Faculty prepares to recycle

By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

“It’s just amazing that a university of conscientious folks is surrounded by a community that is more active with recycling than we are,” said Dr. Llewellyn Cook during the JSU Faculty Senate meeting Monday afternoon.

The faculty members present enthusiastically supported Cook’s proposed recycling project and an ad hoc recycling committee was created on the spot. Steve Loucks volunteered to head the committee.

A policy on employee criminal background checks was also placed before the senators. Each was asked to take the information back to their departments for review and discussion was put off until next month.

While the members present were discussing old business, Dr. Clark Hudspeth brought up the topic of prayer at school functions.

The topic was discussed and a resolution passed last October, but the problem still exists.

Members of the faculty who don’t believe in the Christian God feel they are being disrespected because prayers being presented at school functions do not represent their faith.

The resolution passed October 11, 2004, called for all prayers at school functions to be non-denominational.

Animals need help too

By: Audrey Hykes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

She was left to fend for herself during Hurricane Katrina, and she was one of the lucky survivors. After the winds died away, she was stranded in floodwaters that were deeper than she was tall. Now came the struggle of staying alive long enough to be found.

After days of waiting, she saw a boat full of people floating by from her perch on a brick wall where the floodwaters rippled just below. She began to bark gleefully at the sight of them and wagged her tail as fast as it would go.

But the boat with the people in it only looked in her direction for a moment, then began to drift on by.

She wasn’t going to give up that easily. With a leap, she plunged into the water and began to paddle after them with all the strength she could muster. She kept barking at them as she swam behind the boat for at least three blocks.

Finally, they stopped alongside the front porch of a home where another dog was left stranded. They decided to pick her up and bring her along with the other dog. They admired her tenacity and bravery.

She was now on her way to receiving the food and shelter she had been waiting for.

This is the story of a lucky yellow lab who was about to be overlooked because the animal rescue workers did not have the address of the house she was originally at on their list of homes where owners claimed they had left their pets.

Members of the Purina Dog Chow Incredible Dog Team of Frisbee-catching dogs participated in the annual Paws on Broad Day in Gadsden to help raise money for the animal survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

Since Hurricane Katrina, thousands of pets have been stranded and homeless in the devastated cities of the Gulf Coast. The Humane Society of Etowah County, working with the Alabama Humane Federation and the Humane Society of the United States, is attempting to provide relief efforts for these animals.

According to a press release from the HSEC, two of their staff members traveled to the HSUS’s temporary shelter in Hattiesburg, Miss., Monday, September 12, to deliver supplies and assist in rescue efforts for five days.

“We have shelter staff down there volunteering, working in football-sized pavilions taking care of 300 animals in each pavilion,” said Assistant Executive Director Jolie Entrekin.

Meanwhile, the HSEC is organizing a supply drive throughout Etowah County to bring in donations and necessary materials for the Hattiesburg shelter. During the next several months, HSEC staff and volunteers will make numerous trips to Hattiesburg to deliver donated items to the shelter.

“We want the residents of Etowah County to be aware that this will be a continuing project, as the need for supplies will likely last for many months,” said Executive Director Vicki Meeks in the press release.

Meeks is currently in Hattiesburg until next week. According to Entrekin, Meeks has been made supervisor over one of the pavilions.

Donations can be taken to several drop-off points in Etowah County, including the HSEC shelter, PetCo, Timberlake Pet World, Stocum Ridge Pet Camp, the Downtown Dance Conservatory in the Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts, and any Etowah County veterinary clinic.

Supplies needed most are small sandwich bags, spray

Bloggers to the rescue

By: Patrick Swafford

people from all across the help.
both instructors pointed out, yoga is not just sit still the whole time. The power yoga, a rapid succession of yoga balancing. The instructors also add that class (students) come in thinking they are going to just be sitting and moving yoga taught can be changed to fit the tions since some students have trouble ----

One must not only warm up for the mind," says junior Arthur

While it may be a fun class, students do not just sit still the whole time. The major emphasis in both yoga classes is power yoga, a rapid succession of yoga body positions. One must be somewhat in shape before taking on the class. As both instructors pointed out, yoga is more than just sitting and meditating. In fact, it can be quite a workout. "They (students) come in thinking they are going to just be sitting and moving inward, but you sweat," says Hey. "It is a workout."

Participants in PE 117, Intro to Yoga, learn to be flexible and balanced.

One must not only warm up for the pose, but to be able to hold the pose for a long period of time and breathe at the same time. Only towards the end of the workout can one relax. "It requires a lot of discipline," stresses Mabrey.

Despite being strenuous times, the yoga taught can be changed to fit the physical needs of anyone wanting to try it out. Hey modifies many of the positions since some students have trouble balancing. The instructors also add that
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**NPHC:** Cocky Showdown Stepshow October 29, 9 p.m. Pete Mathews Coliseum. Tickets may be purchased NOW at the Office of Student Life, 402 TMB. $7 for students, $10 for all else.

For more info: contact jsustepshow@hotmail.com

**Alpha Xi Delta:** New members, your bigs love you! Thanks PiKap for the awesome mixer! We are looking forward to our semi-formal secret set-up tomorrow night! Sister of the week: Holly Esch; New Member of the week: Sammie Jo Brewster. Congrats Lindsey Spunock for Sigma Pi Sweetheart. Go Gamecocks!

Contact: Amy Walker amy_roo@excite.com

**Miss JSU:** The Miss JSU Interest Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in room 302 TMB. Please attend if you are interested in being a contestant in the Miss Jacksonville State University Scholarship Pageant.

Contact: Emily Williams 782-5491

**BCM:** Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

**JSU Writers' Club:** Meetings every Wednesday 4 p.m., 7th floor of Houston Cole Library

**Katrina Animal Relief:** Need cat food and dog food or money, no cans, by Friday, September 16.

Contact: Angie Gidley 835-8550

**ECE:** During Fall Semester 2005, the English Competency Examination (ECE) will be given at the following times:
- Tuesday, October 18, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 19, 3-4:30 p.m.

On-line registration dates for the ECE are September 21-October 12. Room numbers are assigned during on-line registration.

Contact: Mrs. Sellers at 782-5512 or jsellers@jsu.edu

**ACS:** Academic Computing Services is now located in Room 239 Self Hall.

Contact: Stacy Mullins at 782-5381

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**Scholarships, benches, and ash trays...**

By: Constance Glenn

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Want some extra cash? Showcase your writing skills and enter the Robert U. Moersch Short Fiction Writing Contest.

“My grandfather was a storyteller and made us love literature. He believed in unlimited possibilities of literature,” said Sarah Fuselli, explaining how the contest came to be named after her maternal grandfather.

Winners will share their work at the Writing Competition Awards Night in late November.

First place, the Moersch award, gets $100 and a commemorative plaque, $50 for second, and third wins $25.

The name of the first place winner will also be engraved with last year’s winner on a separate plaque in the Stone Center.

“The Moersch Award carries a certain prestige: it’s going to be given annually for the best piece of short fiction written by a JSU student,” said Dr. Pitt Harding, the club’s adviser.

As an additional incentive, the winner will also have their story published in JSU’s student literary journal, Something Else.

“It was a lot of fun. I’m looking forward to this years contest,” said Eddie Burkharter, whose story, “Gravitron” took second place last year.

Submitted stories can’t exceed 10 double-spaced pages, including title page. Entries are judged by a panel of JSU faculty and students who score the works without knowing the names of the entrants.

The Writers’ Club meets each week on the seventh floor of the library at 4 p.m. Their space has become a place where diverse writers can meet, share their work, positively critique and praise. The club is a place of friendship, seriousness and laughter.

“Being among the club members is exciting. The club makes me want to do better in writing and write about different things,” said Trace Cowen, a new member.

James Potts read a spiritual poem. He said, “Yet, there’s no opportunities, light still shines within doors, without shadows inside this manner, a word sits in high chair, while being pacified by my soul, built in the Mediterranean of my heart.”

The JSU English department couldn’t be more thrilled about the success of the club over the past year.

“Fantastic! I want to congratulate the members and Dr. Harding for a wonderful job. I went to the banquet spring 2005. The happiness and high spirits were unbelievable,” said Dr. Robert Felgar, English department head.

For more information about the writing contest, see Dr. Harding, room 213 Stone Center or call him at 782-5859. You can also send an email to jsu.writersclub.com.

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**Reagan Williams**

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A bill about the eligibility of the SGA scholarship was proposed at the SGA Senate meeting Monday night, but nothing was passed or failed. It was sent back to the Academic Affairs Committee to be revised after senators raised several issues.

The bill proposes to make Student Activities Committee heads eligible to receive the SGA scholarship, no longer just senators and justices.

Section 90.9 of the bill inspired debate. It said that, in order to keep the scholarship, you must be highly active the following year or your scholarship will be terminated.

Senator Falen Cox wanted the term “active” to be clearly defined.

Senator Clint Mead proposed an amendment that would make it optional for the recipient to be active the following year if they have already earned the scholarship. His amendment failed in a close vote of 12 to 13.

“Don’t just do it for the title. This bill is meant to reward those who work hard,” said Moody Duff, the bill’s author.

A motion was passed to have the bill brought up again at the next senate meeting, since the senators didn’t have time in the session to weigh all the arguments.

SGA President Madracus “Drake” Russell brought up the following issues that came to his attention in class, since no students were present to express their own concerns.

The Lurleen B. Wallace building has no benches for commuters who eat lunch outside. There are also no trash cans along walkways from the Houston Cole Library to the Stone Center. It was also mentioned that there are no ashtrays along the route.

Senator Lynnley Clark added that there are some concerns about placing money on your student ID card in the Theron Montgomery Building. The machines will only take one-dollar bills, yet no one in The Roost or the bookstore will make change.

The appropriate committees will address these issues.

During the officer reports, Russell stated that JSU’s head count is now 9,110 and we have acquired 30 new faculty and staff members.

The orientation and peer counseling programs have a new acronym. They will now be called GO, for gamecock orientation, according to Senator Matt Morgan.

Quarter n’ up, a program to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina, has been extended through October 15, Family Day. The SGA will continue to take up money during the first and second quarters of JSU home football games. They will also start taking up money in high-traffic areas of campus. Total money raised, as of Monday, was $4,170.

Student Bills 87 through 92, which passed March 14, were brought up in this meeting to clarify for the senators what JSU’s Student Constitution says about homecoming elections.

SB 42 was passed, appointing Moody Duff III as the Executive Assistant to the President of the SGA for the 2005-2006 term.

Everyone is welcome to come and voice your opinion on these issues during the next senate meeting. They are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. on the third floor of the TMB.

For the SGA’s upcoming events you may go to sga.jsu.edu or stop by the Office of Student Life, Room 402 TMB.

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**Get your pencils and paper ready**
Why go Greek?

Kimberly Davis  
_The Chanticleer Staff Writer_

The hype of Greek life has made many JSU students ask “Why go Greek?”

Students usually seek answers on the importance of Greek life after being exposed to Greek parties, rushes, and sponsored activities on campus. Their main concerns are the cost to join, the purpose for going Greek, and how the organization will benefit them in their careers.

The president of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Marcus Shephard said, “The cost to join is $900 and up depending on the Greek organization.”

The money has become a major issue because some students did not understand the purpose of paying hundreds of dollars to be a part of an organization.

Amanda Richard a sophomore said, “Why should I have to pay for community service and sisterhood?” She also said, “True community service and sisterhood should be a volunteered action and not just for the fraternity or sorority, and not just for popularity.”

The cost to go Greek seems to be the main reason why many students have chosen not to be apart of the organizations.

The Greek organizations are operated like a business and the money is what keeps the organizations running. Greek organization must charge fees because the campus chapters must pay dues to national chapters.

Brook Bell, the advisor and alumni of Phi Mu, said “The money goes to national, charitable programs like Hurricane Katrina, retreats, social events, and it keeps the budget up and running.”

The money covers just about everything in the organizations from the Greek wear to the parties.

The money plays an essential part in keeping the Greek organizations alive on campus.

The purpose for going Greek is another question students asked during rush week 2005.

Some students gave their personal opinions about the Greek organizations on campus.

Jarien Lee a senior said, “If you join, you should join for the right reasons like to meet people or bring something to the fraternity or sorority, and not just for popularity.” Some students believed popularity was the main reason some students join.

Aundria Jones a junior said, “People join for popularity and networking.” Is popularity and meeting new friends the main reason why students go Greek?

Angela Estes a senior and member of ZTA said, “Not only is it about the social aspect throughout college, but it’s a life long commitment which prepares you for the real world, and it provides you with networking throughout your career.”

Many students on campus went Greek to get involved more on campus participate in community service, develop leadership skills, and learn job networking.

Rachel Jackson, a senior and member of Delta Sigma Theta, said, “Delta Sigma Theta is centered around The Five-Point Thrust program and that is economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness.”

Many of the Greek organizations say their main purpose is community service or educational developments.

Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated is a community service organization, and centers its programs around direct service to the community. Sigma Nu fraternity helps young men with their GPA’s, and they have one of the highest GPA’s on campus.

One of the benefits of going Greek is career networking that will help you get jobs in the future. Many of the Greek organizations believe networking plays a major role in finding a job.

Sigma Gamma Rho President Tocarra Johnson said, “The benefit for your career is networking with major interviews and recommendations. The Alumni Association contacts will meet you in other states and show you around. They will give you real life experiences in your field.”

Delta Sigma Theta President Marshontri Reid said, “The main benefits are sisterhood, community service, and if you join Collegiate Chapter they teach you leadership development and job placement. It helps you grow as a person and you develop friendship bonds that last a lifetime.”

The Greek life is not just about the parties, money, and popularity. The main benefits of going Greek are career advancement and job networking. Kappa Alpha Psi President Marcus Shephard said, “It helps you brighten your horizons by meeting new people and learning different things in life.”
Animals:

bottles, towels, rags, bedding, squeeges, small disposable litter pans, intake collars, Ziplock one-gallon storage bags, nalvason bath shampoo, garden pump sprayers, lime/sulfur shampoo, bleach, trash can liners, kitty litter, cedar shavings, water and food bowls, washable toys, bones, and rawhide chews.

“We are really needing right now is extension cords, industrial mop buckets, monetary gifts and box fans. We’re loaded up with food,” said Jennifer Rector, a staff member of the HSEC. She said they have received over a thousand pounds of pet food so far.

The HSEC also hosted the annual Paws on Broad Parade in Downtown Gadsden Saturday, September 17 to help raise funds and supplies for hurricane relief. Held on the 400 and 500 blocks of Broad Street, the Purina Dog Chow Incredible Dog Team of Frisbee-catch dogs was also there to benefit the HSEC and their relief effort.

Yoga:

Yoga can be altered for handicapped students, pregnant women, and even when one is sitting down at work.

Though the class has a textbook to go along with the class, students are not limited to routines in the book. The instructors point out as long as the routines students do are routine and flow naturally, any yoga pose that fits a student’s style will work. “The book is simply there because it has routines that the students can carry home to practice,” says Hey.

“Any opportunity I have to be an animal. I can’t pass it up,” said Michelle Lawton, who plays “Woodstock,” the little yellow bird, in the Community Actors Studio Theatre production of “Snoopy.”

Being an animal feels almost natural to the part-time veterinary assistant who got involved with CAST last year during their production of the musical “Boomers” because of her interest in acting like animals.

During “Boomers,” a 50’s and 60’s style musical, she got to explore two animal personalities, the gorilla and the pussycat.

“I have all the comic relief,” she says of her current role, emphasizing that she considers the silent “Woodstock” to be “the fun part.”

Jon Garlick is revising his “Snoopy” role from “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” and this time gets to work with his daughter, Heather Garlick, who plays the “Cute Little Red-headed Girl.”

Heather’s character is a member of what director Kimberly Dobbs calls the chorus. Three characters added to the cast to increase the vocal abilities and round out the “Peanuts” gang.

Other members of the chorus are Marcie and Schroeder played by Elizabeth Knight and Seth Curlee respectively. These characters don’t have speaking parts, but participate in the cast-wide musical numbers and get to add their own bit of drama. For example, “Marcie” pretends to hit a wall on her way offstage.

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To whom it may concern,

I’m writing this letter in response to Mr. Howton’s latest column. Before I get any farther along, let me just say that I’m not the letter writing kind of guy. I have to be pretty offended to even think of writing a letter. Please take this into consideration as you read the rest of this letter.

In his first column, Mr. Howton made PLENTY of mistakes in reporting the Marching Southerners. I’m not saying that his or any column is perfect, but the attempt to paint an accurate and fair picture didn’t seem to be there. I understand that this is a college newspaper and that learning from your mistakes is a big part of the process.

That’s not the problem that I have with his columns. I have a problem with his reaction to our criticism of his article.

How does he have the right to be hostile towards the people that were offended with his sub-par article? As a journalist it is his job to remain objective and fair, even through the criticism. The total opposite of our crime docket on page two we put a “Good Citizen” docket. They imagined this as a place where people who are, to borrow a phrase from Kitty Stone Elementary, “caught being good” can be listed and their accomplishments named.

I actually like the idea, we just haven’t had room for it yet.

But I would love your insight. Have you seen someone around campus that really impressed you with their charitable or just plain good-natured nature? What about organizations? I actually have quite a few people I’d nominate.

First and foremost is my husband who just went wandering all over the house for something I wound up not needing. Now that’s love and dedication.

Then I’d nominate the housekeeping staff. Especially Rose and Ester who have taken care of the messy sty we call an office.

And I couldn’t forget my staff...all of them, even the ones who forget to come to staff meetings on Sunday nights. In a really short amount of time we’ve become a family and I’m thrilled to have every last one of them in my life – even if they do feel the urge to throw things at them periodically.

Then of course there is the faculty here in the communications department. These lovely people let me interrupt their classes, pop in late because I’ve been covering a story and bend their ears whenever I need an extra opinion.

So, this is my charitable thing for the day... and it was completely my idea... just wanted to give a huge thank you to all the people that make my life bearable and keep me sane. Cuz it’s pretty obvious I need lots of help.

By: Jennifer Bacchus
Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

I have to admit, I’m not much of a charity person. I’m actually the type that, if a charitable organization calls me at home I’ll blacklist them from my giving for months.

Don’t get me wrong. It’s not that I’m stingy with my money or that I don’t like to give, I just generally like to pick and choose from among them, not the other way around. I also kinda hate to think that some organization bought my name and number from someone I have a credit card or some other type of account with.

Having said that, I think it’s awesome how quickly the response has come for survivors of the hurricane. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the response has come for survivors of the hurricane. It seems like literally within hours of the hurricane’s landfall, there were already dozens of charities working to help the victims and the flow of money and supplies hasn’t stopped.

Just this morning I was talking to a friend of mine about evil. We agreed that the concept and, quite often, the personification of evil is tantalizing to people and we were speculating the reasons why.

Mine was based, imagine this, on my experience as a journalist. In news we know that it isn’t just anything that attracts and holds the attention of a reader – it’s the abnormal stuff that really gets to them.

So, that’s why I believe evil can be fascinating.” It’s not normal. Which, by proxy, means that good-heartedness and love and compassion and all the wonderful emotions are normal.

Wild, huh?

And I know I’m not the only

Facebook if the website has added your school. Then you can fill out a profile and upload a picture. You can search for long lost friends or find people you have classes with. If you are really ambitious, go ahead and leave messages for other people on their wallpaper and ask them to be your friend (welcome back to elementary school).

If you ever having a bad day, thinking no one likes you, the Facebook is a great place to turn. I’ve had 12 people ask to be my friend just today. (Most of you will have much more). Some of them I haven’t been to school with since third grade and they are still on my friend list. If you are ever accused of not having many friends, prove your accusers wrong with a print out of your Facebook friend list.

I can’t even explain what is so appealing about JSU’s new toy, but it’s addicting. I find myself checking every few hours to see how many new friends I have and who has changed their picture or profile. There’s really not a whole lot to the madness but students across the country are still registering on the Facebook.

If you want to join in the madness, though the excitement is subsiding in universities that have had access to the Facebook for more than a week, go to www.facebook.
Some of them I haven't been to school with since third grade, others I've only met once. Some of them I will never talk to again, but they connect people through social networks at schools.

Basically, anyone that has a school-sponsored e-mail account can register on the Facebook for more than a week, go to www.facebook.com or www.thefacebook.com.

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JR Martinez
Junior

"I don't think you should have to pledge to be in a society."

Donnie Wells
Senior

"Yes, I know how the Greek system can be. I joined Sigma Pi because it was my opportunity to build it from the ground up, to make a difference."
Hey Mister, can you spare some time?

A generation of student volunteers coming of age since 9/11 fail to make the grade.

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Feature Writer

This was supposed to be a shiny, happy story about how the “9/11 Generation,” the graduates of Spring 2005 and after who’ve had their college years defined by the war on terror, is the greatest generation of all—patriotic, selfless, and giving.

Yeah, that’s not gonna happen.

Studies from the Partnership for Public Service, the U.S. Department of Labor, and other independent organizations show that out of all age groups, people in their early twenties do the least volunteering, are the least interested in public service and government work and are mostly motivated by high salaries and recognition.

Not only that, but what they do contribute is usually a one-time deal that only occurs after a major disaster.

The Red Cross in this area has been turning people away because they have so many volunteers. Yes, this is a good thing, but what happens as New Orleans is rebuilt? Those volunteers wander away, patting themselves on the back, without realizing that there is always a need for volunteers, everywhere, all the time.

Most people who do volunteer fairly regularly are involved with a group, like a club or a church.

For example, the sororities and fraternities here at Jacksonville State University are required to support a philanthropic organization. Majors could volunteer at a prison level classes. It would be like a lab, but students would do some kind of volunteering related to the course instead of regular lab work.

“Service learning would enable students to apply what they’ve learned in class in the real world,” says Reed. “Criminal justice majors could volunteer at a prison or women’s shelter and see what it’s really like and how much of a difference they could make.”

Several colleges, like Reed’s alma mater, Birmingham Southern, actually offer Service Learning as an academic program. Reed went on a trip to Tampa Bay her sophomore year, and spent the time building houses for Habitat for Humanity, serving in a soup kitchen, and working at a public day care.

“It’s something like the advanced language students going on a trip,” Reed adds. “But you help people instead of bring just a regular tourist.”

Volunteering is profitable in many ways. For one thing, the average volunteer hour is worth $17.19. Half a tank of gas! And not only will you be truly helping someone out, you’ll feel better about yourself...and employers will feel better about you.

“Employers look favorably on college students who’ve spent time volunteering,” says Dr. Kelly Gregg, who is involved with the Little River Canyon Field School and recently attended the Labor Day of Love at McClellan.

Stedham, a communications professor here at JSU, and a member of the Community Actors Studio Theater Board. “We’ll have rehearsals a three or four times a week. But if you can only stop by once, we always need people to paint sets.” Call Stedham at 256-782-5713 if interested.

Science majors may be interested in working at the Little River Rock Canyon Field School.

The School offers 60 to 70 public programs for the local community. College students can be a national park service volunteer and can participate in activities that vary from being a park ranger to guiding urban children through the forest during nature walks to giving workshops on how to make pine needle baskets. Call Sandra Arthur at 845-9605 for more information.

“Skeeter,” a volunteer helping with the Katrina survivors on Ft. McClellan directs traffic. After disasters, volunteers come out of the woodwork, but most charities need the help year-round, not just when something horrible has happened.
fraternities here at Jacksonville State University are required to support a philanthropic organization.

Zeta Tau Alpha supports the Susan G. Kohmen Breast Cancer Foundation with their annual Big Man on Campus and brought in $8500 last year; tops among Greek organizations. Other note-worthy causes include arthritis research, speech and hearing, alcohol awareness and the American Red Cross.

Meyori Brown, a member of Delta Sigma Theta, says her sorority’s last project was helping out at the Jacksonville nursing home.

Cassie King, a senior, teaches children’s theater twice a week through the Faith Temple Christian Center.

“There are volunteer opportunities here in Calhoun County. These are some of the standouts:

- Early Education majors might want to look into the Anniston City Schools Foundation. They had only 15 college-age volunteers last year and have less than ten now. The mentoring/tutoring program they have set up only requires one hour a week. Contact Bettye Presley at 256-237-0053.

- If you don’t feel like you’re up to tutoring, the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Gadsden also only needs one hour a week to help mentor a child. They can be reached at 256-546-5079.

- There is a heart-shaped planter off to the left, a blue gazing ball peering out of it like an eye, and surrounding you on the fences and in the other planters are more hearts made from old pallets.

- In his basement, visitors are surrounded by words of hope and inspiration painted in a style reminiscent of 1960’s pop art.

- Surrounded by this optimism and light it’s hard to imagine Price as he was a decade ago, jobless and depressed, but Price will quickly acknowledge that the light and love around him comes from another source, his love of Christ.

- “I surround myself with that kind of thing [religious artwork and sayings] because that’s what I want. That’s my heart.”

- From this love has sprung the ability to forgive those who “with just a stroke of a pencil wipes you out because you’re just a social-security number.”

- “Everybody in the world has issues, but it’s how you are able to step up on those problems and climb up and say ‘Yeah, I am somebody,’” said Price. “That’s the attitude, the strength that says things are going to be better. I pray for people that did bad things to me.”

- During those troubled times, one of Price’s neighbors gave him the title of “Sir” that he now attaches to his name. It was the neighbor’s way of showing Price how much he was respected at home.

- Price grew up the third of four children, a sister and brother who were older and one younger brother, in a “lap-sided” house in Anniston, AL.

- “Where my siblings were gregarious and mixers, I was the kid who would go off alone and play by myself and was perfectly content to do that.”

- The world he created in his mind in these early years, through playing by himself and through visiting museums, eventually became the world of Lapside.

- Through his prose and his imagina-tion, Price transports himself and his readers to all of the places that he was fascinated by as a child. Many of these locations were learned about only through pictures in books.

- His wife, Rita, supplied some of the imagery for the scenes set in the Black Forest from her time living in Germany as a child.

- She was also an inspiration in another way, since her personality became part of the basis for Marianne, the heroine of Lapside.

- Douglas met Rita Paolini “over a pickle” at the Ritz Theater on Noble Street in Anniston while they were both in high school. Later, a mutual friend set them up on a blind date and, as they say, ‘the rest is history.”

- The couple was married in 1972 while Douglas was a sophomore at Jacksonville State University.

- “We lived in a shotgun house and ate a lot of bologna sandwiches and kool-aid,” said Price. “We were happy because we didn’t have anything, but we didn’t have anything to miss.”

- They’ve come a long way since then and the love they feel for each other is etched in every part of the house. Every room showcases family photographs as well as religious sayings and artifacts. The garden in back, which showcases small versions of the characters and scenes from the book, was created by the two of them.

- “It’s amazing what people will give you out of the goodness of their heart,” said Price as he swept his arm around the yard. The wood for the gazebo and the stones as well as a large pile of bricks are all donations from friends and neighbors who want to see this man with the big heart do well. 

By: Jennifer Bacchus

The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

From the ashes of a destroyed life can spring flowers of compassion and love.

Such is the case with Sir Douglas Price and his book, Lapside.

Lapside is Price’s Santa story prequel. It tells the story of how Marianne and Nicklaus Claus meet.

A decade ago Price was pushed out of the job he had held for 20 years. Floating without focus and faced with bankruptcy, he exorcised his demons through writing.

“Once the crash came, well then the question came ‘What do I have left?’” said Price.

Price’s compassion and love, even for the people who treated him poorly through the years, shines in his life. Step out the back door of his home and you are immediately surrounded by hearts.

There is a heart-shaped planter off to the left, a blue gazing ball peering out of it like an eye, and surrounding you on the fences and in the other planters are more hearts made from old pallets.

In his basement, visitors are surrounded by words of hope and inspiration painted in a style reminiscent of 1960’s pop art.

Surrounded by this optimism and light it’s hard to imagine Price as he was a decade ago, jobless and depressed, but Price will quickly acknowledge that the light and love around him comes from another source, his love of Christ.

“I surround myself with that kind of thing [religious artwork and sayings] because that’s what I want. That’s my heart.”

From this love has sprung the ability to forgive those who “with just a stroke of a pencil wipes you out because you’re just a social-security number.”

“Everybody in the world has issues, but it’s how you are able to step up on
Team Sleep: not another side project

By: Jeff Fuller
The Chanticleer Features Writer

The new self-titled Team Sleep album beckons for your attention and has the ability to keep it. This is a rarity in an industry that tends to chew up and spit out talented artists for the sake of keeping less-talented, better-selling ones.

This in mind, the new Team Sleep album, seems adequate for the role of the “pop sage”.

Chino Moreno of the Deftones is one of the prime movers and shakers of this endeavor. In many respects this album doesn’t add up with the typical lead singer side project. Certainly not to say that Rob Thomas isn’t on the up and up with the hardly genuine plasticity that permeates his new solo effort, but the very construction of Team Sleep’s album seems to be a tell-tale sign of why it maintains the sorts of qualities it does.

Team Sleep did not begin as an album or group or any other means to an end, but as collaboration between friends. Approximately a year before Moreno and the Deftones released their first album, he purchased a basic four track recorder with friend Todd Wilkinson (guitar).

According to teamsleep.net, Moreno said, “We'd each have it for a coupla weeks, and we'd make tapes and exchange them.” A few tapes later they would add DJ Crook. The rough mixes would then become songs. They would then bring in Zach Hill (Drums) and Rick Verret (Bass).

Although the repertoire of the album includes heavy use of electronics, the overall sound maintains its organic quality. The whole creative process seemed to allow for an album that approaches the seemingly impossible ability to sonically interpret stream of consciousness. The ambient sound effects intertwined in the heavy guitars and creeping bass and drum lines join along with lyrics to help communicate thought process. I would describe it quite loosely as an “inverted onomatopoeia”.

With songs like the eerie instrumental, “Year of the King,” and “Paris Arm,” haunted with the angelic vocals of Mary Timony, I believe Chino has reason to be proud of his solo project.

So if you think you’d be interested in a band whose live show has been described as an “indie version of the Allman Brothers,” pick up the new Team Sleep album. And, if your into the “Heady Metal” the kids are digging these days, check for the new Deftones B-sides and rarities Box-set out Oct. 14.

Left: Coop DeVille, a local favorite among JSU students, is located at 401 Pelham Road South in Jacksonville across from Hardee’s.

Below: Chicken finger salad is one of Coop DeVille’s favorites. The bar also offers Wi-Fi internet access.
Restaurant Reviews:

Coop DeVille

By: David Howton
The Chanticleer Features Writer

Established in 2001, Coop DeVille is a hot spot among JSU students because of its convenience and uniqueness.

With JSU having a large population of students who commute back and forth from home every day, many of you have not had the chance to try this buffalo wing lover's paradise.

Until a week ago, I, a student of five years, had not tried Coop DeVille. I can honestly say that I was pleasantly surprised.

Along with offering 24 different types of wings, Coop DeVille also offers a large selection of hot subs, salads, chicken tenders, fries, desserts and cold sodas. Lemon pepper is the most popular, bringing in nearly 40 percent of the buffalo wing's revenue.

Coop's owner, Jonathan Watson credits the store's success to Jacksonville State saying, "If it wasn't for the University we probably wouldn't make it."

With the bulk of their orders being delivery, Coop DeVille employs several JSU students at any given time. Their business is affected by class schedule and time of the year; with summer months being less productive. Sales drop nearly 20 percent during the summer.

Being like most commuter students, I have had limited interaction with the Coop DeVille, but in researching this story, I found it my duty to purchase a 12 piece of honey mustard buffalo wings.

After placing my order, I received my food in just a few minutes. The staff was polite on the phone, the deliveryman called to make sure the address was correct and service was terrific.

Although messy, the wings hit the spot. The aroma filled the office and my copy editor decided to help herself to one or two, later deciding that she wanted her own so she promptly called and ordered the lunch special for herself.

Coop DeVille's General Manager, Chris West, ranks their busiest times as being the Super Bowl, the Iron Bowl and any JSU home game.

Much to our reader's delight, not only is the food great tasting, but it also has a 95 Health Department rating.

With locations here in Jacksonville and near the Gadson campus of Gadsden State Community College, Watson is also looking to expand to Oxford.
Soccer kicks back, gains confidence

By Brandon Weems
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The JSU soccer team continued to build confidence with two home wins over the weekend, their first of the season. Elsa Kurlychek scored the only goal for the Gamecocks in a 1-0 victory over Mercer Friday night. Kurlychek chipped the ball into the net at the 69:44 mark in the second half with the assist from Heather Swift. Kate Kelly earned her first shutout of the season on Sunday afternoon with a 2-0 victory over Southern Mississippi.

"We earned this win," said JSU coach Julie Davis. "It's always nice to win at home. The girls fought hard and worked together as a unit."

Friday's game started slow as both teams were unable to find the back of the net through the first half. It wasn't until the 69th minute of the match that Kurlychek was able to seize an opportunity to give her team the lead.

"We found a way collectively, especially in the second half to start generating more numbers going forward," Davis said. "If one goes in, it makes the biggest difference. The goal gives you the boost that you need to help finish the game off."

Defensively, the Gamecocks' were able to hold the Bears at bay for the final 11 minutes of the match with a defensive scheme that Davis implemented during the off-season.

"We made good adjustments at half-time, especially in the back four. It's a new system that they're playing so they have to make a lot of new adjustments and they're starting to get the hang of the concepts that are new to them. They understand now how to work well with one another's strengths and weaknesses."

Kate Kelly stopped all three of Southern Mississippi's shots on goal Sunday, handing the Golden Eagles their second loss of the season.

Heather Swift gave the Gamecocks (4-4-1) a one-goal lead in the 48th minute. Swift kicked the ball out of the reach of the Southern Miss goaltender Holly Cox's hands into the back of the net. Daniela Malta finished the scoring at the 55:10 mark in the second half, on a free kick that soared into the corner of the net. The defense held strong once again to give the Gamecocks the victory.

"Anytime you get a win it gains confidence," Davis said. "It is us achieving our ultimate goal going into conference play."

"The Gamecocks will begin conference play on the road September 23 against Morehead State at 4p.m.

Women's golf finishes 10th

Gamecocks take show to SEMO

Continued from Page 8 Gamecock defense that has only given up 186.3 yards per
The JSU signal caller threw for a career high 259 yards on 21-of-29 passes.

"Give credit to UAB stopping us from running the ball," said JSU coach Jack Crowe. "We really never had a rhythm. The Blazers (2-1) took advantage of their special teams play in which the average starting line of scrimmage on all five scoring drives was the 43-yardline.

"They played on a short field the whole night," said Crowe. "Anytime somebody starts inside the forty, their on a short field.

"The short field played into the hands of UAB's talented quarterback Darrell Hackney. The Heisman Trophy hopeful threw for 231 yards on 16-of-24 passes, but more importantly avoided heavy pressure from the Gamecock defense.

"Coach (Brown) just let us focus on offense tonight," Hackney said. "We had a couple of drops and I misread a couple. We have to get better. It was a wake-up call tonight."

Prediction

SEMO will have difficulty stopping the ball against JSU, but has even more difficulty stopping the run.

The Redhawks defense has given up an average of 153 yards per game, which plays right into the favor of JSU.

If SEMO continues to have problems stopping the run, look for Clay Green to have a monster game this weekend in a Gamecock blowout.

Jacksonville State senior Darren Williams was named the Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week, the league office announced on Sunday.

Williams, a transfer from Mississippi State, finished with a game-high 10 tackles in JSU's 35-28 loss at UAB on Saturday. He helped lead a Gamecock defense that limited UAB quarterback Darrell Hackney to 231 total yards.

The Clarksdale, Miss., native leads the Gamecocks with 32 total tackles and has record double-digit efforts in all three games this season.

Jacksonville State will begin its defense of its back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference Championships this Saturday at Southeast Missouri State. Kick-off is set for 6 p.m.
What about I told you so, but still not perfect!

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Usually I would say, “I told you so,” but I am not real pleased with my performance last week after predicting all three games correct.

I wasn’t real pleased with my performance in the UCLA/Oklahoma game because I thought the Sooners would play harder. However, the outcomes (which were w’s) were all correct.

I predicted UCLA would win a big game for their program and I jumped on the Vanderbilt bandwagon after the “cover” dories are halfway to a bowl game and 2-0 in the SEC for the first time since 1956.

Not to mention I was all over the Florida Gators covering by five and the Urban Meyer Legend getting off to a fast start in the SEC race.

I should quit while I am ahead but call me butter because I am on a roll.

Upset Alert

Tennessee at LSU. I am an SEC fan but this is a down year for the wild, wild, west. Vanderbilt has beaten Arkansas and Ole Miss in consecutive weeks and that is really not supposed to happen.

LSU is a six point favorite at home and the Volunteers come to town. LSU is not the

Volleyball cleans house in OVC weekly awards

By Staff Reports
The JSU Athletic Department

The Jacksonville State volleyball team swept the Ohio Valley Conference Player-of-the-Week honors on Monday, when the league office awarded sophomore Abbey Breit as the offensive honor and senior Kisha West the defensive award.

Breit, a 2004 First Team All-OVC honoree and a 2005 preseason All-OVC selection, earned the second Offensive Player-of-the-Week Award in her career, while West received the league’s Defensive Player-of-the-Week award for the fourth time in her career.

“Both Abbey and Kisha have improved their games tremendously since last season,” JSU head coach Rick Nold said. “Their contributions to the team are a key in how successful this team will be in the OVC season. They are each a big part of this team, and it is nice to see them get some recognition for that.”

Breit, a 5-10 middle blocker from Louisville, Ky., earned her first Player-of-the-Week honor of the season after totaling a team-high 67 kills over the week, including double-digit kills in each of the Gamecocks’ four matches. She had a match-high 21 in three games at Cincinnati on Thursday, including 14 in game two alone.

West, a 5-11 defensive specialist and libero from New Castle, Ind., led the Gamecocks and the OVC over the week with 65 total digs, an average of 5.0 digs per game. She led JSU in digs in each of the Gamecocks’ four matches over the week, including a match-high 23 against Cincinnati. She recorded double figures in digs in all four matches.

The Gamecocks return to action on Friday, when they host Tennessee State to open OVC play at Pete Mathews Coliseum at 7 p.m. They will then host Austin Peay on Saturday at 2 p.m. Admission to all JSU volleyball matches is free.

So close, yet so far away

The Gamecocks drop their third straight game in a row this time after roaring back in the fourth quarter.

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Assistant Editor

“They fought us tooth and nail like I knew they would,” UAB coach Watson Brown said. “They’re better than Troy. They have a quarterback who is a fantastic football player and we were lucky to come away with a win.”

Three straight games, three close losses for JSU Football. The Gamecocks were defeated by UAB 35-28 on Saturday night, but not before the Gamecocks made things a little interest-
third ranked team in the nation and the Tigers at best, will not cover. I like the Volunteers to win because of their defense.

LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell will have a hard time reading the defense and the Vols will win a close game. Tennessee by one.

Blowout Line

Georgia at Mississippi St. In the battle of the Bulldogs, Georgia is favored by fifteen and a half. Again, a down year for the SEC west so Georgia's DJ Shockley will have a big game for the Bulldogs. Sylvester Croom will have State ready to play early but Georgia will pull away late in the game. Georgia by 21.

Must see game

Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech. Georgia Tech starts one of its many tough road games this season.

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Gamecock Spotlight of the Week

By Amado Ortiz
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Football is the ultimate team sport and sometimes players can be the bride but never the bridesmaid.

This statement couldn't be any more precise about the defensive backfield on the defense. Ordinary fans only remember the blown coverages and never show respect to the defensive backs.

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CS: How was it like playing with Miami Dolphin tailback Ronnie Brown in high school?
KB: Man that guy never got tackled in practice. I don't remember one time. Really I'm being serious. We won the state championship my sophomore year in high school when he was a senior. He was just a natural talent, never lifted a lot of weights, he was that good ever since little league.

CS: What do you like doing in your free time?
KB: Watching movies, just chillin', hanging out listening to music and relaxing. That is all I really have time for.
CS: What is in your CD player right now?
KB: I have a changer. I got Young Jazzy, Best of Biggie Smalls, Lil Wayne, T.I., and I got a little slow CD in there too.
CS: What are your thoughts on the season so far?
KB: We knew what we were getting into with the schedule but this is going to prepare us for the playoffs so we don't get blown-out like last year. This is really testing ourselves.
CS: Who is the hardest hitter on the team?
KB: Shh... Me!!
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KB: Rod Olds. He is just crazy. He keeps excitement on the team and keeps our spirits up when some people get down.
CS: Are you a fan of the toughschedule?
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CS: What is your favorite moment?
KB: Playing in the Tennessee Titans stadium my freshmen year.
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KB: Losing to Furman on the last play of the game.
CS: Do you have a guilty pleasure?
KB: I can play tennis and I am pretty good. I tell people that and they don't believe me but I was on the tennis team in high school.
CS: What is your favorite quote?
KB: It's all in the state of mind.
CS: What is the one thing the Chanticleer readers need to know about you?
KB: I am just a cool person. I just chill and try back but I can get it crank when I want too!
CS: Pick one player from defense and offense that you never show respect to.
KB: Craig Agee on defense and Maurice Mulling on offense.
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