Gas prices affect local emergency services

By: Aaron Tanner
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The recent high gas prices have put a pinch on the pocketbooks and wallets of everyone who drives. However, for those who drive as part of their job, gas prices are more of a burden.

Even though it is the duty of fire fighters, police officers, and ambulance workers to respond to emergencies, some of these workers have changed their work habits in order to save on gas.

The Jacksonville Police Department made many changes with an eye towards saving money on gas. Instead of patrolling the streets in their cruisers for many hours, they are encouraging officers to do their patrolling on foot. Also, when taking reports at an incident or at the station, officers are not to leave cars parked and idling but are encouraged to turn their engines off except during accident scenes.

Officers have been told to ride together during slow periods. Also, anytime an officer needs to make a report, they are dropped off at the station while the other officer who is done at the station. During peak business times, officers may still ride separately.

periods, like they used to, in order to save money on gas. “We are trying to curtail extraneous trips,” Daughtery adds.

With gas prices starting to slowly come down, UPD is starting to gradually resume normal operations. Officer Fetner hopes to increase normal patrol duties soon.

Local ambulance services are feeling the pinch as well. Anniston Emergency Medical Services is passing on higher rates to insurance holders to offset the price of gas. “Right now we are absorbing the costs,” says Johnny Warren.

State Attorney General Bill King recently passed a resolution that allowed government and other groups such as emergency vehicles to purchase off-road diesel fuel until October 5th.

Like the fire department, ambulance drivers are no longer allowed to run personal errands with their vehicle. “We’re doing things in-house to eliminate some of our waste,” states Warren.

Forecasters warned if Hurricane Rita damages any oil refineries in the gulf, prices could skyrocket again. If that happens, local emergency services will have to scrimp even more to save money.

Wineman said that if gas prices rise even higher, the police department will have to begin에서는, "..."
Also many freshmen aren't aware of the necessities to work. Going from high school to college is a big step, and many students still haven't realized that they aren't under their parents' wing anymore. The key to passing classes is acceptance of the necessity to work.

The majority of freshmen students questioned said that they don't study while working or studying, and they are working or studying to finish their math homework. As impossible as it may seem, the key to passing classes while working or studying is time management and maybe some aspirin for all the headaches.
SGA Scholarship details finalized

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Student bill 43, which was held over from last week's Student Senate meeting, proposed to expand the Student Government Association's scholarship to the head of the Student Activities Committee. It was sent back to the Academic Affairs Committee last week for clarification of certain issues.

Section 900.1 of the bill said that you must have served at least one semester to be eligible. The term "active" was defined in 900.11 as having at least 40 percent participation and fulfilling the requirements of their position as deemed by the Code of Laws. 900.12 said that SGA executive officers are not eligible. The selection committee was defined in 900.13.

Two amendments were added to the bill during the meeting. Senator Ted Hunt proposed an amendment that changed the eligibility requirement of serving one semester to two semesters. Section 900.7 was struck per Senator Jennifer Nix, because it duplicated section 900.13.

With the new amendments in place, the bill was passed.
SB 44 appointed Marcus Shepherd as a senator for the 2005-2006 term.
"I enjoy being on campus and having input," Shepherd said. The bill passed and Shepherd joined the other senators.

Today, many SGA members are leaving for the National Association for Campus Activities Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee. There they will attend seminars on leadership qualities and get ideas for possible activities.

SGA President Mardracus "Drape" Russell will return as a presenter. He will speak about turning ideas into activities through an acronym of the entire alphabet entitled "A...B...C...Easy as 1...2...3." They will return this Sunday.

On October 15, during the Family Day football game, the SGA will present the money raised during the "Quarter 'N' Up" campaign to The American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Ryan Mathis, Homecoming Committee Head, wanted the student body to know that you do not have to be in the SGA to participate in the Homecoming Pageant.

Interested girls must turn in 25 outside signatures and a $25 application fee on or before 4:30 p.m. October 7 to the Office of Student Life, located at 402 TMB. An interest meeting will follow.

There was a large student body turnout this week.

"This is the only way we can figure out what we need to do here. You have to speak up," said SGA Student Senate Vice President Justin Lord. He reiterated that the student body is always welcome to express their views.

The meetings are held every Monday at 6:00pm 301 TMB.

Campus Safety Committee Head Tremaine Kelley extended an open invitation to anyone interested in attending the meetings of his committee. The next meeting will be October 6 at 5:00pm in the lobby on the third floor of the Theron Montgomery Building.

"If we all take initiative it will help," said Kelley.

Organizational Overview

By: Regina Ezell
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Entertainment: John Robert Worthington and the rest of the Major Entertainment Committee are planning this year's entertainment events. Entertainment on campus can be thrilling and exciting. Students can meet new people while enjoying an evening of songs or comedy acts.

Worthington said that this spring they would possibly have phone parties. They will also try to get some big music events, Step Africa, poets, comedians and game shows.

It will benefit the student body more," said Stedham. This year, the committee hopes to begin using electronic voting equipment. It is something they will be looking into that will allow them to give the students more advances in voting privileges.

For JSU, the election committee covers Mr. & Miss Jax State, The Executives Officers, Mr. & Miss Friendly, Jax Cash, and other bills that are passed by the senate.

Safety: Safety is also an important issue for students as well as faculty. Everyone should be secure in his or her environment. Campus Safety Committee head Tremaine Kelly is very concerned about the student body's safety.

Not outdoorsy? At the Pete Mathews Coliseum, you can swim for free with your Student ID card. Don’t plan to eat concession snacks: they can be expensive. Instead, make your own trail mix or carry sandwiches.

Or, you could go for a walk. The Chief Ladiga Trail runs through the campus and makes for a nice, but active date.

If you’re more into group dates, there is a drive-in theatre in Piedmont. For about $5.00 a carload you can see a movie. Plus, there are double features. If you are looking for a more personal environment, pop a DVD into your own player in your own living room. Watching movies in the comfort of your own home definitely has its advantages. You won't have to deal with noisy neighbors on cell phones or obnoxious view-blocking hairdos.

Several of our local restaurants have decent dollar menus including McDonald’s, Wendy’s and Taco Bell.
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October 4 in the Gamecock Center. All students are welcome. Go Gamecocks!
Contact: Lauren Pettus laurenpettus1@hotmail.com

JSU Homecoming: “Lights, Camera, Action!”
Homecoming Pageant Applications and $25.00 fee due October 7 at 4:30 in TMB 402.

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JSU’s Police Department in

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By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

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To tan, or not to tan?

By: James Barcus
Chanticleer Staff Writer

As the waning months of summer end, and we move closer to fall, many college students are trying to cram in as much “tan time” as they can. However, they could be causing more harm than good.

As college students bake in the late-summer sun, scientists and health care professionals debate on just how much sun is healthy for a person to get. Some studies state that sunscreen enables us to stay in the sun longer by delaying the sunburn reaction. So just how much are we supposed to tan?

According to Dermatology Nursing for April of 2004, skin cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in the United States. The American Academy of Dermatology stated in 1999 that one out of every five Americans could expect to develop skin cancer in their lifetime. The American Cancer Society estimated that 54,200 new melanomas were diagnosed in the United States during the year 2003. On top of that, more than 1 million Americans will discover variols other skin cancers that invade their skin.

According to the Journal of the National Cancer Institute article from August 1999, 87 French and Swiss students were part of a study about their time spent in the sun. Half of the students used sunscreen with a SPF of 10, while the other half used a SPF of 30. In the blind study, researchers found the students using the stronger sunscreen actually stayed out longer than the ones using the weaker sunscreen.

Dorinda Black, nurse practitioner at JSU’s Wallace College of Nursing Clinic, says that you should take precautions before exposing yourself to the sun. She also states, “You should also apply at least a sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 15 or higher.” She advised that one should apply the sunscreen once-half hour before going out and reapply the sunscreen every hour and a half to two hours. You should also wear a ball cap and/or visor to keep the sun out of your face and neck.

Black also said people should limit their time in tanning beds and booths. There are products in discount stores and pharmacies that offer a “sunless” tanning solution.

We asked some students for their take on the subject and if they use Mother Nature or the more artificial methods of tanning. Bridget Hayes, a student living in Sparkman Hall, tells us she doesn’t tan herself. “Personally, I don’t tan, but all my friends use the self-tanning stuff [self-tan sprays and mists],” Brandon Stathes tells us that the sun is not always good. “The sun is not good for you [because] it makes your skin look leathery and older than you really are,” he says.

If you choose not to spend time in the sun, then diet and vitamin supplements can help to fill the void left with the lack of sun. Foods rich in vitamin D, like whole milk, fruit juices, and seafood like mackerel, tuna, and salmon can help fill in what people need. Taking vitamin supplements can help fill the other half of the void. The recommended daily allowance, according to the federal government, is 1500 mg of Vitamin D.

Black says to not take too much, because taking too much can do as much harm as not having enough.

If you tan, you should be sure to use sunscreen. Both tanners and non-tanners should always wear a hat.

Rush to be unique

By: Kimberly Davis
Chanticleer Staff Writer

The bids are in for Interfraternity Council Recruitment Week 2005 and the fraternities have chosen their new members to enter the life of the Greek. Interested young men have visited the fraternity houses to learn more about the Greek life, but what made some of these organizations different from one another?

“We are men of class and we excel in many Greek activities: including public relations and intramural sports, and we support all other activities on campus,” Pi Kappa Phi President Woody Rozier.

Pi Kappa Phi bids were based on the person’s good qualities and whether or not the potential member will be an asset to the organization. They invited 15 young men back, but only 11 accepted the bids.

“I chose Pi Kappa Phi because they are friendly, cool, nice guys who are dedicated to the school, and they really love the fraternity,” said Ben Drummond, a new member of Pi Kappa Phi.

That love for the school and fraternity won over Drummond and the other 10 young men who accepted their bids to become a group of elite young men.

“They [Delta Chi] are active in the community and on campus. They are diverse and they do not discriminate based on religion or race. Brotherhood and diversity is what keeps them together,” said Delta Chi President and Rush Chairman Blake Arthur.

Delta Chi diversity is what makes them different from other fraternities. They recruited 15 potential members before rush and invited 4 back during rush. They have 19 new members whose bids were based on their interest in the fraternity and involvement in high school. Delta Chi chose new members that were interested in being more involved on campus.

“They are straight-forward people who have lots of fun. They are friendly, outgoing, and when I hung out with them they sold me,” said new Delta Chi member Brandon Peacock.

The Sigma Nu dedication to grades makes them stand out among the fraternities. They invited five recruits back and only two accepted the bids. Their bids were based on the potential member’s interests, hobbies, and what made them unique.

“Sigma Nu has one of the highest GPAs on campus. We prepare guys for the future, we won the gold cup metal, and we rank #1. We are easygoing, fun loving group, that focuses on our priority by excelling in our grades by having study groups. We help guys focus on what they are in school for,” said Sigma Nu President Drew Wagner.

“I chose Sigma Nu because they have good personalities. All the guys are different, and they do not have the exact same personalities like the other fraternities. It’s a different atmosphere and you can learn from different people,” said new member Josh Hill.

All the fraternities based their bids on different things during the rush, but it was the unique characteristics of each fraternity that made the interested young men accept their invitations to “Go Greek.”

Jacksonville Mayor Johnny Smith and other members of the Swinging Stars Squaredance Club perform at the Mountain Echoes Festival on Saturday September 24.
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Stepping up to the plate

By: Patrick Swafford
Chanticleer Assistant Sports Editor

I love baseball. I was one of those fans who still loved the game after the 1994 strike. I forgave them and welcomed back my heroes with open arms. Ten years after the greatest let down in sports history, baseball is on the brink of another.

Since this spring, steroid allegations have spread like an uncontrollable disease through the sport. We've all heard the rumors and speculation. Some think Barry Bonds was apologizing for earlier this year was his use of performance enhancing substances. Now, unless you've been hiding under a rock all year, you know that Rafael Palmeiro has tested positive. Big deal, right? You don't know the half of it.

Let's look at the record books. Palmeiro is sitting on 300 career home runs and 3000 career base hits, which are, without question, Hall of Fame numbers. The question still remains, when did he start taking steroids?

Before the 1993 season, Palmeiro's highest single-season home run total was 26, set in 1991. Then the '93 season brought a new addition to Palmeiro's team, the Texas Rangers, Jose Canseco. After story that a Harvard professor had proof that the only way the substance for which Palmeiro tested positive could enter the human body was through injection.

Palmeiro was suspended, just like everyone else that had tested positive before him. He came back to a chorus of boos as his team, the Baltimore Orioles, were on the road. As the boos got louder, Palmeiro resorted to drastic measures, wearing earplugs to the plate.

As if this story couldn't be any sadder, Palmeiro went as far as to blame one of his teammates for his positive test, which got the member of the 500 home run club sent home for the remainder of the season.

In a sport where a hall of fame induction is the "holy grail," it would be nice to see someone with the statistics that merit that honor take responsibility for his actions. Instead of admitting that he made a huge mistake, he's doing his best "Cadillac" Williams impression; he's running.

A gallon of gas for your thoughts

By: Jeff Pruitt
The Chanticleer Features Editor

For the most part, this seems to be true. Of the 17 million cars bought every year, only 311,000 of these are hybrids.

But with the rising cost of gas and an increasing awareness of the pollution caused by automobiles, the concept of hybrid cars seems to be a better option with each passing day.

With hybrid cars, you are talking of an increased fuel efficiency of up to 60 miles a gallon with the newest models.

If the hybrid doesn't float your boat, then maybe the idea of converting your existing car to run on an alternative fuel source will.

Intergalactic Hydrogen is a company that builds multi-fuel vehicles that run on gasoline, hydrogen, natural gas, or ethanol. With these vehicles, the air coming out of the tailpipe is actually cleaner than the air coming into the car.

That said, I wouldn't be able to afford any one of the eight hybrid models available now even if I wanted to. Like most of you, I'm a poor college student.

However, when you graduate from this illustrious university and go out into the big world and start earning a paycheck, you will have more power. The power of the consumer.

The almighty dollar is a powerful thing and the large corporations tremble at the idea of an informed, unified public.

The ability to make a difference in this world lies in your wallet.

Besides, that fat, bloated CEO really doesn't need another yacht.
Rangers, Jose Canseco. After that, Palmeiro's home run totals skyrocketed, hitting as many as 47 in a season - twice. Keep that in the back of your mind for just a minute.

Once the steroid scandal broke in the early part of this year, the media firestorm engulfed the front pages of every major newspaper in the country. It didn't help matters that Canseco was also releasing a "tell all" book that claimed he had introduced athletes like Mark McGwire, Giambi and Palmeiro to steroids.

Congress stepped in and met with several of baseball's biggest and brightest stars, including Palmeiro. Each of these professional athletes were asked their own opinions about how to eliminate performance enhancing drugs from the game. Some gave their heart-felt opinions, but Palmeiro took the opportunity to shake his finger at Congress and admonishingly state "I never once took steroids, period." I wonder if he knew that statement would be the one that defined his entire career for all the wrong reasons?

In August, news broke across the country that Palmeiro had tested positive for steroids. His defense was simple: He didn't know it was steroids. Once again, everything just blew up in his face. He was not only a fraud, but he was a liar. ESPN broke a
The true face of JSU diversity

By Toni Shippey
The Chanticleer Feature Writer

When most people think of diversity they automatically think of ethnic diversity. Here at JSU we have many diverse groups. One group that is often overlooked is people with disabilities. JSU has 257 students with various disabilities.

I spoke with a couple students regarding their opinions on the quality of life here at JSU for the disabled.

Julie-Anne Dentici, a senior Communications major, believes Disabled Student Services, (DSS) acts as a mediator between the students and faculty when extra assistance is needed. Julie-Anne was born 3 months premature with cerebral palsy, a group of motor problems and physical disorders related to a brain injury. Cerebral Palsy causes uncontrolled reflex movements and muscle tightness.

Another student I spoke with was Felicia Frames, a freshman Exercise & Wellness major. Felicia was born with tumors on the optic nerve of her left eye. She had surgery to remove them, but the doctor operating on her accidentally cut the optic nerve in the process. She came to JSU from the Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind in Talladega. The transition from ASDB to JSU was not very hard for her because she had attended a public school prior to Talladega.

The biggest problem Felicia has found here is not enough “talking walkways” on her way to the Coliseum. She contacted DSS to help her find someone that could help her to class, but ended up having to take care of it herself. Other than that one incident, she says DSS has helped her a lot.

He speaks ‘Marine’

By: Jessica Summe

The historic Alabama Theatre was one of seven venues used during the 2005 Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival.

Bottom: Festival-goers at The Brick Room.

Photos by: Jeff Pruitt

Lights, Camera...Alabama?

By: Jeff Pruitt
The Chanticleer Features Editor

This past weekend, Birmingham, Ala., was host to the 7th annual Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival.

With more than 150 films shown from September 23 to September 25, the streets of downtown Birmingham were busy with filmmakers and film lovers alike taking in newly released independent films across seven venues.

Entries this year included films from as far away as Germany and, with an increase in submissions and attendance from last year, the festival seems to be gaining momentum.

“The 2005 Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival was amazing. We had record numbers of attendees, record number of visiting filmmakers, record numbers of local films screened and everyone had a phenomenal time,” said Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival Public and Media Relations Director Kelly Marshall.

Out of the 700 films submitted, those chosen were divided into seven categories. They were feature length narratives and documentaries, short narratives and documentaries, student films, animated films, and feature films for kids.

Six films that appeared at this year’s festival were shot overseas. Among them, was “Favela Rising,” shot in Brazil and this year’s winner of the Audience Choice Award for Best Documentary.

Other award winners include “The Puffy Chair” for Best Feature, “Lucha Libre: Life Behind the Mask” for Best Documentary and “Novem,” which received the Audience Choice Award for Best Feature.

Guest of Honor for the closing night was actor John C. Reilly, whose films include “Chicago,” The Aviator,” and “Boogie Nights.” He received the inaugural Spirit of Sidewalk Award for his contribution to independent film.

For those interested in entering a film for the 2006 Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival, submissions are being accepted in both DVD and VHS format beginning in February. Go to sidewalkfest.com for more details.

For those who can’t wait that long and want to get involved now, check out one of the monthly meetups in Birmingham.

Marshall said, “A great place to meet like minded people that are also working in the industry is the monthly networking Sidewalk Salons. They are typically held the first Monday of each month at Rojo on South Highland and create an atmosphere for local filmmakers to collaborate and network. It is a great place to alert others of upcoming projects and meet people that can assist with productions or even help further develop an idea.”
By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Writer

Jeremiah Evans is a Marine recruiters’ dream. Tall and tan, he quite literally has the body of a champion bodybuilder. His uniform and dress blues hang neatly in his closet, with his equipment and numerous awards packed securely underneath. Along with his duties to the Marine Reserves, he works full-time while juggling a full course load and his responsibilities as vice-president of the Sigma Pi fraternity.

Evans joined the Reserves right after graduating from high school, and currently holds the rank of Corporal. He joined because his stepfather was a Marine, and he had always seen the Marines as being the most disciplined and respected of all the military.

“Everything has to be perfect with them,” he says of the corps. “I just really meshed well with it.”

He attended boot camp, the most miserable and memorable time of any Marine’s life, at Parris Island, S.C., in late summer, before heading to JSU to play football. Evans should have been taking midterms when he was activated in October 2002.

“I wasn’t expecting it at all,” he said. “But the school was really great about it. They offered me my money back, but I chose to take those classes again when I came home.”

His Atlanta-based unit, Marine Aviation Group 42 (MAG-42), was attached to California-based unit MAG-39. They first traveled to California to receive intense reconnaissance, urban warfare and survivability training. They were sent over to Afghanistan in February 2003.

“It’s stupid hot over there,” he says first about Afghanistan. “We all had to get new boots. The old ones just melted on the tarmac.”

Evans’ field is aviation electronics, so his ‘normal’ day was spent fixing airplanes or gathering parts from supply to be sent to other units. Every so often, he would get a duty assignment, which lasted a full 24 hours and could mean anything from riding out with a convoy, manning the phones, or guarding the base. Because of the intense heat (Evans remembers the temperature reaching 132 degrees) they often worked at night, from 6PM to 6AM.

“And you always have your weapon,” he says. “Always.”

Marines march in formation wearing their dress blues. Evans chose the Marine Corps because of the discipline they are known for.

Working 12-hour shifts, seven days a week, with the occasional duty assignment might make some people a little resentful, but Evans’ only complaint was that the chow hall wasn’t open on weekends. He says he was lucky to be on base: perks of base include Internet access, basic bathroom facilities, and phones to call home. He also got to live in his own private ‘hooch,’ a small 7x7 room that had four wooden walls and a tarp for a roof.

On the other hand, bases are big, fat targets.

Evans recalls a time when, because of heavy anti-aircraft fire, the helicopters with food supplies couldn’t get close to the base.

“We were on one MRE (meal-ready-to-eat) a day, which is nothing,” he says. “We had to steal food from the Army. They had guards, but they just glared at us. What were they going to do, shoot us? We had to eat.”

He shrugs off any idea that the MRE raids were simply to harass the Army.

“When you get over there, everybody’s everybody,” he said. “You’re all on the same side. The rivalry stuff is really just all in fun.”

Other fun things to do in ‘the sandbox’ include watching DVDs, playing video games, mucking about online (hotormot.com is a popular site among the younger military), and calling home to talk to family and friends. Another popular activity (though against the rules) is staging fights between camel spiders and scorpions, animals native to the Middle East.

“We kept a camel spider in the shop,” he remembers. “We didn’t have it fight, though. It would just crawl over everything and keep us company.” (See sidebar for more information on desert wildlife.)

Evans returned home to Rome, GA, in October 2003. After adjusting to the 9-hour time difference, Evans jumped right back into college life.

“It was actually harder coming back from boot,” he said. “After boot, I was standing at attention, not speaking unless spoken to, and calling everyone ‘sir.’”

A dieselian major, Evans has no plans to join the Marines full-time. He doesn’t regret joining the Marines or his time in Afghanistan.

“We’re making a difference over there. We wouldn’t be over there if we didn’t need to be. That’s my number one peeve—people who sit and watch TV crying and protesting. I took the responsibility so others don’t have to. We all chose this. We don’t want to be remembered as being forced over there.”

Since returning from Afghanistan, Evans attended Jump School at Fort Benning, GA. Last summer, his unit was sent to Camp Lejuene, NC, for two weeks to train on the V-22 Osprey. The Osprey is the Marine’s newest aircraft, a combination airplane-helicopter used for both air assault and cargo missions. This coming summer, he’ll go to Hawaii.

“We’ll be working the whole time we’re there,” he said. “I’m not sure if we’ll be doing training or just relieving the guys who work there. But it’s still Hawaii, so I guess I can’t complain.”
**“Wild Man” Fischer Blues**

By: Jason Keener  
**The Chanticleer Features Writer**

In Josh Rubin’s new documentary on underground rock legend Larry “Wild Man” Fischer, “Derailroaded,” tells of a time when people would visit mental institutions for freak show type voyeuristic thrills.

The Sidewalk Film Festival audience laughed at footage of the paranoid schizophrenic singer’s ravings of assassination and castration conspiracies. I had to wonder if society has really experienced any change at all.

Freakapleit, as I’ll take the liberty to dub it, has always been a touchy issue in the cinematic art. Films like Todd Browning’s “Freaks” and Werner Herzog’s “Even Dwarfs Started Small” led to heavy debates over the ethics of displaying abnormal human beings in front of the screen, despite the fact this stylization was used to make “regular” humans examine the possibility that they’re the grotesque monsters.

In 1995, Crispin Glover went so far as to employ victims of Down Syndrome as the cast for his debut film, “What Is It?”

Rubin’s film features scattered moments of serious drama that help the audience understand how serious mental illness is, but most of the time you’re expected to laugh.

And you probably will. Depending on your ethics, you may feel bad about it. And you probably should. “Derailroaded” features interviews with underground music icons like Devo’s Mark Mothersbaugh (who filmmaker Wes Anderson relies on for consistently wonderful score music), “Weird Al” Yankovic, Barnes and Barnes of “Fish Heads” fame, and the man who discovered the wild man, Frank Zappa.

As legend has it, Zappa walked down Sunset Boulevard one evening to hear the poor street musician offering his original songs for a dime. He instantly knew it was his duty to give this man a record deal. When Fischer threw a beer bottle that almost hit Zappa’s daughter, he instantly knew it was time to pull the plug.

After Zappa, Fischer spent years away from the music industry working several odd jobs, all of which he was fired from. He came back later on to give Rhino Records their highly successful jingle, but each album after his Zappa collaboration was a consistent decline in sales and a constant increase in paranoia that celebrities like Steven Spielberg and “Weird Al” Yankovic were planning to kill him, while Barnes and Barnes were planning to castrate him.

Fischer certainly earned his nickname. Musicians like Mothersbaugh believe he also earned far more serious artistic recognition than he received.

You may or may not find Fischer’s raw and screechy vocals and improvisational style agreeable to your ears, but Rubin’s film is definitely an interesting examination of a unique, and somewhat obscure, moment in music history. Production values are low but not obstructive, and the content makes it an enjoyable experience.

*This film appeared at The Brick Room in Birmingham, AL on Sept. 24, as part of the annual Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival.*

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**The Corpse Bride Soundtrack**

By: Jessica Summe  
**The Chanticleer Features Writer**

Tim Burton and Danny Elfman cannot do bad work. *The Corpse Bride* was #1 at the box office this past weekend, and its soundtrack should enjoy just as much success.

The music has the same combination of horror, beauty, and humor as *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, but with a little extra kick in the form of cheerful, is made up of the distinctive sounds of Halloween. The xylophone is made of bones, and sounds exactly that way. As a special treat, there are four extra tracks from the Bone Boys at the end of the CD.

The CD is mainly the instrumental score, but the four musical numbers from the movie are included. ‘According to Plan’ finds the Bride (Johnny Depp) and Victoria’s (Emily Watson) ‘Tears to Shed’, in which the Bride must be convinced of her attractiveness to Victor, is the standout performance, simply because of the Bride’s sardonic little comment of “but she still breathe air.” ‘The Wedding Song’ is a celebratory chorus piece sung by the dead characters in the movie.

Of the instrumental music, the standout track is the ‘Piano Duet’, which starts out as a simple piano piece before suddenly soaring into a beautiful elaboration on the opening theme. The quieter tracks, with their dark romantic feel, could easily lull a child to sleep or make pleasant ‘homework music.’ The big-band tracks, however, are custom-made for Halloween parties. The only thing wrong with this CD is the fact that it is so short...just a shade over 55 minutes.

Tim Burton and Danny Elfman’s last project was *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, which came out earlier this summer. Their other projects were *Beetlejuice, Batman, Big Fish*, and the previously mentioned *Nightmare Before Christmas*. Danny Elfman just recently won a Grammy for his opening theme to *Desperate Housewives.*
Christmas, but with a little extra kick in the form of ‘Bojangles and his Bone Boys,’ characters from the movie, who toss big-band/jazz music into the mix. The music, while Victor (Johnny Depp) and Victoria’s (Emily Watson) families preparing for the wedding, while ‘Remains of the Day’ outlines the origins of the Corpse Bride (Helena Bonham Carter).
Rhetta and Breit named to OVC weekly awards

**By Staff Reports**

Taurean Rhetta has been named the I-AA.org National Special Teams Player of the Week.

Rhetta, a sophomore from Birmingham, helped Jacksonville State win its first game of the season by blocking a pair of punts by All-American David Simonhoff in the Gamecocks' 24-10 win over Southeast Missouri State on Saturday night in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The first punt was recovered by Rhetta's teammate Skyler Mansfield and returned 20 yards for a touchdown to give the Gamecocks a 7-0 lead less than five minutes into the game. Rhetta's second blocked punt came with 3:31 remaining in the fourth quarter to help seal the Jacksonville State victory.

Rhetta, who was the Ohio Valley Conference special teams player of the week, also helped the Gamecocks on offense with two receptions for a team-high 38 yards.

JSU returns to action on Saturday against Eastern Kentucky Kick-off is set for 6 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium.

**Volleyball**

Sophomore Abbey Breit has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Week for the second straight week.

Breit, a 5-10 middle blocker from Louisville, Ky., led the Gamecocks (5-7, 2-0 OVC) with 35 kills in six games (5.83 kills per game) in a pair of 3-0 wins over Tennessee State and Austin Peay to start the OVC season 2-0 for the third straight season.

Breit had a season-high 23 of JSU's 57 kills in the win over Austin Peay, including 10 kills on 16 attempts and a .500 attack percentage in game three alone, to earn the OVC offensive honor for the third time in her career.

Her 23 kills fell just one shy of her career high of 24, which was set in a five-game match against APSU in 2004, and tied for the most kills in a three-game match by any player in the OVC this season.

The preseason All-OVC selection also recorded eight digs on the night and tallied a total of 23.5 points, the most by an OVC player this season. They will return home on Friday to face Tennessee Tech, a match that also begins at 7 p.m.

Starting off with a BANG

**By Patrick Swafford and Brandon Weems**

“The delicate part about it is when you start out a little rough, it’s how you respond to it,” JSU coach Rick Nold said. “You’re never sure how it’s going to happen. Coming into the weekend, I wasn’t sure.”

After playing a tough and demanding non-conference schedule that saw them fall to 3-7, JSU Volleyball made very sure they would be recognized as an early contender to the OVC Championship this year.
Picked the Vols to win and easily cover the six points. Vol quarterback Erik Ainge was hitting his receivers in the worse place possible... the hands. The Vol receivers couldn't even catch a cold in the first half.

I thought it was over. I went from hero to zero but Tennessee bounced back in the second half behind Rick Clausen and I finished the weekend 2-1 and 1-2 against the spread. That brings the year total to 4-2 overall and 3-3 against the spread.

Upset Alert

Purdue is favored by three at home against the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. I love the Irish in this game. Purdue is coming off an emotional loss to Minnesota in overtime and the Irish took care of business at Washington. The Irish will take care of the Boilermakers by four 35-31.

Blow-out Line

Southern Cal at Arizona St should be a great game until the third quarter, when USC pulls away late. The Sun Devils will go into halftime leading the game, but Pete Carroll will have the Trojans fired up in the second half.

Reggie Bush is arguably not even the best player on his team but is heads and shoulders above the rest of the nation. USC is favored by 16 and they will win by four touchdowns.

Must see game

Steve Spurrier’s South Carolina versus the Auburn Tigers on the Plains. This game is a must see because something is fishy about Auburn quarterback Brandon Cox not playing last week.

Word is Cox has a sore shoulder but the media was told Cox had some kind of flu. If Cox by chance doesn’t play, then I like the Gamecocks to cover the 13 1/2 points. Matter of fact. I like the Gamecocks to cover anyway but Auburn will still win the game 24-21.

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The Gamecocks (6-4-1, 2-0 OVC), will try to comeback from an emotional 3-0 setback in last year’s conference tournament to overcome the Bulldogs (6-2-2, 1-1 OVC). Samford leads in the overall series with a record of 7-4-1, which the Gamecocks will try to improve on this year.

Samford is the Gamecocks biggest rival with only 79 miles separating both schools, so there will be a lot of emotion coming down to Friday night’s game.

"In my first year here, I’m excited about the rivalry between Samford and JSU," Davis said. "I think those games are always fun games, there’s so much emotion and energy that’s put in to prepare before the match and during the match."

With the soccer team coming together this year, it is more like a family than a team. The younger players are really learning from the upperclassmen.

"My goal for this team is to find them a way to accomplish more than one goal against Samford because I know in my heart that they can play and they can beat them," Davis said.

"With the experience that Christina has built over the years, she knows what it takes to beat a tough team like Samford."

"We just have to keep that momentum going right into the weekend," Balint said. "We all know how important this game is it is a really big game and we hope to play tough."

With the outstanding defense the Gamecocks have, it will be a struggle for the Bulldogs to score. In the off-season Coach Davis implemented a new defense which features four defenders in line. The team really picked up on the new defense fast and it is beginning to show throughout the season.

The defense, along with the three goalkeepers, senior Amanda Stephens, sophomore Elizabeth Selasky and freshman Kate Kelly, have not allowed a goal in the past four games, which is outstanding for a new setup on defense.

"It’s team leadership and our ability to possess the ball," Coach Davis said. "The more we possess the ball, the less we have to defend. If we immediately find a way in, we will have great opportunities to capitalize."

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Recap

The Gamecocks opened conference play with two wins over the weekend defeating Morehead State 1-0 and Eastern Kentucky 2-0 respectively.

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JSU soccer ready for rival Samford

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Defense and special teams put on a "SHOW"

“We had a long trip to Missouri, the ‘Show Me State’, and I tried to press on our players how important it was that they show somebody how they could play.”

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks continued their Ohio Valley Conference domination with a 24-10 win over the Redhawks of SouthEast Missouri.

It was an ugly, defensive win for the Gamecocks after JSU returned a blocked punt and an interception for a touchdown.

The Gamecocks started their opening drive with a punt and held the Redhawks to a three and out. Taurean Rhetta came bursting through the line and blocked the punt and Skylar Mansfield returned the blocked punt 20 yards for the Gamecocks first points of the game.

SEMO would answer the Gamecocks with a field goal and JSU’s Brett Rushing finished the first half scoring with a 32 yard field goal. The Redhawks made some great halftime adjustments and took their opening drive of the second half for a touchdown on a John Radney six yard run.

Maurice Mullins would bring the Gamecocks back down the field on a Ty Griswold one-yard run.

The defense would be up for the challenge late in the game as Derrick Sistruk intercepted a pass and returned it 46 yards for a touchdown to drive the nail through the coffin.

“Our defense played outstanding tonight," said JSU head coach Jack Crowe following the game. “It goes without saying they were the difference in tonight’s game. I can’t say enough about going on the road and getting that first win under our belts.”

The Gamecocks held on for the win and improved to 1-0 in the OVC and 1-3 overall. JSU improved to 15-2 overall since joining the OVC.

really do need our fans to be part of this challenge that we have.”

The Gamecocks will continue to run the ball at will, forcing the Colonels to stop it. The tough early season schedule for the Gamecocks will benefit JSU in this game.

“If we can outmatch the energy the Colonels bring to the table and win the trenches battle, then the Gamecocks should strut on Saturday night.

Photo: Pat Young
JSU Gamecocks playing solid defense.

Prediction

“We were fortunate enough to pull it out in the fourth quarter last year at their pace,” added Crowe. “We are requiring and expecting that it’s going to take the best game that we’ve played this year at home. We

selves behind quickly in the first game, thanks in part to two service eces from Jessica Starck that grazed the top of the net and fell to the floor. Starck finished the match with three aces set against Austin Peay in their second meeting of last season. Ironically, Breit had 23 in her very first encounter with the Lady Grips.

“I don’t know exactly why, how and where I hit depends on how the other team blocks and what kind of options their block leaves me. I was seeing the block well later on in the match, and I felt like I had more
mission, JSU attacked at will, forcing the Tigers to play on the defensive the entire game. The aggressive Gamecock offense proved to be too much for the Tigers in the end.

The Gamecocks carried that same aggressive style into Saturday, wiping out Austin Peay in the first game 30-18. The Lady Gols fought back against JSU in the second game, but could only manage two more points than the previous game, falling 30-20. However, Austin Peay found a way to make the final game interesting but could do nothing to hold back the dominance of the Gamecocks, as JSU claimed a 30-27 JSU victory.

Austin Peay found them-

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I would say the only thing that we have been missing is finishing and putting the ball in the back of the net. I figured I couldn’t ask my teammates to shoot more if I wasn’t shooting more myself, so I starting taking more shots I put one in and it felt great.”

In the first half, both the Gamecocks and Eagles were unable to connect with the net, ending the half with four shots apiece and the score all tied up at zero.

In the second half, “The Back Four,” defense for the Gamecocks were able to keep the Eagles offense quiet to help secure the win in the conference opener.

“It’s really all of the team, it’s not just me,” Kate Kelly said. “For a soccer player I have never felt more comfortable playing with a group of girls and the defense just makes me feel so comfortable. It feels so good and I’m excited about it and also excited about the rest of the season.”

Kelly recorded her second career shutout, finishing the game with five saves.

“She’s a game winner she stretches herself out and makes saves that you don’t see many

keepers make,” Davis said of Kelly. “She has really gained a lot of confidence as a freshman in those games that she shutout. Kate Kelly is a very good athlete and has really done a great job of stepping in.”

Sunday afternoon against Eastern Kentucky, the Gamecocks found the net early in the match when Christina Balint scored an unassisted goal at the 31:09 mark in the first half putting the Gamecocks up 1-0 going into the intermission.

“I told them at half, right now they are getting their opportunities off our mistakes,” EKU coach Lindsay Basalyga said.

The Gamecocks never looked back in the second half as Heather Swift scored in the 51st minute of the second half on an assist by Elsa Kurlychek.

Elizabeth Selasky led the team in saves with three in the second half.

“I just think our team of goalkeepers, that one unit as a whole, is very secure and solid and we can use any of those young ladies to do a good job for us,” Davis said.

The Gamecocks (6-4-1, 2-0) will be back on the road in a rivalry match against Samford on September 30th at 7 p.m.

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