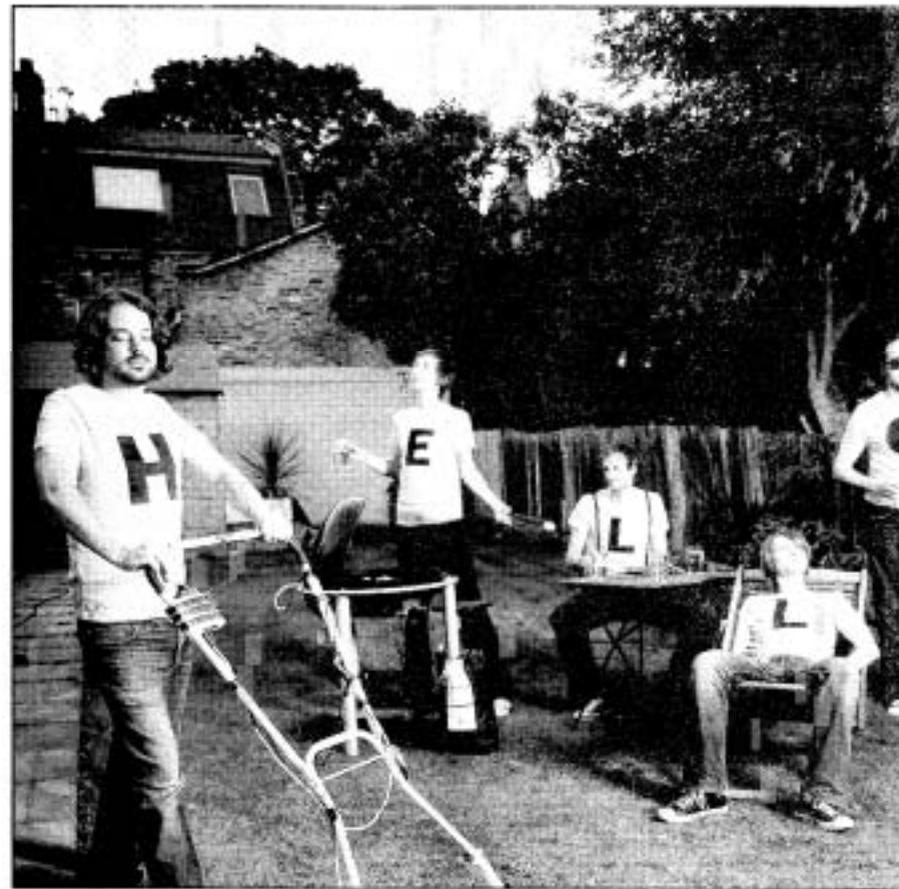


Photo Courtesy of The Capes

Just your typical day for The Capes. Pictured from left to right are: Richard Gladman (keyboard, guitar), Rupert Cresswell (bass), Rupert Phelps (drums), Kris Barratt (vocals, guitar), and Nick Cresswell (guitar, keyboard). The band performed at Brother's Bar on October 8 as part of their first U.S. tour.

Jacksonville

Brother's Bar

Thursday Oct. 20, 2005
Michael Toicher/ The Charms
Friday Oct. 21, 2005
Jacob Probus (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
92J Fall Benefit
Saturday Oct. 22, 2005
92J Fall Benefit
Monday Oct. 24, 2005
Open Mic Nite
Tuesday Oct. 25, 2005
Tuesday Nite Drinking Club
w/ Jacob Probus
Wednesday Oct. 26, 2005
Ladies Nite w/ DJ Crash

Gadsden

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Thursday Oct. 20, 2005
Albert Simpson
Friday Oct. 21, 2005
The Rounders
Saturday Oct. 22, 2005
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Wednesday Oct. 26, 2005
Albert Simpson
Chestnut Station
Saturday Oct. 22, 2005
Firewood
Second Street Music Hall
Friday Oct. 21, 2005
Jack Pearson
Saturday Oct. 22, 2005
Jimmy Hall
Wednesday Oct. 26, 2005
Blueground Undergrass

Birmingham

The Nick

Thursday Oct. 20, 2005
The Close/ Through The Sparks/
The Whitey Herzogs
Friday Oct. 21, 2005
Cattywampus/ Influence/ David Childers
Saturday Oct. 22, 2005
Dressy Bessy/ Cordova
Monday Oct. 24, 2005
The Independents/ Nowhere Squares/ Baak Gwai
Workplay
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The Movement
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TOSHI REAGON HAVE YOU HEARD

By: Jeff Fuller
The Chanticleer Features Editor

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 Wednesday Oct. 26, 2005
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 Alabama Theatre
 Thursday Oct. 20, 2005
 The String Cheese Incident

Atlanta
 Smith's Olde Bar
 Thursday Oct. 20, 2005
 Hot Buttered Rum String Band
 Native Immigrants
 Friday Oct. 21, 2005
 Five Star Iris/ Elvation/ Scott
 Celani
 Saturday Oct. 22, 2005
 Tony Joe White/ Slim Chance
 & The Convicts
 Monday Oct. 24, 2005
 Wilson Empire/ Popular
 Genius/ Twinick
 Tuesday Oct. 25, 2005
 Moon Tower/ The Fiddleworms
 Wednesday Oct. 26, 2005
 Paul Thorn/ Zack Brown
 Variety Playhouse
 Friday Oct. 21, 2005
 Al Dimeola
 Saturday Oct. 22, 2005
 Buckethead
 The Fox Theatre
 Friday Oct. 21-22, 2005
 The String Cheese Incident
 The Masquerade
 Thursday Oct. 20, 2005
 The Adicts
 Friday Oct. 21, 2005
 Fear Before the March of
 Flames
 Saturday Oct. 22, 2005
 Black Dahlia Murder/ Street
 Dogs
 Monday Oct. 24, 2005
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 Tuesday Oct. 25, 2005
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 Monday Oct. 24, 2005
 Rob Thomas/ Antigone Rising
 Wednesday Oct. 26, 2005
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 Earthlink Live
 Friday Oct. 21, 2005
 Danzig
 Gwinnett Center
 Tuesday Oct. 25, 2005
 Audioslave
 Phillips Arena
 Wednesday Oct. 26, 2005
 Neil Diamond

By: Jen Fuller
 The Chanticleer Features Writer

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 back-up 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.

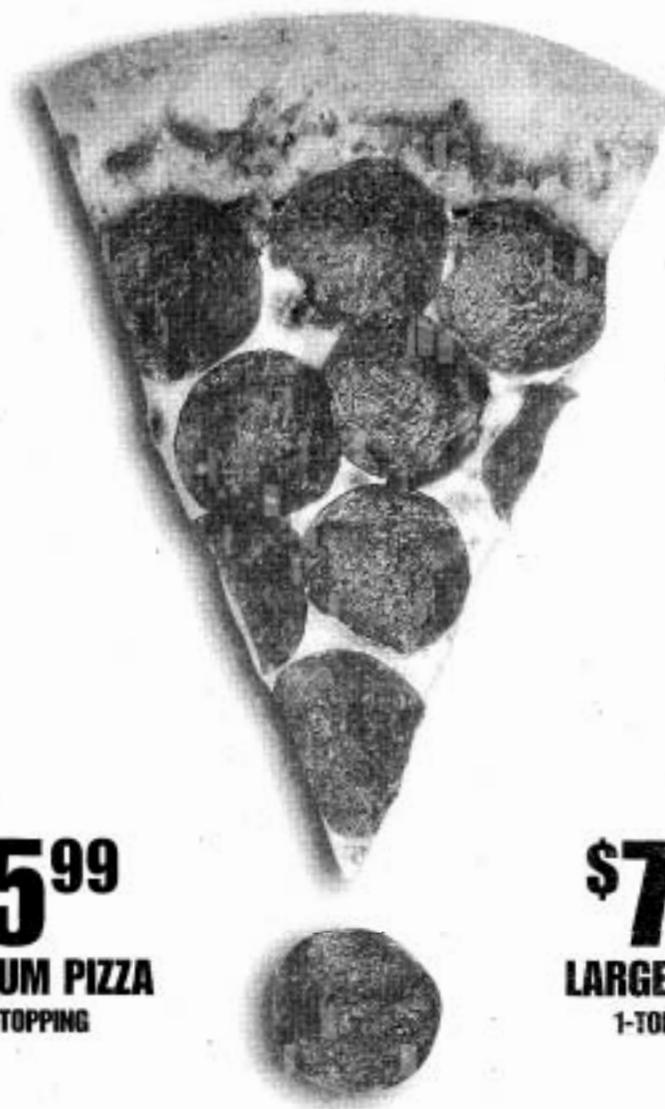
She continues her genre-bending antics all the way to her final song when she delivers her take on The King's very own "Heart Break Hotel."

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.

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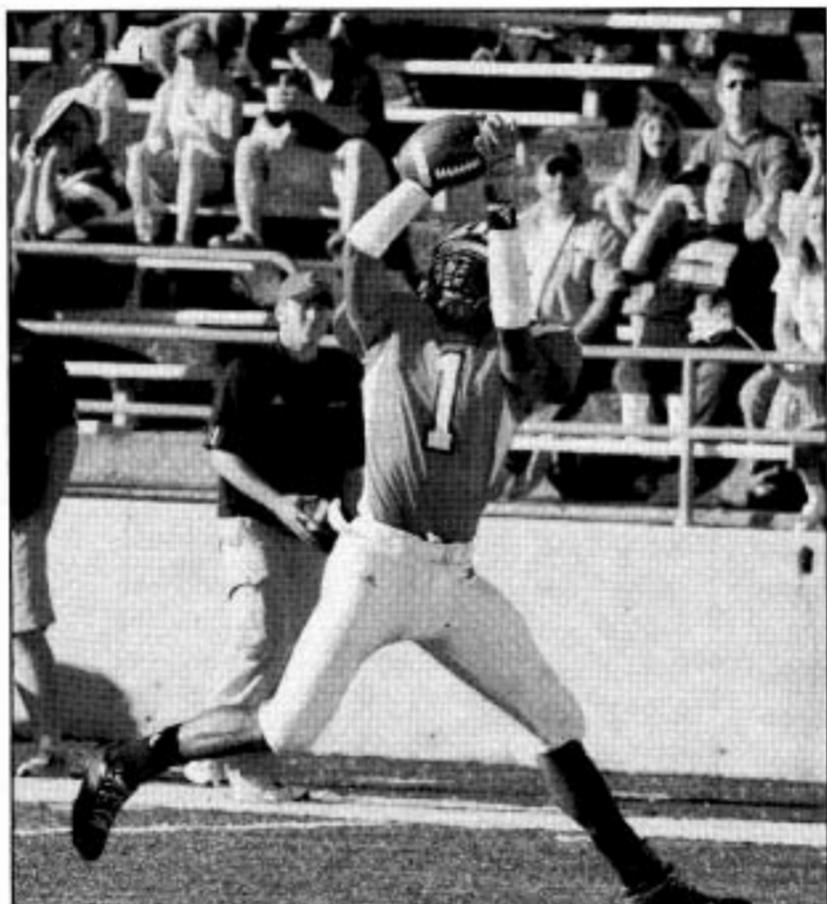
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Who said, "Curse of the Turf?"



By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

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.

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.

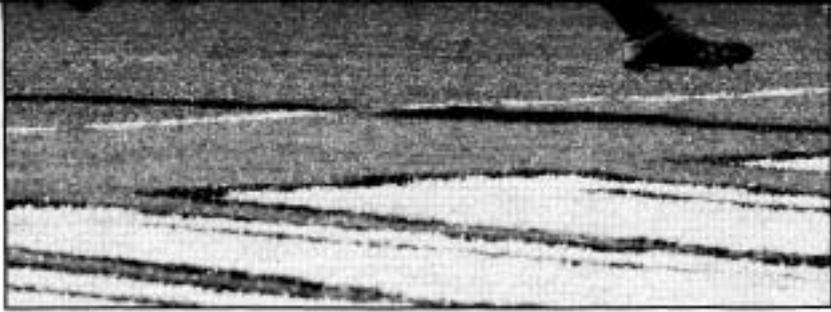
"We've got to have our best offensive day. I really think we're on schedule to have the best offensive day," said Crowe. "We haven't had a day where the running and passing game were integrated and at maximum point production."

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 wreck 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



Courtesy/JSU Alex Stillwagon

Taurean Rhetta makes a great catch in the end-zone.

three-peat as Ohio Valley Conference Champions.

JSU still has business to take care of but (arguably) has the easiest schedule left between Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Illinois.

Things could get a little interesting this weekend as the Panthers have to travel to take on Murray State and two weeks later, the Colonels come to town. If the Racers can split those two games or win both, that could give JSU an

are fresh on beating Tennessee Tech 31-20 and are 2-3 overall. The Tigers play their home games in the Coliseum, home of the NFL Tennessee Titans.

"It's going to be very exciting for me, our players, and our coaches. It's just an opportunity to be in such a special venue as The Coliseum, said Crowe. "It's great to get into the locker room, get dressed for the game, and play in such an exciting stadium."

The JSU offense will have to be rolling on all cylinders as the Tigers

ourselves or turn on somebody else at any given time."

This can be a big weekend for the Gamecocks. If the Gamecocks can take care of business in Nashville, they have a great chance of hearing some good news from Murray, Kentucky.

The Gamecocks should get back to even on the year and 4-1 in the OVC and tied atop the standings with three teams.

The Curse has been reversed.

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 less dramatic sports like cross country. This past week we sat down with Josphat Waweru, our leading cross-country runner who hails from Nakaru, 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? Who have given you the most competition?

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 you 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: I 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 conference but definitely have two teams that are pretty good; Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Illinois but I think ECU is going to give us our toughest competition.

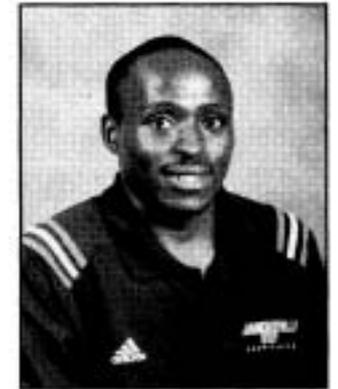
CS: What about nationals you have coming up in a month? Do you see you guys doing well in Nationals?

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 12-under par 272 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 need 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 Murry 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 Spring's Grub Mart Intercollegiate at Silver Lakes as he claimed the individual title in JSU's home event.

It was the fourth time a JSU

player shot a score of 65 in a single round and was two shots shy of Angel Monguzzi's school record low round of 63, set at the Chattanooga Intercollegiate during the 2001-02 season.

Daniel Willett recorded his best career score with a 3-under 68 on Sunday to tie for eighth place with a 54-hole total of 212. The Douglasville, Ga., native scored 73-71 during Saturday's first and second round to finish the event 1-under par.

Senior Patrico Cozzoli finished with a three-day score of 214 to tie for 19th place with teammate Bryan Rozier, who carded a 69 on Sunday for a total of 214. Mark Whisenant finished with a total of 231 in his first career collegiate event to tie for 73rd place.

Jacksonville State returns to action at the UNC-Charlotte 49er Collegiate Classic on Oct. 24-25th.

Can we say three-peat for the Desperado!

By
Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Curtain call. Ready... 1... 2... 3. Is this thing on? I'll be here all week folks! What an amazing weekend. Two weeks in a row.

Notre Dame hit, Florida hit and Auburn hit. I was "En Fuego" and have been for a very long time.

I am smiling from ear to ear basking in my dominance over the whole season. It is as sweet as the birds chirping in the Alabama October fall weather after the Gamecock Ballerinas have just done the bottle dance.

It feels like the sun rays on your face after you just found out your teacher canceled class for the day and you haven't done your homework.

It sounds like the cheers of the students in the Café and TMB after they just found out \$1.50 has just been put on their account for every credit hour they had for no reason.

It was as great as when you have illegally parked and see a ticket on your windshield and come to find out it is a greeting for one of your secret admirers. (Side Note: That has never happened to me but I did hear it made you feel good.)

Well I lied, I have illegally parked but I have never gotten a note. That is beside the point. I sit at 11-4 against the spread and 13-2 overall.

The point is to pick games harder than a sorority girl

Gamecock soccer comes up short

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 McCaughey 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 Steinhaus scored in the 85th minute from ten 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 come up against to go to the OVC, then it is Tennessee Tech. It doesn't matter who the opponent is because we have been able to play with every opponent in the OVC or better. 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



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

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.

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 -

the point is to pick games harder than a sorority girl picks her shoes, dress, purse, hair color, belt, perfume, eye color, before a night on the town.

Upset Alert

Auburn is getting six and a half against LSU. Whatever you own and whatever you will earn needs to go on this game.

Load up on Auburn. LSU is going to try to blitz the house against Brandon Cox but offensive coordinator Al Borges knows blitzes and the Tigers will be ready.

Look for Tre Smith to have a big game in limited action. He just plays better in that type of role. It will be a close scoring ball game early but the Tigers should win by a touchdown. I cannot believe LSU is favored that much in the game. Auburn 28- LSU 17

Blowout Line

Virginia Tech at Maryland. The Hokies were off last week and that is very dangerous for the Terrapins. The Hokies have to cover 10 ? and I just don't see how Maryland can keep up with the Hokies or stop them. Quarterback Marcus Vick is finding his form and "Beamer Ball" hasn't let up yet. Va Tech 31- Maryland 7

Must see game

Texas at Texas Tech. The Texas Longhorns are real good and nobody is playing better than quarterback Vince Young.

The Longhorns are favored by sixteen against the Red Raiders. Tech is averaging over 50 points a game and the spread is 16 points.

I believe Texas wins the game by two touchdowns or lower. I just don't know if they can dominate like they have against a potent offense. This will be a good test for the Longhorns and the game will be a good measuring stick for them. Texas 45- Texas Tech 31



Photo by: Jennifer Bacchus

Ashenafi Arega and Stephen Hatchett, the cross country graduate assistant, practice on the field behind the Coliseum.

and the third week this season.

"It shows that I've put some good effort in my run," said Waweru of the honor.

Two other JSU runners, Ashenafi Arega and Ryan McKay finished in the top ten, helping the JSU men's team cinch first place with a combined team time that was 26.51 seconds less

that they did well despite the fact that they had to run a 6K when they are accustomed to 5K meets.

"At our regional meet, they'll run 6 kilometers or 6,000 meters and this coach just wanted to do it and get his girls ready," said Coach Steve Ray. "And it's his meet, he can do what he wants to do, but I don't think we really handled the extra distance that

"There's two other good teams on the men's side - Eastern Kentucky and Illinois."

Both the men and women see the conference meet as a close race, but each sees a chance of placing in the top three.

"We feel like we can win it," said Arega. "All we know is it's going to be a close race and we have a chance."

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

the Gamecocks have yet to lose this season and are 25-4 since joining the OVC in 2003. JSU will host conference foes Southeast Missouri (SEMO) on Friday and Eastern Illinois on Saturday.

Eastern Illinois has been the team to beat this season. As the lone undefeated team in OVC play, they have done what no other conference opponent has been able to accomplish this season, defeat Eastern Kentucky. Having the best conference record traditionally means hosting the conference tournament in November. However, the top of the OVC mountain is so crowded that a JSU victory over the Panthers could make the final weeks of the season very interesting.

Tennessee State sits in a tie with EKU for second with one loss, a three game beat down on September 23 at the hands of JSU.

SEMO is coming on strong as of late and are one game behind the Gamecocks in fourth and look to make an impact in the last few weeks of the regular season.

"Right now, we're 6-2 in the conference. If we pick up a couple of wins this week-



Breit

end, we're one game out of first place."

Volleyball notes

JSU's Abbey Breit was named OVC player of the week for the third time this season. The 5'10" middle blocker from Louisville, KY led the team with 49 kills over the weekend. Breit also led the Gamecocks with 11 blocks, including a career high nine against Morehead State.

Breit now has recorded double-digit kills in all 18 matches including matching her career high of 24 against Austin Peay on Oct. 7. For the year, Breit has reached the 20-kill mark five times.



Photo by: Alex Stillwagon

Lights, Camera, Action

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 Secondary Education with a minor in General Science. She is from Cullman, Alabama.

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 Management and was sponsored by Phi Mu Fraternity.

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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