And the band played on
The show.

Each year, the exhibition features every high school marching band in Calhoun County and is concluded with a performance by the JSU Marching Southerners. For most high school band members, the Southerners' performance is a shining example of "how it's done." I know, ten years ago, I was one of those high school band members that sat there in awe of the precision and power of The Southerners. It's almost intimidating listening to them during warm-up at this exhibition. Had this been a football game, the Southerners would have casually made their way onto the field at halftime and set up for the show. Tuesday night, the band made it's way onto the field and warmed up, featuring the Southerners' classic "Sars Fell On Alabama." At the end of the Southerners' "Muy Caliente" program, they concluded with their rendition of "I'll Fly Away."

By: Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Assistant Sports Editor

The low temperatures inside Paul Snow Stadium didn't keep the hundreds of high school band members and parents from enjoying the 2005 All-County Band Exhibition on Tuesday night. However, the final performance of the night truly stole the show.

Ah, Halloween. The laughter of children in the air, the houses all lit up in purple, orange and black, the smiles of carved pumpkins grinning at you from doorsteps...

And an egg flying at your car.

"There's a lot of eggs on Halloween," said Officer Michelle Paige of the UPD. "Eggs and water balloons."

Halloween, once the Amazing Wonderful Night of Free Candy, is now an opportunity for troublemakers to cause some chaos, as well as a night prone to accidents since children and parents flood the streets on a weekend this year, shaking up everyone's schedule.

"The city of Jacksonville's trick-or-treating hours are from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. this year," said Corporal Neil Fetner. "So if someone's ringing your doorkbell at eight, they might not be trick-or-treaters." However, parents might bring their kids to trick-or-treat at JSU's dorms from about 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"The important thing is to be aware of your surroundings," said Paige, adding that children wearing all black should have reflectors, and everyone should have a glowstick or a flashlight to carry. She also warns against eating unwrapped candy or homebaked goods of any sort.

"Always check the candy," she said. "Always."

Fetner and Paige both agree that children under the age of 12 should go trick-or-treating with a parent, and those older than 12 should always go in a group with an older friend to chaperone.

And watch out for those eggs.

Do not end up like this bat....play it safe this Halloween

Every year during Homecoming, the JSU UPD sees more of certain types of cases. In hopes of making homecoming a safer and more enjoyable event for everyone, Corporal Neil Fetner and Officer Michelle Paige share some safety tips for students with the Chanticleer:

Always have a designated driver. "That's the most important thing," says Paige.

Stay in groups, and stay with friends you know and trust. Don't wander off by yourself, and always make sure someone in your group knows where you are.

Do not accept unsealed or open drinks and toss out your drink if you lost sight of it or set it down. Do not let anyone have the chance to slip something in your drink.

To prevent alcohol poisoning, limit your drinks to one per hour (One 12oz. beer, 4oz. wine, or 1/2 oz. hard liquor). Don't drink on an empty stomach, and drink water to stay hydrated. Don't play drinking games. Set a limit for the night and stick to it.

Keep an eye on your friends and watch for the signs of alcohol or drug overdose.

Symptoms of alcohol poisoning include: cold, clammy, bluish or pale skin; vomiting while passed out, not waking up after vomiting, not waking up after being shaken, pinched, prodded, or shouted at, and irregular or slow breathing. IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WITH THESE SYMPTOMS, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.

Every year, thousands of students nationwide are lost to drunk driving, alcohol poisoning, drug overdoses and other preventable fatalities. Even more students experience violent acts like rape and assault during parties where the drinks are flowing and emotions are running high. Following these tips can hopefully keep your Homecoming experience a fun one.

"Just be safe," Paige finishes.
Hollywood Nights

By James Barcus
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Homecoming is a time to crown a queen, crushingly defeat our opponent, and hold a really big parade (in no particular order) in the middle of town.

Here is a short list of what will be held through the weekend.

Today is your chance to vote on who gets the crown for Jacksonville State’s Homecoming. Voting takes place in the third floor auditorium of TMB. The voter turnout to choose the top five was better than expected. Justin Lord, head of the SGA Homecoming Committee, said, “We had 677 voters turn out, but for an election it was very good turnout.”

J-Day activities will be held 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., along with the bonfire and homecoming queen announcements this evening at Carpenter Field.

Tomorrow, the JSU ROTC and the Criminal Justice Department hold their alumni banquets. The Annual 60’s group will hold their reunion as well.

The 50th reunion of the Class of 1955 is also happening. And don’t forget to check out the Pre-Step Show Mixer, which will also be held that evening.

October 29 is a very full day for JSU students and alumni. For those of you about to graduate and need to get that one obstacle out of your way, the CBASE will be given starting promptly at 8 am.

The Communications Department will hold their “Meet, Greet, & Eat” in Self Hall room 237 starting at noon. Alumni who have graced the halls and have gone to better things will be there.

Also Saturday, the Homecoming Parade will begin at 1 p.m., running through downtown Jacksonville and ending at the intersection near the Houston Cole Library.

Tennessee Tech will come to Paul Snow Stadium to face our Gamecocks at 4 p.m. During the halftime festivities, the homecoming court will be formally announced and escorted to the field. The Marching Southerners will have their full performance after the homecoming court presentation.

After the game, the Cocky Sidestep Showdown will be held in Pete Mathews Coliseum at 9 p.m. There are some tickets left, but they are going fast and can be purchased at the office of Student Life on the fourth floor of TMB for the student price of $7.00 and general admission of $10.00 until Friday afternoon. Tickets can be purchased at the door Saturday night for the regular price of $10.00.

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Homecoming: “Let’s have lots of gamecock spirit,” said President of the Student Government Association Mardraccus Russell concerning this week’s homecoming events.

From 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today is J-Day on the TMB lawn. From 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the top five elections for homecoming queen are in the Theron Montgomery Building. At 8:00 p.m., the bonfire and the announcement of this year’s homecoming queen will be at Paul Carpenter Field.

The homecoming parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. on October 29. And, of course, the game is at 4:00 p.m.

Homecoming t-shirts are on sale in the Office of Student Life for ten dollars.

Athletic Spirit: Athletic Support and Spirit Committee Head Matt Morgan is working on t-shirt ideas to promote athletic events. There will also be a farewell line to see teams off to away games winter season. He would also like to revive walk to class Wednesdays.

By: Summer Hunt
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The drama department sponsored a haunted theatre in the amphitheater this week to raise money for Alphas Psi Omega.

“Stage Fright”

By: Summer Hunt
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Trying to find a parking space outside the library at midday...midterm grades...rising tuition rates — all of these are scary things haunting JSU students. There is, however, another way to have a good scare and maybe a good laugh.

Alpha Psi Omega, JSU’s honorary dramatic fraternity, is sponsoring a Haunted Theatre through 10 p.m. tonight in the amphitheater in front of Stone Center. The theatre features several scary characters with a little bit of comedy thrown in the mix.

“We hope it will be scary but also with a little laughter,” said Jason Skinner, a junior at JSU. Skinner designed the theatre and forest. He explained that the success of the drama camp held earlier in the year displaying a different name of a “dead actor.” Bodies are strewn beneath is all about,” said Norton. “A lot of people don’t know about us.”
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

By: Jennifer Bacchus

Meet UPD’s “inspector gadget”

By Jennifer Bacchus

The Chanticleer

JSU’s police department has a new gadget in their technology tool belts. The Motorola Premier Mobile Data System was implemented in three UPD vehicles two weeks ago.

This system allows each of the vehicles to send and receive information via a satellite. By keying in a person’s name and date of birth, they can access information about them through the Calhoun County Sheriff’s Office, the Alabama Criminal Justice Information System and the National Crime Information Center.

"The system will cut down on nonessential radio traffic," said Corporal Neil Fetner of UPD, explaining that with the old system, if one officer was using the radio, the other officers would have to wait to talk to the dispatcher.

The PMDS will never completely take the place of the radio. Whenever an officer is traveling alone, they need the ability to talk over the radio to the dispatcher, but in non-dangerous situations - or when there are two officers in the car, the new computers are an invaluable tool.

Here’s how they work. The officer uses the touch screen or the keyboard to enter in a person’s name and date of birth, the VIN number from their car, their driver’s license number, social security number or vehicle tag number. This information is then sent to Chimney Peak, on to the Calhoun County Sheriff’s Office and from there to ACIC in Montgomery.

Three seconds later the laptop rings. Really, it rings - like a phone. The officer can then read the e-mails from the State of Alabama, NCIC and Calhoun County Sheriff’s Office or he can press a button and have the computer read the e-mail to him.

The e-mails give the person’s name, any outstanding warrants, whether their tags are up to date and any other information pertinent to a law enforcement official.

The detailed information that comes in really makes the system worthwhile for all the officers who use it.

“Especially during first shift,” said Corporal Robert Schaffer, Jr. “Our dispatch gets very busy. So you can do it yourself as an officer.”

When learning information about a vehicle they just pulled over, or a person they just detained is important, it is far from the only function of the new technology.

Now you can often pick up accident reports later the same day instead of waiting 2 or 3 days. Using the laptop, the officer can write the report at the scene and at the end of the shift it is automatically uploaded to the computer system at the station. No more wait time and this works with every report they have to write.

When the department is able to have the next upgrade of the system, they will be equipped with a global positioning system. This will give their exact position to any backup that has been called to help with a situation.

And the computer will send out the call for that help, too.

University Police officers had to go through a course on NCIC usage last year so they could use the national database. Once the department received the new unit, each had to be trained on the laptop.

Money seized from the Platinum Club paid for the new technology.
By: Aaron Tanner
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Saturday morning, Jacksonville State University’s police department hosted a free bicycle safety class. The event was sponsored by The Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

“I hope to be able to receive information that will allow me to be safe and be safer as I ride my bike,” said area resident John Zimmerman.

Speaker Dr. Charlton Jones, a certified safety instructor for the League of American Bicyclists and a member of AlaBike, showed the audience how to choose and maintain a bike and understand traffic laws when riding a bicycle.

Everyone was given brochures highlighting the safety procedures taught in the lecture. Dr. Jones also brought in a couple of his own bikes for demonstration purposes.

No bicycle or even bicycle experience was required for the class.

“I haven’t ridden my bike in awhile,” said Zimmerman.

After sharing early bicycle memories and a brief history of bicycling, Jones got down to business with how to properly select and maintain a bike.

According to the Bicycling Street Smart Guide handed out to the audience, bicycle shops are the best place to buy a bike because of their warranties and knowledge of bicycle needs.

Dr. Charlton Jones demonstrates bicycle safety tips during the class sponsored by UPD.

Jones stressed that riders should use the “ABC Quick Check” rule before going out on a ride. This rule means A: check the air in the tires, B: make sure the brakes work properly and C: check the quick release. The “Quick Check” part comes when the rider looks over the quick releases and checks the shifts to make sure they work.

Using his own bicycle, Jones showed the class how to properly size a bike and what to do in case of an accident.

“Hold on to the handle bars if at all possible,” stated Jones, emphasizing that both half of all bicycle accidents involve bicyclists falling off the bike, not hitting cars. Jones also stressed that people and dogs are more hazardous to cyclists than automobiles are.

Besides wearing a properly sized helmet, Jones also discussed other equipment a safe biker should have to protect themselves and the bike, such as gloves and a mini tool kit.

Bicycle traffic safety was the next topic discussed and the most important feature of the class.

“Learning the traffic laws and how to safely ride in traffic is the meat of this class,” said Jones. The class learned that not only is it against the law to ride a bike on not for bikers going 20 miles per hour.

Rather than using the Chief Ladiga trail, the class learned that it is actually safer for bikers to share the road with cars as long as they ride with the flow of traffic. He made the point that, unlike pedestrians, cars are more predictable as they follow the same path in the road and are better able to see the biker.

Jones stressed not only how to properly ride a bike in traffic, but also how to properly turn and use turn signals.

“The most important point is to be visible and make sure the driver sees you when you turn,” stressed Jones.

Along with debris and drugs on the side of the road, Jones stressed several common obstacles such as rocks and low visibility bicyclists face and how to avoid them. He pointed out that bicyclists are usually 50 percent at fault for car and bike collisions, which account for one sixth of all biking accidents.

“Bicycle riders have the same responsibility as automobile drivers and a safe rider knows better than to get into a driver’s blind spot,” stated Jones.

In addition to relaying the dangers and rules of cycling, the other

Corrections:
From “Sobriety Wars”, the statement “UPD was not allowed to make DUI arrests until 2003” should have read that they do not have data on computers prior to 2003.

The Self Hall computer lab hours are M-Th from 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., F from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sun. 1:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

To register for the CBASE go to the Counseling and Career Services website. Do not register by e-mail.
best place to buy a bike because of the wide selection of bikes available for different body sizes and skill levels.

“I don’t recommend a bike from a place such as Wal-Mart because of the limited selection, the staff may not have a lot of bicycle knowledge, and they usually don’t last long,” Jones told the class.

One avid cyclist, Joseph Giri, had a bad experience when the front wheel suddenly came off a brand new bicycle he bought at a bike shop in California.

While jumping off a curb, Giri did a wheelie and the front wheel came off, his bike came down on the front prongs and he face-planted. To avoid the same experience, the other cyclists were instructed against the law to ride a bike on the sidewalk in the city of Jacksonville, but all bikes in Alabama must have at least a headlight in the front as well as a red reflector at the rear for night visibility purposes. In addition, anyone sixteen and under is required by law to wear a helmet according to Alabama law.

Jones also points out that the Chief Ladiga Trail is not a good place for advanced bikers who ride fast for exercise, due to the high number of pedestrians on the trail.

“The Chief Ladiga trail was designed for joggers, casual walkers, and families with kids,” said Jones. “It is a great place for small kids to practice riding a bike, but

In addition to learning the dangers and rules of cycling, the other goal of the bicycle safety class is to encourage more people to ride bikes as a better means of transportation.

Ever since the automobile came along, bicycling has fallen out of style in American Culture.

“We don’t have a lot of bike traffic around campus,” said Sergeant Carl Preuninger of UPD.

To encourage more bicycle traffic, Jones suggests more bike racks around Jacksonville.

“A lot of places do not have bike racks for bikers to chain their bikes and if more bike racks were available, a lot more people would be encouraged to ride their bikes to the store instead of driving that short distance,” said Jones.

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A letter to the editor

To the Editor

I am writing in response to Jessica Summe’s article titled “It’s all fun and games until somebody dies,” featured in last week’s Chanticleer. It’s of particular interest to me, simply because I am the person responsible for advising the fraternities and sororities on campus. I am an active reader of the Chanticleer and I encourage my students to use all of our campus publications to their benefit; however, when I read statements like “there is cold, hard evidence that joining a fraternity or sorority increases the risk of alcohol abuse” or “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?”

Sam Spady’s death, the young woman whom Ms. Summe is referring to was felt throughout the Greek community. Moreover, her death was felt throughout this country. I find it very disheartening that you refer to myself to you, the students, faculty and staff of Jacksonville State. My name is Jennifer and I’m your editor-in-chief for this year’s paper.

Wanted to do the re-introduction because it has come to my attention that people might just be a little afraid to talk to me.

My friends have never found this to be the case, and I’ve been known to have moments reminiscent of my mother where I go up to total strangers and strike up conversations.

Let me give you a little background on what I’m talking about. I know that this page, the op-ed (or opinion) page of the paper has been a little, shall we say, controversial this year.

Personally, I love that, but a lot of people don’t.

Now, I don’t mind the student body, faculty or staff complaining about the content of the paper - I’d just rather they complain to me.

Do you know how many letters I’ve had this year? I’ll give you a clue, I can count them on one hand. And I know more people than that have been fussing because I’ve heard about it from friends and staff members.

So why aren’t you writing? Personally, I love feedback. The second or third week of school I kept a fraternity guy in my house a little covered if I don’t know what they are?

No. Unfortunately, despite what my child and my staff think, I’m not able to read minds. Sometimes I’m just a REALLY good guesser.

But with content for the paper I have to admit I get stumped. Keep in mind, I’m a print journalist. The way I view the world comes from black and white newsprint. I hardly ever watch TV and even then it’s rarely to catch the news. (I much prefer CSI and Law & Order) I only listen to the radio in the car...mostly 92.3 because I love those guys and NPR is almost enough news for my 10-minute commute.

So automatically I differ from the average college student in what I want in the paper. And, let’s face it, since it’s ultimately my decision I usually get my way.

Add on the fact that I’m a non-traditional student, married with a 10-year old and I’m way past being in the loop.

So help me. Let me know what you like, what you don’t like and what you can tolerate...but just barely.

With the help of the JSU chapter of the Public Relations Organization I’m holding a focus group during the next month. Everyone can’t come, though. I’d love to have all 9,000+ of you because I really care about your opinion.

Let me know via e-mail (chantynews@yahoo.com) if you are interested. As a bonus, you get free food on me. It’s not a bad deal. You get to gripe at me, compliment me if you want and be fed by me all at the same time.

If you don’t have time for our little get-together, but you still want to have ed. If you don’t like it, write at the beginning of the letter that you don’t want to see it in ink and I’ll respect that.

I’ve said it multiple times this semester, I’m not above letting an idiot show themselves in print. If you write something and you act like the nether region of an equine I’ll probably print it just so you can have the satisfaction of having all your friends laugh their nether regions off at your expense.

And one last thing. Just so you know. This page, this single sheet of newsprint, is called the opinion page for a reason. I don’t always personally agree with what I put on this page. And quite frequently I try to convince people to change their wording. But the ultimate decision rests with the author.

Their name is at the top of the piece, in some cases, their picture is too, and it is completely and totally their opinion.

Now, as you saw with the first issue, there are times when the entire staff gets together and writes an editorial and I hope that happens frequently this year. On those occasions and only those occasions is that piece considered to be from the paper. The rest are personal opinions.

Like this one is. When you read this piece on Thursday you will be reading it at the same time as many of my staff members. You won’t believe how some of them begged Tuesday night/ Wednesday morning to read it.

They don’t know what it says, so how can they possibly control its content. Only I can. I’m the sole editor of this piece because it’s my opinion.

I look forward to hearing from all of
No, because it takes too much effort.

Deborah Lawson  
Freshman

“Really, I’m not that scary and I only throw things at people I care about. Besides, I really want your opinion. Think about it. Can I make things better if I don’t know what you want? Can I cover the events you want to see?

Greek life cultivates leaders, and leadership skills. Working with men & women of different disciplines offers new insights to problem solving. Admittedly, I am mindful of the fact that most of the Greek publicity today is negative. That is why the Office of Student Life encourages our organizations to get involved with events such as Alcohol Awareness Week, Alcohol EDU, Smoke-Out for Arthritis, Jacksonville Medical Center’s Walk for Breast Cancer, etc.

Ms. Summe posed rational questions in an attempt to raise awareness; defacing groups of people do not coincide with her subliminal methods. I believe Mike Reese said it best, “it’s about the choices we make as individuals make.” In respect to Ms. Summe’s article, how she went about it, “was a bad choice.”

Go Gamecocks!

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Various charities benefit from efforts by JSU’s Greek Community

By: Kimberly Davis
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

In fact, the delighted and frankly lustful demeanor towards said creams made such an impression on the audience that they twittered every single time chocolate was mentioned in the script from that point forward. Sandborn’s Louka made water bottles as souvenirs for kids who had to walk a long way at camp. Children’s Miracle Network, and we all love children and animals,” said Phi Mu Katrina survivors. “We had a baby drive for Hurricane Katrina victims, and we

Building on the 60-foot tower will begin in 2009 or 2010.

Mr. Clarence W. Daugette III has promised $500,000 over five years to construct the future landmark. A legacy gift from James and Miriam Haywood will cover the rest of the $1 million tower.

Jenkins Monroe Jenkins Architecture of Anniston designed the tower.

The bell tower will be built beside Kennamer Hall in the same area as the old Jacksonville High School, directly across the street from The Magnolias.

If you didn’t get to see the JSU Drama Department’s production of Arms and the Man this last weekend, I’m really very sorry. It was easily the most entertaining play I’ve seen in years.

Set in Bulgaria around 1885, the show opens with Raina and her mother, Catherine Petkoff (Lauryn Smith and Beth Stanford) in Rainia’s room, celebrating a glorious Calvary charge led by Rainia’s fiancé, Sergius Saranoff (Steven DiBlasi).

Unfortunately, the fleeing army soon has then turning off the lights and closing the shutters while gunfire echoes outside. When Captain Bluntschli (Justin Ridgeway) escapes the victorious Serbs by breaking into Rainia’s chamber, the play begins down a twisted and hilarious plot that finds Raina hiding Bluntschli and later, with her mother, helping him escape. All seems well until Sergius and Major Paul Petkoff (Andrew Cayse) return from the war. It turns out they had heard of the escape, but have no idea it was their women involved.

After a romantic reunion with Raina, Sergius reveals a new aspect of his character (and a new subplot) when he begins flirting with Raina’s maid Louka (Jessica Sandhorn). But it’s the arrival of Bluntschli to return the coat he borrowed during the escape that sends the household into a tailspin.

I won’t ruin the ending for those of you that didn’t see the show, but if you ever have the opportunity to see this play, take it. But it won’t be as good as Saturday’s performance, simply because this show was perfectly, perfectly cast. Smith’s Raina was both naive and jaded, with enough sarcasm to make her wonderfully endearing. Ridgeway did a brilliant job of portraying a hard-bitten professional soldier with a serious weakness for chocolate creams.
Dr. Beezley named History Club Professor of the Year

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Monday, the Jacksonville State University History Club announced its professor of the year for 2004-2005, Dr. Paul R. Beezley. This will be his second year teaching at JSU so he received the award for his first year at JSU.

"I was very surprised - surprised and honored," said Beezley.

The History Club members voted for several weeks and Jeff Kretzschmar, president of the History Club, said it was a close race.

"I love his class. I will take him again," said Ashley Brown, a student in one of Beezley’s classes.

"The way he teaches, the students can really comprehend," said student Leawona Cross.

"He makes things interesting," said Jonathan Talley. "It is hard to go to sleep on him."

Beezley attended the University of Mississippi where he received his masters of art and doctorate.

"Teaching is my strongpoint," said Beezley. "That makes me a good fit at JSU."

He taught at the University of Arizona for four years, Texas Tech for one year and the University of Mississippi for one year before coming to JSU for a tenure agreement.

Beezley was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. He met his wife of ten years, Jennifer, in graduate school at the University of Mississippi. They have one daughter, four-year-old Virginia Katherine.

Beezley’s father was also a history professor. Growing up, Beezley first intended to become an accountant, but after failing business calculus he decided to take a different route.

Dr. Beezley teaches United States History, African-American History and Modern Mexico.

"I think the department has many good professors, so it is an honor to be voted the best of a very good group," said Beezley.

Two of the student participants of the “Haunted Theatre.” This creepy Halloween event will run through tonight at 10 p.m. The cost is $3.

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I think the department has many good professors, so it is an honor to be voted the best of a very good group,” said Beezley. AOPi has adopted a mile on Highway 27, and their next community service project will be making the highway beautiful.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc served the community Saturday by participating in the Breast Cancer walkathon on the square. They also raised money for Hurricane Katrina victims in the TMB.

"Community service is our number one priority," said Kappa Alpha Psi President Marcus Shephard. Their next community service will be a walk for diabetics next month.

Phi Mu served as volunteers during the Talledega race, where they worked at the gates taking tickets. The sorority was paid $2,000.00 for their volunteer services, and all the money was donated to Children’s Hospital in Birmingham.

“Our national philanthropy is the Children’s Miracle Network, and we all love children and animals,” said Phi Mu President Susanne Burdette.

Phi Mu also gave back to the community by participating in Habitat for Humanity and volunteering at the Anniston soup kitchen. They also supported Zeta Tau Alpha in the Breast Cancer walkathon and they raised $400.00 for the National Humane Society for animals affected by Hurricane Katrina. Phi Mu members also planned a golf tournament last spring where they raised $5,000.00. They are planning another golf tournament for spring 2006.

Delta Chi served the community this month by having a cookout for the Boys and Girls club in Jacksonville, volunteering for the Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne County United Way roadblock, and donating baby supplies for Hurricane Katrina survivors. “We had a baby drive for Hurricane Katrina victims, and we are stepping it up this semester by doing more in the community,” said Delta Chi Treasurer Justin Solohub. The next Delta Chi community service project will be an Easter egg hunt in spring 2006.

The National Panhellenic Council volunteered by helping prepare McClellan for Hurricane Katrina survivors. During Relationship Violence Week, they participated in the candlelight vigil on the square for abused women and children. They also helped the Peer Educators with an Alcohol Awareness seminar during Alcohol Awareness week.

“These events will show the campus that we are working in the community, and the community that we are doing positive things within the community,” said NPHC President SirArthur Edwards.

Sandborn and Siriten did an excellent job of morphing from meek and demure servants to a dignified and elegant man (Sirten) or a flirtatious force of female nature (Sandborn).

Sandborn’s exaggerated mother figure Catherine is immensely loveable and a perfect foil to the ego-inflated yet clueless Paul Petkoff. Played to perfection by Cayse, who almost brought a round of applause simply by walking onstage, the flamboyant Major’s presence seemed to take up half the stage.

He wasn’t such a force that he distracted from the action, but he was a solid anchor for the rest of the household to circle around.

It’s only too bad that he couldn’t steady DiBlasi’s Sergius, who clearly suffers from several issues. DiBlasi did a solid job of acting the multi-faceted accidental hero, but it was during his interactions with Sandborn’s Louka that he really shone. Director Wayne Claeren clearly knew what he was doing when he cast these actors, although I can’t say I’m fond of his habit of blocking actors far into the corners near the edge of the stage. It makes me think they’re going to fall off, but that might just be me.

But a show isn’t just about the actors and the director. I can’t finish without complimenting the rich and intricate costumes or the immense, realistic, and semi-solid sets. Yes, semi-solid, for the stairs were thumped up and down but the doors were shut very, very carefully. I am not criticising the set crew! These were very tall walls and a slammed door would have brought them all down like a pack of cards. Besides, that softly shut door was the only reminder that we were watching a play and not in 19th century Bulgaria. I was hugely impressed by the set and the set crew. I don’t know how the guys managed to switch the sets in ten minutes. They could have copped out and done one room with prop changes, but they went all out and it was totally appreciated.

In fact, everybody did a great job, and that standing ovation on Saturday was completely deserved. And we all loved the dancing feet.
I'm not athletic. I don't even really like to be outdoors. I feel much better in an air-conditioned room with a pen and paper. But last Saturday I took my pen and paper outside to the square for the first breast cancer walk sponsored by the Jacksonville Medical Center.

The creators and planners of the walk are Ashley Downing, the marketing coordinator, and Mandy McFall, the mammographer for the Jacksonville Medical Center.

"We are starting a tradition," said Downing. Their hope is to make this an annual event and twice as big next year.

Leading the walk were the Steel Magnolias. Steel Magnolias was founded by Eenor Johnson to be a support group for breast cancer victims. There are about 50 women that meet at the Regional Medical Center.

"It is crushing to get it, rewarding after you have overcome it," said Johnson.

Johnson also referred to the husbands that were there to support their wives as "knights in shining armor."

Legacy was also there to gain some community service hours. Legacy is made up of fifth grade through eleventh grade girls that are taught leadership skills and are taught leadership.
grade through eleventh grade girls that are taught leadership and confidence." Their advisor, Vikki Floyd, is the Assistant Administrator at Jacksonville Medical Center. The girls were there putting out balloons and giving encouragement.

Registration began at 8 a.m. on October 22, yet people began to arrive at 7:15 a.m. By 8:30 a.m. the square was a sea of pink with people laughing and dancing to songs like Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive."

Throughout the crowd there were tennis shoes, flip-flops, strollers, wheelchairs, bicycles, and wagons.

Many sororities and fraternities were represented including Phi Mu, Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta, Pi Kappa Phi, and Kappa Alpha Psi.

The walk was approximately 1.3 miles. Before the walk all of the breast cancer survivors rapped their own poem, "I'm a Steel Magnolia."

To start the walk, Destiny's Child's "I'm A Survivor" played.

The walk began at the square and went north on Highway 21. Then our escorts, members of the Jacksonville Police Department, led us up Fifth Street to Church Street and then to Clinton Street until we arrived back at the square to receive granola bars and water.

For me, when 7:00 a.m. rolled around it would have been easy to just hit the snooze and roll back over. But, I am glad I didn't. It was very empowering to be a part of something so meaningful.

"Everyone knows someone who has been affected," said McFall. Although I don't personally know anyone who has battled breast cancer, I could one day. Your mother, sister, daughter, or friend might one day be affected.

Mandy McFall summed it up saying that this walk, "is for the survivors."

There were approximately 400 walkers and a check for $3,000 will be made to the

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"We had really good attendance at all the events," said Fred Mays about the events during October, which were a part of Domestic Violence Month. Mays, a counselor here at JSU, is also a part of the Calhoun County Domestic Violence Task Force and Daybreak Crisis Center, where he works as a certified domestic violence counselor. These organizations, along with 2nd Chance, a local shelter for the abused, gathered all their resources to get the word out on Domestic Violence these past few weeks.

They started with Relationship Violence Week, which was held from October 3-7. Displays from Daybreak Crisis Center and Second Chance were in the TMN, and a candlelight vigil for victims of domestic abuse was held in Jacksonville Square on October 5.

"We're just trying to get this information out," Mays continued. "A lot of people don't realize these services are free."

The Office of the Surgeon General reports that domestic violence is the leading cause of death for women aged 15-44, with 1,247 women being murdered by husbands or boyfriends in the year 2000 alone.

At first glance, domestic violence doesn't seem to be a problem at JSU. The UPD has reported only 11 domestic violence incidents from November 5, 2003 to the present. This is misleading, however, as the campus only houses roughly 3,000 of JSU's total population.

Most students live off-campus or commute to school. In fact, two of those eleven incidents occurred at the Houston Cole Library and Stone Center, instead of at apartment complexes or dorms like the other reports.

"Domestic violence doesn't just stay at the home," said Corporal Neil Fetner of the UPD. "An abuser will leave work and harass the victim at their workplace here, and then we get involved."

"Domestic violence wastes billions of dollars a year," agreed Mays. Between the lost wages of women who miss work because they are too battered to go, emergency room costs, court costs, medication costs and other such expenses, the bill for domestic violence can run very high, even before factoring in any deaths.

Domestic abuse is a learned behavior, passed down from parent to child.

"If you see dad beat mom, or mom hit dad, you'll grow up thinking that's normal," said Mays. "It's not, and we have to teach that."

A truer view of domestic violence is in around JSU can be found at the Jacksonville Police Department, which reported 34 incidents of domestic violence from August 1, 2003 to October 21, 2005.

"It's definitely a problem," said Mays. "But people know we're not going to tolerate this behavior."

When a domestic violence case is reported, the state will often lock up the abuser without the victim having to press charges. This emphasizes to the abuser that they are breaking the law, and protects the victim by separating them from the abuser. Often, these women will go to 2nd Chance.

"Second Chance has saved a lot of lives," Mays rumbled. Since opening their doors in 1988, thousands of domestic violence victims have gone through the shelter. They offer a 24-hour crisis hotline and emergency shelter, as well as several support and education programs for victims and abusers alike.

Another resource for victims is the Domestic Task Force, a collection of hospital, police, and counseling staff that was established in 2001 to make finding and meeting victims of abuse easier. Instead of tackling the police, hospital, and counseling separately, the Task Force eases victims from one issue to the next with a minimum of confusion.

"We have educational speakers on campus at least once a semester," continued Mays. "Victims come to Counseling and Care Services and talk to us at any time. We want to help our students out."

Domestic Violence Resources
2nd Chance Domestic Violence Hotline:
* 256-236-7233 or 888-650-6565

Daybreak Crisis Recovery Center:
* 237-6300

Calhoun County DHR:
* 251-7500

University Police:
* 782-5050

Jacksonville Police:
* 435-6448
**Staff Picks**

**“Gummo”**

By: Jason Keener
The Chanticleer Features Writer

“You do a film and it’s so, it’s just different from what the standard thing is. They just don’t succeed until the audiences have time to let themselves catch up with it,” says Robert Altman in an interview about his flop, “McCabe & Mrs. Miller.” Years after its release, the film became recognized and respected as a classic.

To say Harmony Korine’s “Gummo” was met with harsh criticism eight years ago would be to say the ocean is big. Some critics called it the worst film of the year, while one went so far as to say it was the worst of the decade. It’s doubtful Korine lost much sleep over it, however. Both Werner Herzog and Bernardo Bertolucci personally called him to express how impressed they were with his film.

Denmark’s Lars von Trier and Thomas Vinterberg were both equally intrigued with the haunting work.

Korine is not a filmmaker concerned with constructing a plot driven movie. “Gummo” is a collage of strange scenes from a small town in Ohio that never fully recovered from a tornado. What makes it so unsettling is all the characters not only seem to have adapted to theirroach-infested environment, they seem to belong there.

Drunk men wrestle chairs, aimless teenagers kill cats for money to satisfy their glue sniffing addiction and two foul-mouthed children dressed as cowboy boys spew insults and pretend to kill a boy wearing pink bunny ears.

In any other avant-garde independent art film, these images would have some deeper symbolic meaning. Korine dismisses symbolism in his work. He’s an image-maker like Man Ray, and like a Dadaist he demands you accept these images for what they are and nothing else.

“Gummo” is a truly unique experience for the open-minded and adventurous viewer. For everyone else, it’s a confusing combination of ridiculous images and absurd dialogue.

Since “Gummo,” Korine has started numerous projects and aborted most of them. His last film, “Julien Donkey-Boy,” was based on and dedicated to his schizophrenic uncle. It was improvised for the most part, like the early films of John Cassavetes, and was met with an even more hostile reception than “Gummo.”

Korine is currently working on a new film, “Mister Lonely.” It’s easy to predict the responses of critics and audiences, but it’s more exciting to imagine which filmmakers will immediately join the Korine fan club.

**Restaurant Reviews: Cecil’s Place**

By: David Howton
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I’ve been in the restaurant business for over seven years and over the course of those seven years, I’ve learned a few things. I’ve learned that the floor is filthy, their food rating is an 88 (second lowest among locally owned food chains). I also noticed other health department no-no’s such as open-faced air conditioners, drinks in the cooking area, dirty vents, and done their job by shutting the place down. It is safe to eat there.

Remembering past experiences that we’ve all had with dirty stores and bad food, my first thought is “This food is going to suck.” While I

my order to my editor, Jen, but once I bite into the double-meat bacon cheeseburger, I was silenced. That’s right. Me... silenced. It was incredible. Throughout the entire burger, I couldn’t get enough. I kept on and on over 20 minutes to get my food, which, to me, is ridiculous. I thought that was the whole purpose of calling an order in; so it would be ready when you got there.

Even after the wait, the chicken fingers were a bit
I learned a few things. I’ve learned what to look for and why things are the way they are. I notice things that the average person doesn’t.

After deciding on Cecil’s for my newest food review, I was given a few guidelines to follow. Eat there twice and be honest. Pretty simple huh?

Well look at it from this point of view. I walk into the store and place my order. While I’m waiting and waiting and waiting . . . and waiting for my food to be cooked, I notice things like conditioners, drinks in the cooking area, dirty vents, fire extinguishers on a shelf above coffee and other food items and food sitting on the floor in plain view. I overheard a female customer tell the cashier that “the ladies room is so disgusting, I almost puked.”

Now, I will say that someone went in the ladies room shortly thereafter to clean up the mess. Although I wasn’t pleased with the infractions, I must say that if it was bad enough, the health department would have stepped in.

My first thought is “This food is going to suck.” While I made the drive from Cecil’s to the Chanticleer office, I began munching on my fries. They were made of real potatoes, not the pre-formed stuff you get from McDonalds or Wendy’s. Although not as hot or salty as I would have liked them, they were good in their own right.

Upon arriving at the office, I immediately began complaining about the way the restaurant looked and how long it took me to get my food. I noticed things like the peanut butter milkshake was great. The price was do-able for college students and a must around campus. I spent just shy of six bucks and to me, for the quality of the food, it was worth it. The overall experience could have been better, but the food was great.

After hearing rave reviews about how good their chicken finger basket was, I decided to make that my second selection. I called in my order and still had to wait almost puked.

Red Pepper Trading Co.

The wrong path is not so bad in the right shoes.
Weyer is back as #1 Panthers go down

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State volleyball team (10-10, 7-3) recorded a season high 11 blocks and set the tone against Eastern Illinois handing the Panthers (13-5, 9-1) their first OVC loss of the year.

The Gamecocks suffered a loss the night before against Southeast Missouri 3-1 as JSU could not come back from a two match deficit.

"When you look at the stats, we beat them in a lot of areas," JSU head coach Rick Nold said. "But where we didn't beat them was probably the most important, and that was serving and passing. We made a lot of mistakes, and they took advantage of that at key times."

The Gamecocks used a short memory against the Panthers and controlled the entire game. The Gamecocks jumped out to an early lead in the match and never trailed again until the third match when the score was 3-4.

"It was big for our confidence and good for a lot of the things we have been working on the last couple of weeks," said Rick Nold. "It is a big deal anytime you beat the number one team."

Shari Weyer closed out the first game with a huge block to give the Gamecocks a 1-0 lead. Shari came back in the second match to close out the Panthers in a close battle with a huge kill over the middle.

"That play was awesome," said Annie O'Connor. "After she hit that ball, I thought 'Shari's back.'"

"That is the hardest ball she has hit since the ball before she got hit," said Nold. "It is going to take some time for her to get some timing back but she'll be back."

Sophomores Abby Breit and Annie O'Connor led the Gamecock offense on the afternoon. Breit, a 5-10 outside hitter from Louisville, Ky., was the only player with double-digit kills with 14, while O'Connor, a setter from Indianapolis, Ind., dished out a career-high 42 assists in the win.

"It is real important for us to bounce back especially after losing our first game at home," said O'Connor. "We played well against the number one team and played consistently as a team."

The Gamecocks were led on defense by senior Kisha West, who racked up 23 kills, while junior Emily Wihlers added 11.

"This is a big win for our team," said Shari Weyer. "We want to peak as a team going into the conference tournament."

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Gamecocks win in "Music City Massacre"

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Assistant Sports Editor

The Coliseum is the home of the NFL's Tennessee Titans, and the site of one of the greatest plays in football history, a game-winning kickoff return for a touchdown known as "The Music City Miracle." The Panthers go down

Zeine's two touchdowns, one rushing and one receiving, were bookends for Green's two scores.

Green became the first player in JSU history to rush for over 100 yards in five straight games. The Gamecocks then turned to their short yardage fullback, "Touchdown" Ty Griswold to blast his way through the defense from the TSU 3 yard line to earn his sixth touchdown of the season.

Special teams were both a positive and negative for the Gamecocks in the win.

Preview

This Saturday, the Gamecocks celebrate Homecoming and host Tennessee Tech. Last season, the Golden Eagles handed JSU its only conference loss with a field goal as time expired. This year, Coach Crowe and the rest of the team are taking this week's game personal.

"It is personal with Tennessee Tech from a personal point of view. The Gamecocks will be well prepared, with the Panthers having lost their last two games.

Prediction

This one won't even be close. Tennessee Tech has had some very good crowds in spite of some early season disappointments. They get excited about watching the team play and with the recent successes, I think the expectations are probably renewed for coming and being able to have something to talk about besides just enjoying the fellowship. I appreciate our students for the support they've been giving us both at home and on the road. There has been a pep squad that has been traveling with us on the road.

Clay Green has run for over 100 yards in five consecutive games.
IM Flag Football Playoffs are set

By: Chris Yow
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Regular season intramural football action concluded this week. The playoffs are set, and a champion will soon be crowned. Last week's action proved costly to some, and sealed the fate of all.

Monday, the 17th, Pi Kappa Phi capped off an undefeated regular season, winning 19-0 over Delta Chi. The Pi Kapps have not been beaten in two years and look to claim their second consecutive flag football title.

Sigma Phi Epsilon took care of Kappa Alpha, 18-13. In women's action, Campus Outreach Loco's blanked Alpha Xi Delta, 18-0.

On Tuesday, Delta Chi outlasted Sig Ep, 39-27. KA manhandled Sigma Pi by a score of 43-18. The Steedogs blast the BCM 49-12. In the nightcap, Dawg Pound shut out the Blazers, 19-0.

Starting with Men's Conference play on Wednesday, Outkast 187 won by way of forfeit over Rugby Team. GDI sealed a playoff spot with a 13-6 victory over the Underrowers. The Rockets remained winless, as the Mercenaries took their game, 22-6. The Natty's got their first win of the year, defeating Wesley Foundation, 27-6.

In women's play, the Loco's defense notched another shut out in the 20-0 win against Phi Mu. While Zeta Tau Alpha blanked Alpha Xi Delta 19-0 to remain undefeated.

Only Men's Conference teams played on Thursday. The opener saw a battle between Conference Champion Mercenaries and the Underrowers, with the champs falling 22-20. The Underrowers played with six people and still managed the upset.

Something Serious took care of business with GDI, winning 19-6, but failed to make the playoffs. Outkast 187 kept the Rockets winless on the year with a 24-6 win.

Last Monday, Zeta Tau Alpha capped off their undefeated season with another shut out by beating the Loco's 13-0. The Loco's are in the women's independent division and will play the sorority champion November 3 at 9:15.

Kappa Alpha earned a playoff berth with a 20-0 beating of Delta Chi. The Mercenaries beat the Rugby Team, The playoffs will begin November 1, 2005, at Paul Snow Memorial Stadium starting at 6 pm.

In other intramural sports, the bowling standings are out for this week, following Monday night's affairs. Delta Chi leads the men's division with a 1407-point lead over Sig Ep. KA sits in third. Justin Whisnant of the BCM leads all individuals with a 194 average for the year.

The women's league leader is Continuing Education. They currently hold a 200-point lead over Phi Mu. Delta Zeta fell to third. Toni Moore of Zeta Tau Alpha leads all individuals with her 136 average. Ann Wells is close behind with a 135.25 average.
**SPORTS**

**Cock-tails anyone!**

**Go JSU!**

**By Brandon Weems**

*The Chanticleer Sports Writer*

The JSU soccer team needed a win or a tie at home on Sunday to reach the conference tournament. The Gamecocks got the equalizer with less than four minutes to play in regulation to tie the game 1-1 against Tennessee Tech to secure the OVC tournament birth.

Courtney Moore headed the ball into the net off a chip pass from Elsa Kurylychek in the 87th minute for the Gamecocks (7-8-2, 4-4-1 OVC). Jocelyn Daniel scored the lone goal for the Golden Eagles (6-11-1, 3-5-1 OVC) in the seventh minute. Ashley Vidal picked up the assist on the goal.

In the first half, the Gamecocks came out slow, as they played defense for most of the half. Kristi Pereira almost tied the game late in the half when she had a one-on-one with Tech goalkeeper Loretta McNamee. Pereira did not have the best angle on the goal as she pushed it wide right. The Gamecocks fired a few more shots, but were unable to find the target. Tech held onto the lead at the half.

"After the performance in the first half, I think we got a wake up call. We didn't take care of the ball in the first half," JSU head coach Julie Davis said. "In the second half, the idea was that we had to win the game at mid field to have a chance to do well. It really came down to the three players in the middle of the park; Ashley Smith, Joanna McCaughey, and Christina Balint. These players had to work really hard too win that battle. We got a hold of the ball and started to exploit their planks. The one thing we worked on all week, is trying to play the diagonal ball in behind. We were successful, and we capitalized on the opportunity to get the goal that gave us the tie."

In the second half, the Gamecocks knew what they had to accomplish and really came out playing hard. Possession of the ball and pressing Tech's defenders was the key to the goal.

"The efforts in the second half were pure heart and courage," Davis said. "The desire to secure the tie or the win better played half. Everyone made a difference in coming in any way that they could, especially offensively."

On senior night, two seniors came up huge to score one goal apiece as the Gamecocks surpassed Austin Peay (9-7, 6-3 OVC) 2-0. Ashley Smith opened the scoring for the Gamecocks at the 19:10 mark on a penalty kick. Liz Hendricks fired two shots on the goal, before nailing her third shot in the 42nd minute.

"I think we played really well, I was just excited to score my first goal of the year," said Hendricks, senior midfielder for the Gamecocks. "It was senior night and I think everyone was really pumped up about the game. It was a perfect time to score."

When asked what she did prepare her team for the final weekend of conference, Davis said, "We worked on how to find a way to stretch the opponents' defense by bringing the ball from the outside central and then back outside diagonally across. The tactic a playmaker uses and it worked. This worked effectively because we were able to beat them more behind. Instead of possessing the ball in front of them, we were trying to posses the ball behind them. We made some adjustments defensively on the plank. We did a good job defensively in staying organized and not over committing. How they stepped to the ball and wait for the ball when necessary."

The Gamecocks will host Winthrop tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. in their final home match of the year. On November first, the Gamecocks will travel to Southeast Missouri State for the regular season finale.
Volleyball starts strong and holds up in the fifth to down Golden Eagles

By Staff Reports
The JSU Athletic Department

On a night where the offense struggled, it was defense that lifted the Jacksonville State volleyball team to a 3-2 win in Ohio Valley Conference play at Tennessee Tech.

The Gamecocks (11-10, 8-3 OVC) hit just .167 as a team and watched the Golden Eagles (6-16, 2-9 OVC) erase a 2-0 lead before JSU rallied to claim the fifth game in convincing fashion. Jax State had five players with double-digit digs and held TTU to a .169 attack percentage on the match.

The Gamecocks claimed a 30-24 win in the opening game and took the 2-0 advantage after a 30-27 game two victory before the Golden Eagles rallied to claim 30-27 and 30-25 wins to send the match into the fifth game. JSU hit just .107 in the final game but held TTU to just three kills en route to a 15-8 win.

The JSU defense was led by sophomore Abbey Breit and senior Kisha West, who each recorded 20 digs, O'Connor and Withers also set up 78 of the Gamecocks' 80 kills. O'Connor tallied 41 assists, while Withers dished out 31.

Breit led the offensive attack with a career-high 26 kills, while senior Suzi Terrell added 19. Junior Shari Weyer, who returned last week from an injury threw in 17 kills on the night.

The Gamecocks will return to action on Friday night when they play host to in-state rival Samford in OVC action at 7 p.m.
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