



McClellan opens arms to survivors

Angela Reid
Chanticleer News Editor

Vacant buildings at McClellan will soon become a temporary home for hundreds of Hurricane Katrina survivors. On Monday, more than 2,000 volunteers from all across the south cleared the grounds around the Starship buildings where the survivors will be housed for 12-18 months.

Anniston Mayor Chip Howell said that as far as he knows, this is the only community in the country that has offered something like this to the relief effort. People from across the country have called to offer help.

During the Labor of Love Day on Monday, volunteers came from all across the Southeast. At times, cars were backed up for more than a mile to arrive to help. Churches donated food and served drinks. Others brought wagons to deliver water to thirsty workers. Some brought lawn mowers, tractors, chain saws, and other lawn tools. People pulled up stumps, trimmed trees, and cut the grass. Though workers were not allowed to enter the building, they did wash the windows outside.

According to Linda Mann at the Joint Powers Authority

How JSU is helping...

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Chanticleer Staff Writer

Students are working hard to get money, supplies, and other necessities to the victims hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina by organizing events, collecting needed items, and donating time and money to help the organizations involved in helping the victims.

The university-wide effort to get money and supplies to the gulf coast residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina started with Quarter'n'up. Students dropped their spare change in jars carried around by student volunteers. So far, according to SGA President Mardracus Russell, the effort has raised \$2,611. Russell also said, "We should all be thankful that we're okay and for what we have. We should all stand and give a hand to those still in need of help."

Money and supplies for the Red Cross will be collected in the Theron Montgomery

The Starship buildings, located near the McClellan Post Office, were chosen because of the resources already present in the buildings. Residents will have access to a school, a cafeteria, a gymnasium, and medical

Building and at the local area Wal-Mart Supercenters.

Ethan will be headlining a concert to raise money and supplies for Hurricane Katrina evacuees. Twinick, Savalt, and Jackit will also be performing September 28. Admission is \$5.00 per person and proceeds will go to the American Red Cross. More acts are being arranged and will be posted along with more information on www.geocities.com/jsuhcredcrossrelief.

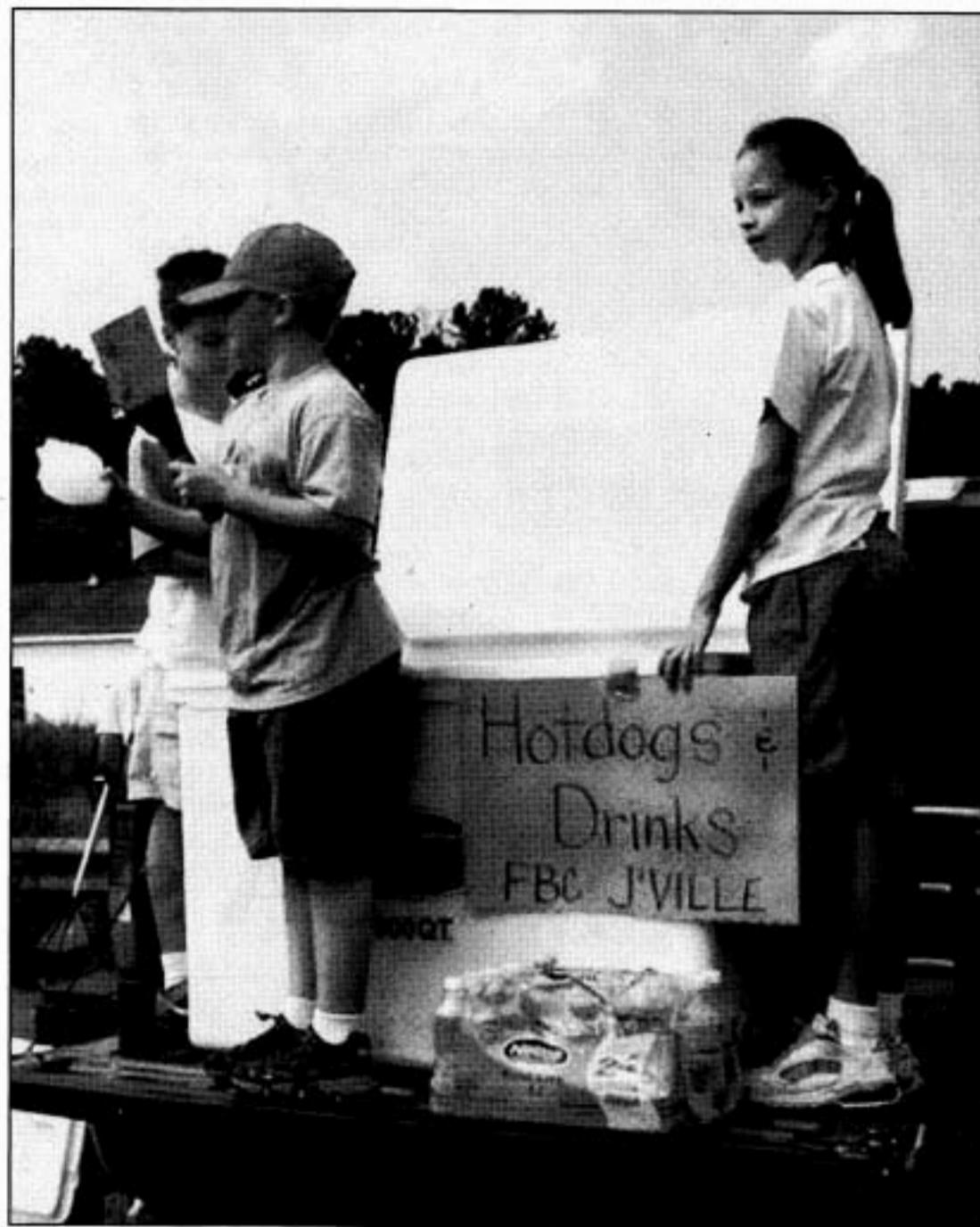
The next major Quarter'n'up event will be in Paul Snow Stadium when JSU plays host to the Mocs of University of Tennessee - Chattanooga on September 10 at 6:00pm. The fundraiser will continue until Family Day on October 15. You can also make donations at the Office of Student Life from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

For more information, departments, organizations, and clubs are all encouraged to call SGA President Mardracus Russell at 782-5042.

1.6 million survivors.

After Hurricane Andrew, emergency officials needed a week to find housing for 500 families. Now, finding temporary homes for that many may be 30 minutes of work.

Even with all the volun-



According to Linda Mann at the Joint Powers Authority office, volunteers were only allowed to work outside because of the possibility of mold in the buildings. Since they have been closed for more than 7 years, the inside must be thoroughly cleaned before people can safely enter.

The JPA does not yet know whom the Federal Emergency Management Agency will send to the McClellan facilities, but they are expecting it to be families.

a gymnasium, and medical facilities. The large rooms inside the buildings will be partitioned off to provide living space for the families.

Currently there are more than 500 survivors staying in local hotels. Hundreds more are staying in homes.

Some people have questioned the time it has taken FEMA to respond to the offer. Howell says that we must remember the McClellan facilities will only provide for around a thousand while FEMA has to find housing for

Even with all the volunteers, reopening the buildings at McClellan is still a difficult job. Howell says, "The Lord has blessed this effort." Workers have been able to complete about "one month of work in 48 hours."

Though there are no definite plans for another work day, Mann is still taking the names and phone numbers of people who want to help. Right now she has more than twelve pages of volunteers. To sign up, call the JPA office at 236-2011



Photo By: Angela Reid

On Monday, over 2000 volunteers worked at McClellan to prepare space for Hurricane Katrina survivors. Local churches donated food and provided water for the volunteers. Others brought lawn mowers, tractors, chain saws, and other lawn tools to clear the area surrounding the buildings that had been closed for 7 years.

Photo By: Angela Reid

Rehnquist dead at 80

Jennifer Bacchus
Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

On September 3, at his Arlington, Virginia, home, Chief Justice William Rehnquist passed away from complications of thyroid cancer. He was 80 years old.

A little less than a year ago, in October 2004, Rehnquist announced to the public that he had cancer. In the year since, Rehnquist missed 44 oral arguments due to health problems. He was hospitalized three times during the summer.

Judge Rehnquist was born William Donald Rehnquist in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 1, 1924. He took only one quarter in college before joining the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 where he served as a weather observer.

When WWII ended, Rehnquist chose to attend Stanford University on the GI Bill and received both a bachelor's and master's degrees in political science.

In 1950, Rehnquist moved on to Harvard University where he got his second master's degree, this time in government. He later attended Stanford Law School where he gradu-



Photo By: Reagan Williams

Flags will be flown at half-mast until September 13 as a mark of respect for Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

ated first in his class, ahead of future Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

During the years between 1951 and 1969, Rehnquist was a clerk for Justice Robert Jackson and then moved into private practice. During this time, he also served as legal advisor to Barry Goldwater during his 1964 presidential campaign.

When Nixon was elected to the presidency in 1968, Rehnquist came back to Washington, D.C. and served as Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Legal Counsel.

In 1971, when John Harlan II retired from the Supreme Court, Rehnquist

was nominated by Nixon to take his place.

He was nominated to fill the position of chief justice 15 years later by Ronald Reagan when Warren Burger retired in 1986.

During his more than 33-year term as a justice, Rehnquist was known for his conservative views. One of his more famous opinions was his dissent during the 1973 case *Roe v. Wade*.

President Bush honored the service of Rehnquist by ordering the flag of the United States to be flown at half-mast until September 13. He also chose to nominate John Roberts, who was initially slated to replace O'Connor, to the position of chief justice.

"The passing of Chief Justice William Rehnquist leaves the center chair empty with four weeks left before the Supreme Court reconvenes," said Bush. "It is in the interest of the Court and the country to have a chief justice on the bench on the first full day of the fall term."

Roberts, who clerked for Justice Rehnquist 25 years ago, will be the 17th chief justice of the Supreme Court if he is confirmed by the Senate.

ACHA recommends students get vaccine

Audrey Hykes
Chanticleer Staff Writer

College students, especially incoming freshmen, are being strongly encouraged by their schools to be vaccinated for a rare and potentially deadly disease. Many high schools and colleges nationwide are now requiring students to have a meningitis vaccination but no Alabama schools are requiring the vaccine yet.

Meningococcal (men-in-jo-kok-al) disease, or meningitis, is a bacterial infection of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord. The meningococcal bacteria live and multiply harmlessly on the mucus linings of the nose and throat, and the person generally acquires natural antibodies.

When they penetrate the mucus lining and enter the bloodstream, they rapidly invade the body, damaging internal organs, the brain

and spinal cord, according to the American College Health Association. In 48 hours or less, the disease can kill a person.

Meningitis is contagious and spreads swiftly from person to person through the air and direct contact, especially oral contact. It is especially predominant during the first few months of the school year, according to Aventis Pasteur Inc.

Symptoms of meningitis include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting, extreme fatigue, sensitivity to light, and confusion, as explained by ACHA and Aventis Pasteur Inc. These symptoms are often confused with the flu, which makes meningitis especially dangerous. It is unlikely that a person will develop all of these symptoms, but if there is a fever and at least one other symptom, menin-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campus Bookstore: Book signing at campus bookstore on September 16. Sir Douglas M. Price will be on-hand to sign his book, Lapside

Alumni Affairs: Ice cream and information social. September 13, 4:30 p.m. at the Alumni House to introduce Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow.

Contact: Alan Renfroe, 782-8256

SGA: SGA Involvement meeting, September 8, 5 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium.

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CAMPUS CRIME

August 30

Jonathan Curtis Hollingsworth reported a hit-and-run at the Student Health Center. A domestic violence incident was reported at Houston Cole Library.

August 31

Robin Michael Stay was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol in the Hardee's parking lot.

Cory Ray Tucker reported a theft from a vehicle at the baseball field grass parking lot.

September 1

Eden Elizabeth Riddlesupur reported a theft from a public building at Houston Cole Library.

Shannon Hornady reported a medical emergency at Paul Snow Stadium.

APA asks for less video game violence

Study links violent games to aggressive behavior and hostility

By: Aaron Tanner
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With the growing concern of graphic violence in video games and other interactive media, the American Psychiatric Association released a statement to the gaming industry asking them to cut back the slashing and gore in the games they make.

Studies done by psychologist Dr. Craig Anderson of Iowa State University have shown that the levels of aggression, hostility and distrust that people feel toward others increases with the number of hours they spend playing violent video games.

According to several reports he has done on the subject, hours of playing Grand Theft Auto and Mortal Kombat may be more damaging than watching a violent TV show or movie as the player is actively killing people with the controller rather than passively watching someone be killed.

Playing these games repeatedly also allows these violent scenes to sink in the player's head.

The APA's findings also show that social consequences are lacking in video games. According to a survey done by the National Television Violence Studies, 73 percent of criminals

are not punished in these violent scenes and only 16 percent of games show negative consequences of the perpetrator's actions. For example, in all three installments of Grand Theft Auto, the objective is to try to get away with shooting police officers and to break into cars without being caught.

It is not just the thrill of blowing animated heads off that makes this type of game popular. The player actually gets to role-play as the hero trying to kill someone. Games such as Grand Theft Auto also allow the player to customize their character and give them their own personality.

"The graphics make it feel you are doing it in real life," said K.J., a JSU student, emphasizing that quality computer graphics give video games such as Grand Theft Auto San Andreas their popular appeal.

Many students have expressed concerns of the excess amount of violence in video games.

"I don't like the violence," said Brad Denver, "it gives a bad example. However, I feel it is better to kill terrorists than to kill police officers, like in Grand Theft Auto." Denver enjoys playing Rainbow 6, a game where the focus is to kill terrorists.

The repeated moves of characters being shot or raped also tend to disturb some students, such as sophomore Josh Beverly.

"You don't realize it, but it's in the back of your head and it can carry over and stay stuck there," he says.

Freshman Ashley Tarauline prefers playing older games like Super Mario All Stars over violent or graphic titles.

The video game industry is crying foul over the APA's findings. Entertainment Software Associates president, Douglas Lowenstein has accused the APA of not using credible research and analysis to justify their claim that video games cause aggression and crime. The APA has even been accused of lying and of trying to violate the first amendment rights of consumers.

Plenty of video game lovers on campus back up Lowenstein's statement and say there is nothing wrong with the large amount of graphic and animated violence seen in the games they play.

"I know a lot of people who have played it [Grand Theft Auto] and no one was shot up," says "T," a JSU freshman.

Many students who don't seem bothered by the game point to influences, such as parents, in determining how children who

play it turn out to have good behavior or not.

"If a kid has a good influence, they usually know the difference between right and wrong," said Wylie Murphy, a JSU senior. "I enjoy playing Halo, but it doesn't mean I'm going to kill someone."

The APA has recommended several steps to curb their alarming findings. One is for role models to teach media literacy to children so that they can make critical decisions involving interactive media.

"If a kid can't separate reality from video games, they shouldn't be playing," agreed Tony Johns, a junior.

Other recommendations include a better ratings system that accurately reflects the content of the game and encouragement for the entertainment industry to link violent behaviors displayed in the video games they create with negative real life social consequences.

Sophomore Amy Cumbaa had her own recommendation: put down the controller completely and not play at all like she has done.

"I have a lot more interesting stuff I can be doing than playing video games," she says.

SGA seeks unity in '05-'06

By: Regina Ezell
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Power is found in unity and the SGA's goal for 2005-2006 is to come together.

As a new school year begins, the Student Government Association at Jacksonville State University hopes to interact on a more personal level and let each student be aware of the SGA's goal.

goal for the year is to see more issues directly related to the students be brought forth and addressed.

The Vice President of Organizational Affairs, Antonio Davis, set his goals for the student body based on what he calls the five I's of initial improvement. These are, implementing new purposes, initiating new relationships, improving the relationships

and ethnic backgrounds involved in the Student Government Association.

Vice President of Student Activities, Casie M. Sanders, meets with the committees under her and plans new events. Examples are Family Day and Homecoming in October.

The SGA will also do the multicultural programming beginning this year. From

September 2

Gerald Montrell Frazier was arrested for making a false report to a police officer and for receiving stolen property.

Ebony Marie Ortiz filed an information report on property damage.

Boots placed on cars:

•Keisha Malia Heard, green Nissan Sentra

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

personal level and let each student be aware that the SGA supports them.

As they seek to please the student body this year the SGA has merged with Multicultural Services. In an effort to unify and work together as a group and to come together as one. They are trying to create new and better ideas to serve students of all ethnic backgrounds.

“My goal for this year is to accomplish a better relationship between the student body and the SGA as they work together more in different ways and aspects,” said Mardracus Russell, SGA President.

The Vice President of Student Senate, Justin Lord, is concerned with campus safety, problems in residency, and parking. His

meaning new purposes, including new relationships, improving the relationships between fellow students, incorporating ideas, and investing in the community. Davis wants all organizations to get involved and work together. He believes they should support one another in various issues and bring them to the SGA's attention.

Director of Publicity, Raynard L. Cargill, would like to see students attend the different activities sponsored by the association. “I'm a people person,” said Cargill, adding that if he needs to go out to the residence halls to inform students, he will.

Raynard puts his heart into his job by approaching different organizations on campus and keeping them informed about SGA events He wants to see more students of all

The SGA will also do the multicultural programming beginning this year. From September 15 to October 15 they will have Hispanic Heritage Month. There will be a salsa competition with some of the international students teaching a dance to other students. A local Mexican restaurant will cater the event.

Executive officers for 2005-2006 are President Mardracus Russell, Vice President of Student Senate Justin Lord, Vice President of Student Activities Casie M. Sanders, Vice President of Organizational Affairs Antinio J. Davis, Chief Justice Brandie L. Pollard, and Director of Publicity Raynard L. Cargill. The student senate meets each Monday at 6 p.m.

Meningitis is deadly in one out of five cases

gitis is possible, especially if they happen very suddenly.

Statistics show that one out of every five people who get meningitis will die. Survivors have a one in five chance of suffering from permanent disabilities such as limb amputation, severe scarring, brain damage, seizures and visual and hearing loss.

About 1,400 to 3,000 cases show up each year in the United States and approximately 150 to 300 people die from it. At least 30 percent of those cases occur in adolescents and young adults. Around 100 to 125 of meningitis cases occur on college campuses. As a result, between five and 15 students die.

“Incoming freshmen have a six times greater risk of getting meningitis than any other population,” said Nancy Edge-Schmitz, Director of JSU Student Health Center. This is

because disease rates rise in early adolescence, and peak between the ages of 15 and 20 years, as indicated by the ACHA. New aspects of lifestyle such as crowded living spaces, going to bars, active or passive smoking, irregular sleep patters, and sharing personal items all increase the risk of becoming infected with meningitis.

Also, as incoming students come from different areas, they bring strains of bacteria unique to their area with them. Edge-Schmitz said JSU has not yet had a case of meningitis.

There are five major strains of N. meningitidis - A, B, C, Y, and W-135. The vaccine currently available protects against four of the five strains, excluding the B strain. About 70 to 80 percent of cases in college-age students are caused by strains C, Y, or W-135, according to the ACHA.

Two different vaccines

exist for meningitis, which are Menamune and Menactra. Menamune lasts from three to five years, and the Menactra lasts eight years. These vaccines usually cannot be found at a general physician's office and sometimes the Health Department does not have them either. However, the JSU Student Health Center is offering Menactra shots beginning in mid-September.

Edge-Schmitz said that health insurance generally does not cover a meningitis vaccine. If a student comes to the health center to get the shot, it is charged to the student's account, which she said is usually cheaper than getting one through a private physician or the Health Department.

JSU students interested in receiving the vaccine can contact the Student Health Center to make an appointment during office hours at 782-5310.

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JSU contributes more than \$325 million to local economy

By: Constance Glenn
Chanticleer News Writer

Jacksonville State University's economic impact on Etowah and Calhoun counties each year is \$325,410,021 according to a study conducted in spring 2004 by Dr. Bill Fielding, Dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

A summary of the economic effect of JSU, called Impact, was presented to the Board of Directors at the July meeting.

JSU staff and students represent many of the spending contributions in the counties. For example, student spending is \$97,277,838 and JSU directly employs 861 people.

This is only a small portion. Indirect employment due to JSU totals 7,091.

"JSU is one of the ten largest employers in the two counties," according to Impact. This affects the area because "when the University as well as faculty, staff, and students make initial expenditures, these expenditures are in turn spent, causing a substantial "ripple" or multiplier effect on the two county economy."

If JSU was not in Jacksonville, AL; 70 percent of the students agreed that they would not attend, making the impact that must more significant.

"The impact study informs interested parties how impor-



tant JSU is to the community. Government officials and employers put data into a computer model published by American Council on Education. Impact does not account for unemployment, retirees, graduates, athletic and cultural events," said Dr. Fielding.

Dr. William Meehan summed it up in the letter he enclosed with the survey summary. "JSU helps fuel the local economy by supplying an outstanding concentration of brainpower and experience in its faculty and staff, a significant payroll, and a strong base of student customers whose spending and labor ripple positively through our communities."

JSU students alone contribute more than \$97 million to the economies of Calhoun and Etowah counties.

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OPINION

A few introductions

By: Jennifer Bacchus
Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Good morning JSU! No, really, it's 3 a.m. and I'm still in the office putting the paper together.

It isn't exactly what I hoped for this week. Last week we put together 10 pages and left at one a.m, but I know it can't always be like that.

Anyway, I wanted to take a moment this week and introduce you to me and my staff. I'm extremely proud of them, as anyone who has held a conversation with me in the past month will tell you.

I, as you know, am Jennifer. Born and raised in Tuscaloosa, I moved up here the day after I graduated high school. I lovingly refer to it as the senior trip that never ends.

I'm married to a wonderful man who thinks I never give him enough credit for being wonderful (and he's usually right, but we won't tell him...shh) and we have an adorable child who is still young enough to let me hug him and kiss him at bedtime.

Other than that, there isn't much that anyone needs to know about me. I value my friends highly, even though I don't always call them as much as I should and I claim to be completely obsessive-compulsive, especially when it comes to projects I care about (like this paper).

Which brings me to my staff. When I first got this job, I knew I had to round up a crew of people

who could write competently in a hurry. It was less than a week before the spring semester ended and I had one issue (The Abstract) to put out during the summer.

So I called on my friends. Never realized I had so many until I found the newspaper office fairly brimming with them. We wound up with so many stories that I had to cut two or three of my own just so everyone else could get theirs in.

I've never been so proud to not see my name in print.

My editorial staff, which consists of Angela Reid, Jeff Pruitt, Amado Ortiz, and Jaclyn Cosper are wonderful, tireless people that I'm beginning to believe can be bribed with Red Bull.

When I hired them, I purposefully chose people I knew, but didn't know well. I knew I would need people that I didn't mind fussing at, but at the same time people I could handle being around after five or six hours of layout.

I'm glad I chose well. I'm not the easiest person to work with or for. Freaked a couple of them out last Tuesday by refusing to let them talk to me for 30 minutes. But I know I couldn't love them more and I hope that they feel it.

Holly, our ad director, is wonderful, even if she can be a little disorganized. If the rumors I've heard are true, she might even by moonlight-

ing on these pages as a feature writer every now and then. (Unconfirmed rumor, now, don't believe everything you read.)

Then there's Katie, our distribution manager and one of the few people I would ever run around campus toting newspapers with at eight in the morning. She's also PRO President this year, so look out for wonderful things happening there.

Then there's the rest of my staff. Twenty-one reporters and a cartoonist who all have a sense of humor and a love of the written word. They cover the spectrum from History majors to broadcasters with just enough print journalism students thrown in to keep me comfortable.

I literally count my blessings every day that the 10 or 12 friends I began with on *The Abstract* back in May have turned into a family of nearly 30 staff members in such a short time.

I hope you enjoy our pages this year. I chose, and am continuing to enlist, some of the best students this campus has to offer. They are enthusiastic, fun-loving and willing to spend this year getting to know JSU and its students and faculty.

Let us know how we're doing from time to time. Our office isn't hard to find and I'm easy to contact via e-mail through ChantyNews@yahoo.com.

Roberts jumps to the top



By: Jaclyn Cosper
Chanticleer Copy Editor

Upon the death of Chief Justice Rehnquist the President nominated Judge John Roberts to replace him as the new chief justice. The President said, "I choose Judge Roberts from among the most distinguished jurists and attorneys in country because he possesses the intellect, experience and temperament to be an outstanding member of our nation's highest Court."

As some of you may remember, Roberts was originally nominated to replace Justice Sandra Day O' Connor, who announced her retirement at the end of the court session. The President says that he feels confident Roberts will have no problem receiving the confirmation needed by the Senate by the time the court reconvenes.

However, one can only wonder that the nomination of an outsider is completely fair. In the case of Rehnquist, President Nixon nominated him as an associate justice only to be appointed later in his career to Chief Justice by President Reagan.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF McCLELLAN BEING OPENED UP TO THE HURRICANE SURVIVORS?



Danny Earle

"If Bush isn't going to do anything, then we need to."



Elizabeth Wilkinson

"It is a good thing. It is wonderful that we are showing support for another state's trauma."





Geno Taylor

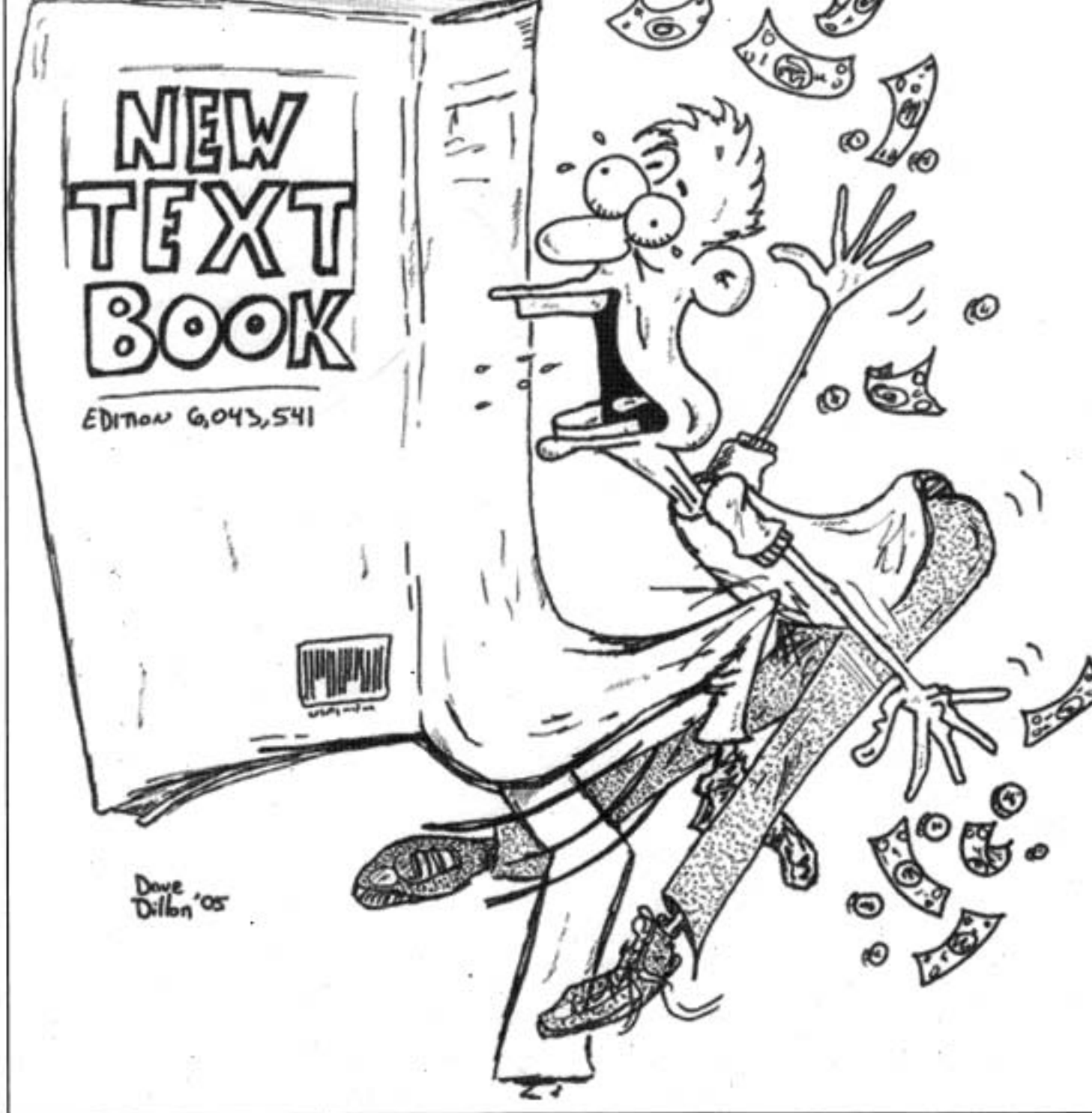
"If we were in their shoes, we would ned help just like them."



Katie Linebaugh
Shelley LeBerte

"Support it. If they need a place to star we should support that."

"We should help them out. We need to help people as much as possible."



Reagan.

I am simply asking if is it fair that Roberts is jumping right to the top? No. In my opinion the President should have nominated one of the associate judges to replace Rehnquist. I do not belief that it is fair that Roberts gets to jump to the top. I think one should work their way to the top. But, that's just my opinion.

However, that doesn't mean that Roberts is not qualified for the job. As fact may have it, Roberts was a clerk to Rehnquist back in 1980 through 1981. During this period Roberts learned the ins and outs of being a good justice. Robert M. Weisberg, who clerked during the same term for another justice, said Monday that he would never forget walking down a corridor at the court and coming upon Justice Rehnquist and his law clerks, who were all peering through a window in an inner courtyard, where Chief Justice Burger, the chief justice before Rehnquist, was supervising preparations for a reception. "It was very funny to Rehnquist and his clerks just spontaneously cracking up at the site of the chief justice directing the proper placement of the silver," Mr. Weisburg said.

Although I don't believe that Roberts should have the job I am sure that he will be good at it and will look to his teachings from Rehnquist to guide him. "If I am confirmed, i would succeed a man I deeply respect and admire," said Roberts.

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FEATURES

Southerners get “Muy Caliente!”

By: David Howton
Chanticleer Staff Writer

As the new school year begins and students pile back onto campus and into their dorms, one thing is for certain... It's football season. And along with the excitement of football games comes the marching band, better known to JSU students as “The Marching Southerners.”

This marching season seems to have a little extra buzz in the air. Maybe it has to do with the JSU football team winning back to back OVC titles; causing the band to step up their game. Maybe it has to do with this year's musical direction or maybe it has to do with the overall size of the band.

This year the Marching Southerners will present “Muy Caliente.”

Dr. Jeryl Davis, music instructor, said that this is the year the band is the largest he's seen in his 31 years at JSU.

Under the direction of Ken Bodiford, the Marching Southerners are about 350 strong. Established in 1959, the Southerners' individual sections have taken on a direction and attitude of their own.

The Tubas call themselves the 20-J's, short for the Conn 20-J Upright Recording Bass. On their website, the JSU 20-J's profess they are the only ones crazy enough to strap on a 52 lb. instrument and march around a football field for ten minutes. To them it is more than an instrument, it is a “state of mind.”

The trumpet line, using their typical attitude, states that they were born by the “Grace of God.”

The Ballerinas begin their camp each spring, working on a routine in early March but, chances are, no other group outworks the drum line.

Constantly working to perfect

ment for each section.

The Marching Southerners grace the field at every Jacksonville State football game, various competitions, and are featured at several exhibitions throughout the Southeast, including the annual Calhoun County Exhibition, held every September.

One other aspect of being in the marching band is the infamous “band camp.” We've all heard stories and some of us have lived them but few stick with you forever.

Band camp is basically a musical boot camp, where students spend hours in the sun, marching, playing, being yelled at and

on their music, they live by the old saying “Work hard but play harder!”

Many band members at JSU have fallen in love with the game of poker, playing for hours on end. Texas Hold'em is a favorite and tournaments are played every week. A point system's set up to see who the best player from semester to semester is.

Many are members of the Epsilon Nu chapter of Phi Mu Alpha: This fraternal order of musicians was founded on the campus of JSU May 7, 1950, and has continued to grow to this day.

Another huge part of the Jacksonville State Marching Band Program is its students'

1977, a feat previously untouched. Since that time, Spirit has placed in the prestigious top 12 thirteen times.

Although many of its members are from the Alabama/Georgia area, Spirit's success and fame stretch much farther as it has toured across the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and even, last year, spent two weeks touring Japan to sold out arenas.

Another aspect of JSU's ever-growing musical department is its involvement with Bands of America. BOA is an organization that wants to give life-changing experiences through music. They gather the top high school bands across America and perform in



Left: During practice last Tuesday, some members of the JSU's Marching Southerners take a break while others continue to practice. Pictured in the foreground are several xylophones, members of the “pit” section; the branch of the percussion that stand under the drum major, keeping their eyes glued to his hands. These band members continue to play throughout the show, never taking a rest from performance.

Below: Members of the Colorguard practice in the parking lot of Pete Matthews Coliseum. Their constant pursuit of synchronization shows in every performance.

Photos by:
Patrick Swafford and David Howton



works the drum line. Constantly working to perfect their craft, drummers can be heard or seen at almost all hours of the day outside Dixon Hall, beating on concrete walls, drum pads, whatever it takes to make the entire line sound as one.

That's the overall goal of any marching band. Put perfectly into words by the writers of the movie "Drumline," a marching band's concept is "One Band . . . One Sound!" They want at all times to sound like one instru-

spend hours in the sun, marching, playing, being yelled at and learning how to work together. Some beg for a water break and the veterans have learned that its almost pointless because no one is going anywhere until the director is satisfied with what he is seeing. One thing that all band camps have in common is the quote that all band directors use and all band students know all too well, "Again!"

Although members of the band spend unheard of hours working

Jacksonville State Marching Band Program is its students' opportunity to march almost year round. Recently, Jacksonville State became home to "Spirit," a band comprised of young men and women, up to the age of 21. Spirit Drum and Bugle Corps is a proud and competitive member of the national organization Drum Corps International (DCI).

First originating in Atlanta, Spirit began its quest of greatness in 1976, placing twenty-third at DCI National Competition in

gather the top high school bands across America and perform in front of more than 200,000 each year. The Marching Southerners have been a constant companion to this group and have preformed as the exhibition band at the national's competition several times over the past few years.

For more information on the JSU Music Department, the Marching Southerners, BOA, DCI, or Spirit visit the website www.marchingsoutherners.org or stop by Mason Hall.



A changing of the guard

By: Jessica Summe
Chanticleer Staff Writer

In the normal run of things, new professors arrive and old ones retire without much pomp and circumstance.

The Army and ROTC do things a little different.

With 272 programs across the country, ROTC cadre (teachers and staff) have an average term of three years at a school. Each year, roughly one-third of these programs has staff rotated out. The military lists the colleges that have positions opening up, and majors and lieutenant colonels who've expressed an interest in teaching ROTC go to a military board to compete for their preferred schools.

After the Army matches up schools with staff, they send the proposed commanders' information to the president of the school, who then accepts the incoming personnel as members of the school faculty.

Since the change happens during the summer, there is usually no formal switchover. However, the JSU cadre thought that having a change of command ceremony during the first lab of the year was a wonderful way to introduce new cadets to military life, while honoring the new and old commanders of Gamecock Battalion.

So, on Tuesday afternoon, friends, family, alumni and cadets new and old gathered in



Photo by: Reagan Williams

Lt. Col. May, outgoing commander, passes the battalion flag to Ret. Col. Green during the JSU ROTC Change of Command Ceremony Tuesday afternoon at Rowe Hall. Green then passed the flag to Col. Hester, incoming commander, signifying the transfer of power.

the lobby of Rowe Hall to celebrate the beginning of both a new school year and a new commander.

Military ceremonies are very traditional, and follow a strict protocol that only varies slightly from group to group within the Army. Tuesday's ceremony was a successful meshing of both military and JSU traditions.

For instance, most changes of command are held outside, or in a large indoor space. Not only did ROTC hold a proper change of command, complete with Colorguard, in Rowe Hall's not-very-large lobby, they figured out how to get it done at 7:45 in the morning.

Almost every change of command ceremony includes a welcome speech, the National Anthem, posting and retiring of colors (flags), and an invocation and benediction given by a local minister.

But the most significant part in a change of command is the Passing of the Colors. The battalion's flag, which represents the history, heritage and loyalty of the unit, is physically passed from the outgoing commander (LTC Hershel May), to the incoming commander (LTC Henry Hester), in a simple but long-standing military tradition.

While this important demonstration symbolizes the relinquishing and acceptance of command, the actual switch took place on August 1, when Col. Hester signed a contract accepting responsibility for Gamecock Battalion. In the Army, if it's not on paper, it didn't happen.

After the Passing of the Colors, are the speeches. The outgoing commander can speak for as long as he wants, outlining what his unit has accomplished while under his command and reflecting on the good times.

Col. May, who had served at JSU for four years, took this opportunity to focus on the increase in scholarships during his term here.

May leaves Gamecock Battalion better than he left it. When he first came here in 2001, there were only two scholarships offered to the cadets in ROTC. He felt this was not enough, and pushed scholarships to the JSU Alumni.

Not that they needed much pushing.

"They [the alumni] got together and asked what ROTC needed and how they could

help," Col. May said in his speech. "I told them, 'scholarships', and the response was amazing."

Through the hard work and dedication of all the staff, cadets and most especially alumni of ROTC, they now are able to offer ten \$1,000 scholarships to students.

"There wasn't a day that passed where I didn't appreciate the company I was in," he said. "It was enjoyable and rewarding to work with such great people and young patriots who have stepped up to provide service to their country."

So rewarding, in fact, that Col. May refuses to retire quietly. He has started up a JROTC program in Florence, AL, which already boasts 70 members despite being a brand-new program at the high school.

May also leaves a legacy. Two legacies, actually. Both his sons, a freshman and a sophomore, attend JSU and are enrolled in ROTC. They were not pressured by their father to do so, either. (I checked.)

In military tradition, the incoming commander of a group has two responsibilities: to keep his remarks brief, and to provide the food at a reception after the ceremony.

Colonel Hester, however, lucked out, as ROTC tradition is for the Army National Guard to provide the cadets with a 'welcome back' barbecue at the first lab of the year.

"Since I didn't have to take care of the food, I'll have the common decency to be brief so you guys can get to the chow," said Col. Hester. He kept his word. He told his



REVIEWS

Jesse Payne: Humming.the.tunes.of.luxury

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Brother's Bar

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Ladies Nite w/ DJ Crash

Gadsden

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Mystic Window

Saturday Sept. 10, 2005

Ballyhoo

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Friday Sept. 9, 2005

Rooster and the

Chickenhawks

Wednesday Sept. 14, 2005

Bernard Allison

Birmingham

The Nick

Thursday Sept. 8, 2005

Black Fire Revelation

The Real McCoy's

Friday Sept. 9, 2005

CD Release

Plate Six

Unwed Sailor

The Payoff

Saturday Sept. 10, 2005

The Deadline

By: Jeff Pruitt

Chanticleer Features Editor

This independent release by Birmingham, AL native Jesse Payne is an impressive debut album.

Recorded at Synchromesh Studios in Birmingham, Humming.the.tunes.of.luxury ranges from up-tempo guitar romps to somber piano ballads.

Musically, most of the songs are in the basic guitar, bass, and drums format. Harmonica accompanies the three on "Rebel" and "Communion from Arkansas."

Payne switches to piano for "Uniform" and for the closing song, "Down to the Bar," which is one of the album's best songs.

Here, he sings about the age-old tradition of washing away your sorrows and with lyrics like, "they say that love will bring you everything you want/ But if you can't

wait, it'll only bring you pain/ So I'll go down to the bar and I'll drown myself away," it's not hard to relate.

But, enough about my personal life for now.

Other notable songs are the up-tempo ones such as "Blue Jean Jacket" and "Hum," one of my favorites.

"Hum", along with "Take Me," shows that Payne seems to have a knack for writing catchy choruses and he does so here with the Ramones-like line of "Don't take me now, don't take me now."

Trying to pinpoint who Payne sounds like is difficult, because he doesn't closely resemble anyone. At times, he sounds similar to Evan Dando of the Lemonheads or The Replacements' Paul Westerberg. But, for the most part, his voice is unique and original.

I recently saw Payne perform at

Brother's Bar on August 26th.

It was a n acoustic performance and while it was good, I would have liked to have seen him perform with his full band after listening to this album.

Jesse Payne plays regularly in Birmingham and throughout the Southeast. If you get a chance to see him live, you definitely should.

For more information, go to



jessepayneonline.com.

Humming.the.tunes.of.luxury is available here and tour dates are listed.

Lapside has Tolkien echoes

By: Jennifer Bacchus

Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Lapside opens in the home of Marianne Love on a chilly December morning. She is having trouble sleeping when she is roused from her reverie by the doorbell.

So begins this Santa story prequel. *Lapside* is a love story of



and eventually to the Arctic Circle, where they meet and befriend the native reindeer and the Vikings.

The book contains vivid battle scenes that exemplify Price's love of epic stories like the Lord of the Rings and Ivanhoe. The reader can feel his love of history and mythology coming through every page.

Price's strength is in his descriptive nature, but this can also be his downfall.

The Deadline
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Homeroom
Caliber

Verizon Wireless Music Center

Friday, September 09, 2005
Motley Crue

Atlanta

Smith's Olde Bar

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Fredy Johnston

The Brilliant Inventions

In The Atlanta Room:

Dollsquad a go-go

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Blueground Undergrass

Jon Harris & The Sin

Hounds

Hounds

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Indigo Girls

Gwinnett Center

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Foo Fighters

Weezer

Fox Theatre

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Sunday Sept. 25, 2005

Phantom of the Opera

So begins this Santa story prequel. *Lapside* is a love story of Santa and Mrs. Claus as drawn from the imagination of Sir Douglas M. Price.

Marianne Love is the True Heart who has been chosen by fate to go back in time 1,000 years in order to help with the adventures of Nickolaus Claus, the once and future, Santa.

Throughout the book, the reader is introduced to Jontue and Teal, Nickolaas' adopted elfin parents as well as a cast of thousands. There are the good guys; the elves, reindeer and some very helpful Vikings. Then there is Scratch, but you know him as the Devil, and his minions; the evil trolls and their leader, Scorn.

After telling Marianne his story, Jontue convinces her to travel back with him to

new cadets that he admired them for the path they had taken, was looking forward to his term here at JSU, thanked his wife and children for their support, and sat down.

The cadets didn't get to the chow, however.

"All cadets to the parking lot!" called out Cadet Erin Rice, the cadet battalion commander. While the dejected students trudged downstairs to assemble outside, everyone else was free to enjoy the buffet provided by the Guard. While Col. Hester was the host of the reception in the cadet's recreation room, Col. May remained in the lobby to accept sentiments and farewells from the guests.

This is also a little break from Army tradition. The outgoing commander usually would leave the ceremony as soon as it ended, so the soldiers would focus on the new commander. Just another example of how JSU put its own mark on a



Photo by: Jennifer Bacchus

JSU Alumnus Douglas Price has just published his first novel, *Lapside*. The author is shown here with his dog, Lassie.

save Nickolaas and join the elves in their adventure.

Through their travels they make their way across Germany, onto the Yucatan

Price's strength is in his descriptive nature, but this can also be his downfall. Every item is described in vivid detail, giving the reader a view of the world that he has slowly built in his imagination over a lifetime.

This detail, however, can tend toward to be tedious in places. In places, Price tends to give too much information. Overall, though, the imagery, particularly in the battle scenes, is what makes the book.

The story, in an odd sense, mirrors the tale of the story's creation. From the ashes of Price's life sprang his art and from the ashes of Marianne's life comes Santa.

For those interested in reading this before-Christmas story before Christmas, it is on sale in the campus bookstore and the author will be on-hand to sign copies on September 16.

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classic Army tradition.

During the reception, I asked Col. Hester, who has never taught ROTC before, if he had been nervous during his first class last Tuesday.

"Not really," he replied. "In the military, you make a career of training people, and the subject matter isn't just stuff we've learned...we live and breathe these things every day. Besides, I have a great staff already in place, and they won't let me mess up too badly."

At this point, the senior cadets, after attending a quick assembly, straggle in, followed by the new cadets, who have been learning the correct way to fold the American flag.

"Hey," Col. Hester shouts out into the lobby. "You guys better get in here and get something to eat!"

It's tradition.

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SPORTS

JSU soccer has new kicks on the block

By Michael Simmons
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The Cocks' soccer season began this year with a semi-young team and a new coach. Head Coach Julie Davis came on board to replace Lisa Howe, who resigned in the spring.

While she is new to our program, she is definitely not new to the sport. Davis started her college-coaching career at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where she was an assistant coach.

She moved from there to become an assistant coach at the University of Arkansas from 1999-2002. Davis is also experienced in the position of head coach.

She was head coach for Virginia Military Institute from 2002 until her decision to become head coach at JSU.

"I definitely feel very positive, but we will have to battle for the first couple of games," said Davis. Davis took over our ladies' soccer program on May 25, 2005, taking control of a program that in their 2004 season finished with a 7-11-3 record and a fifth-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Gamecocks advanced to the semifinals of the OVC Tournament before being defeated by Samford, 3-0.

The 2005 regular soccer season started with a clear day, fresh pitch, and a 3-0 loss to UAB on August 26.

The first shot on goal was by Palmer of UAB three minutes into the game, and was saved won-

derfully by Kelly.

Palmer shot again in the eighth minute and once more Kelly came up with a save. During the thirty-sixth minute of the game, JSU striker Swift took a shot on goal and missed wide left.

Kelly ended the first half with a total of seven saves from the thirteen shots that were attempted.

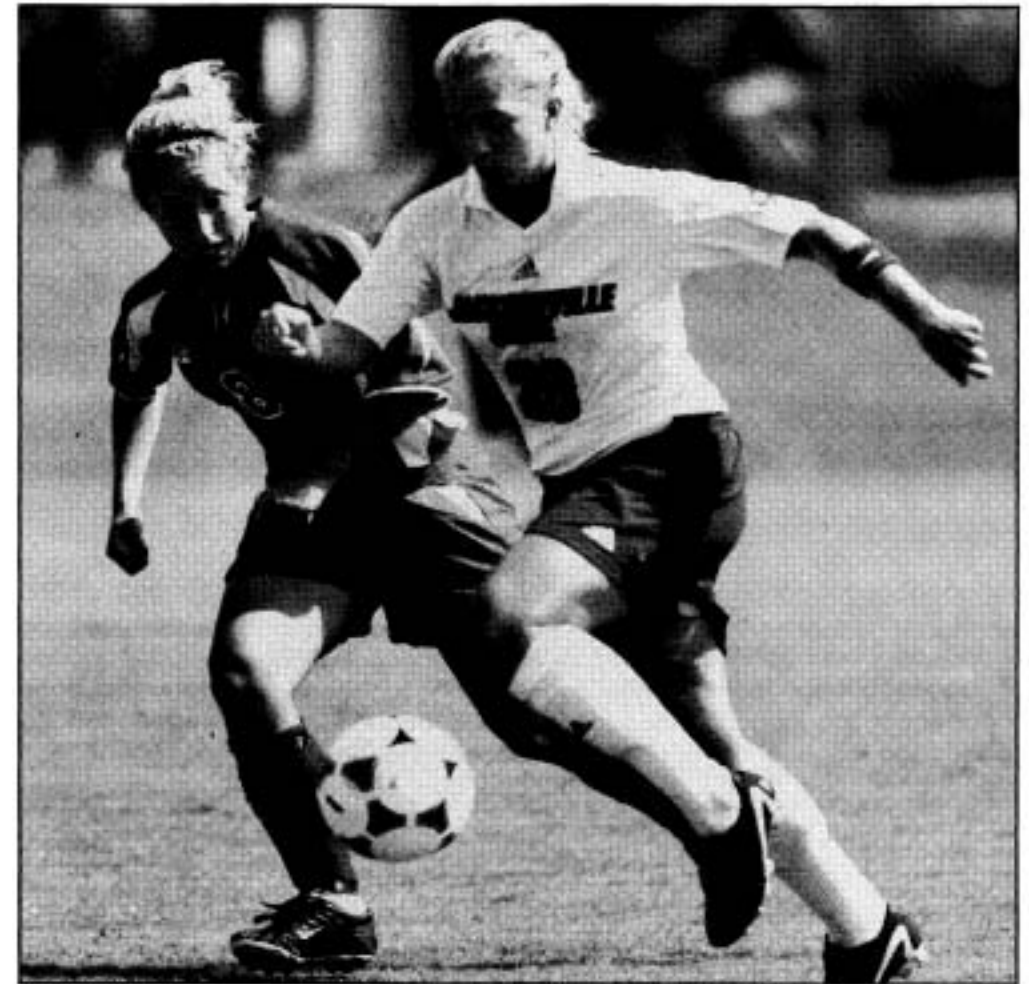
The first goal of the game came just six minutes into the second half by Porto of UAB. The Cocks came back with vengeance just twelve seconds later with a shot on goal by mid-fielder McCaughey, but to no avail; UAB goalkeeper Forbes picked it off.

Then, in the fifty-third minute, McCaughey took another shot on goal, only to be blocked by Forbes. It seemed as if the UAB goalkeeper was impenetrable.

During the sixty-eighth minute Palmer scored another goal to make the game 2-0 in favor of UAB. Martorana scored the final goal with 13 minutes of play left in the game.

"Collectively, I think this game was a great learning experience for the girls as well as the coaches," said Davis. "The organizational skills of our defense were lacking, but offensively we came up with some inventive ways to handle UAB's defense. UAB opened up aspects of our game that the coaches and players saw that we need to work on for future competition."

This Saturday September 11 the JSU Cocks face off against East Tennessee State Buccaneers at 1 p.m.



Courtesy/JSU Alex Stillwagon

Joanna McCaughey dribbling the ball.

OVC of the Week

By Staff Reports
The JSU Athletic Department

Jacksonville State punter Zach Walden has been named one of four weekly All-Stars by I-AA.org, a news service that covers NCAA I-AA football, for his special teams performance last week.

Playing in his first college game, Walden was a major reason that Jacksonville State

five-yard-line and a third punts inside the 20-yard line and two inside the 5-yard line

inside the 20. The walk-on punter from Dallas, Ga., finished the night with five punts for a 44.2 average. Furman's average starting position on the night was at the 19-yard-line.

Walden has also been named the Ohio Valley Conference Special Teams Player of the Week. the league office

as the Gamecocks backed the Paladins up to the Furman 19 for average starting field position.

Jacksonville State returns to action on Saturday against UT-Chattanooga in Jacksonville at 6 p.m.



Home soccer games

09/16	vs Mercer	7:00 PM
09/18	vs Southern Miss	1:00 PM
10/07	vs Murray State	7:00 PM
10/09	vs UT Martin	1:00 PM

game, Walden was a major reason that Jacksonville State nearly upset No. 2 ranked Furman in its season opener before losing 37-35 at home. Walden, who was also named the Ohio Valley Conference special teams player of the week, had a 71-yard punt that went out of bounds at the one-yard-line on his first punt, added another punt inside the

Special Teams Player of the Week, the league office announced on Sunday. In his first career game and start for Jacksonville State, Walden had five punts for a 44.2 yard average, including a 71-yard boot that went out-of-bounds at the one-yard line in a 37-35 loss to No. 2 Furman. The sophomore walk-on finished the game with three



10/09 vs UT-Martin

1:00 PM

10/21 vs Austin Peay

7:00 PM

10/23 vs Tenn Tech

1:00 PM

10/28 vs Winthrop

5:00 PM

Volleyball shows out in Atlanta, ready for Miami

By Staff Reports
The JSU Athletic Department

The Jacksonville State volleyball team got off to a good start in the Georgia State Invitational on Friday night, rolling to a 3-0 win over Wright State at the GSU Sports Arena.

The Gamecocks (1-1) picked up their first win of the year in their first match with a full roster by winning game one, 30-18, taking game two, 30-17, and finishing off the Raiders with a 30-18 win in game three.

"Offensively, I don't think we could have played much better than we did tonight," JSU head coach Rick Nold said. "We have been working on maintaining the same level of intensity on every point, and I think the girls did a good job of that today."

Offense was the story for JSU as the Gamecocks welcomed junior preseason All-OVC selection Shari Weyer to the lineup for the first time this season. The middle blocker from Ferdinand, Ind., who missed Jax State's opener last week due to injury, led the JSU attack with 15 kills on 22 attempts for a .636 hitting percentage to go along with five blocks.

The Gamecocks had a team hitting percentage of .411, while their defense held WSU to a miniscule .010 hitting percentage.

Senior Suzi Terrell added 14 kills for the Gamecocks, thanks to a .375 hitting percentage, while sophomore and preseason All-OVC honoree Abbey Breit had 11 kills and a .421 hitting percentage to go along with

nine digs.

Senior Kisha West led the Gamecocks defensively, recording 11 digs, while junior Emily Withers tallied 43 assists in just three games.

The Gamecocks conclude the tournament on Saturday with two matches. They will face Southeastern Conference foe LSU at 1 p.m. and then square off against tournament host Georgia State at 6 p.m.

"Tomorrow will be a tough day," Nold said. "We will face two quality opponents, so hopefully we can build on our success tonight and make a run tomorrow."

A 3-0 win over Georgia State in the final game of the GSU Invitational lifted the Jacksonville State volleyball team to a runner-up finish in the

tournament after falling to Southeastern Conference foe LSU earlier in the day.

The Gamecocks (2-2) bounced back after a 3-1 loss to LSU at noon to break open three close games against the host Panthers and claim second place in the tournament. JSU senior outside hitter Suzi Terrell and sophomore middle blocker Abbey Breit were named to the all-tournament team.

"The last match was a big win for us," JSU head coach Rick Nold said. "We did a great job of bouncing back from the loss to LSU. All three games against Georgia State were close until we were able to pull away late in each one. All three games were hard fought."

The Panthers outhit the Gamecocks in the nightcap, but

a balanced attack by Jax State paved the way for a 30-25 game-one win, a 30-28 win in game two and a 30-25 outcome in the third and final game.

Breit led the offense with 13 kills, while Terrell added 12. Senior and JSU's career digs leader Kisha West led the JSU defense in the early match with 16 digs, while sophomore Emily Withers tallied 45 assists. Also in the opening match, junior Shari Weyer added 11 kills, sophomore Katie Moyers recorded 10 kills and sophomore Rebekah Nichols totaled nine kills.

In the first game of the day, LSU overcame several errors to down the Gamecocks in the first-ever meeting between the two schools. The Tigers claimed the first game, 30-23, only to

watch Jax State storm back with a 30-20 win in game two. A 30-22 win in game three set up a 30-23 win in the fourth game that sealed the win for LSU and helped them clinch a perfect record in the tournament.

Against the Tigers, JSU was led by Terrell and Breit, who each recorded 10 kills. Breit added seven digs, while West led the Jax State defense with 17 digs. West also had four service aces in the loss, while Withers added 35 assists.

The Gamecocks return to action on Friday when they open play in the Hurricane Invitational at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. JSU will begin the two-day event with a match against Xavier at 3 p.m. CT.

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Favre's Hattiesburg property sustained some damage, but the house did not. The office of Favre's charity, the Brett Favre Fourward Foundation, "is gone," he said.

Favre said he spoke with Titans quarterback Steve McNair, a close friend and a native of Mt. Olive, Miss., close to Hattiesburg. McNair said his brother Fred's house had been destroyed and he hadn't been able to contact his mother as of Wednesday morning.

"Steve was talking to his mom as the weather was getting bad. She said, 'The shingles are coming off, Steve,' and that's the last he heard from her," Favre said.

Favre's mother and brothers survived the flooding by climbing into the attic of their home to avoid the rising waters. He said Scott and a friend "were swimming in the house" to get Jeff's three children, along with Favre's grandmother, to safety.

Favre finally got word everyone was OK when his aunt, a nurse at Garden Park hospital in Gulfport, Miss., called. Bonita called a short time later with the

help of a Houston television crew.

Someone from every team has been effected. Read this excerpt from the Associated Press. The Bulldogs paid their respects to the victims of Hurricane Katrina with a sobering pre-game procession to show their hearts were with those along the Gulf Coast, in New Orleans and in countless shelters - anywhere but at Scott Field.

"This (past) week has never been all football - it's all been in the backs of our minds," coach Sylvester Croom said. "You can't get away from it. I don't

think the players did, and I know I didn't."

This was anything but a typical gameday in Starkville. Tailgate parties were subdued and polite. Cowbells clanged less often than expected during the 38-6 rout of Murray State on Saturday night. On-field celebrations were brief, even-tempered and relatively infrequent.

The storm's devastation, Croom said, "was constantly on your mind."

Croom set the somber tone in the moments before the game when he led the Bulldogs' reflective walk from the locker room to the sideline.

Instead of storming through a smoky tunnel onto the field, they held their helmets, passed slowly through the band and didn't acknowledge cheering fans who longed for a reason to rejoice again.

"To honor them, to show them we're still thinking about them even though we've got a football game," Butler said.

Croom spent much of the week fearing for his daughter and granddaughter, who live in Mobile, Ala., and for Butler and several other players from the Gulf Coast.

Someone from every team has been affected. Students,

please thank your blessings that we were able to enjoy a football game from a dedicated Jacksonville State team.

Please consider the athletes this weekend as you cheer for your beloved team. Life is bigger than football and one day we will be held responsible for the things we have said. Cheer Auburn, Alabama and UT Chattanooga but remember someone might be playing with a heavy heart and it is only by grace that we were spared.

**More than
just a game!
More than
just a storm!**

The thrill of victory, agony of defeat

Gamecocks fight back from 10 points down and lose on last play of the game as Ingle Martin found Justin Stepp in the back of the end-zone.

By
Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer
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By **Amado Ortiz**
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Football kicked off with an unbelievable weekend. The hometown Gamecocks showed that they could compete on the national level of college football.

Auburn's Brandon Cox looks promising despite five turnovers and Alabama should be better this year.

A story that has been overlooked is how the sports world has been affected by Hurricane Katrina.

A story that hit home was the athletes that are playing football amiss everything that has transpired. Georgia Tech's defensive end Eric Henderson is from New Orleans and still had yet to receive word from his sister heading into his football game against Auburn last Saturday.

Eric has a (504) area code cell phone number that has been down ever since the storm and was unable to communicate back home.

I was watching the game when the announcer asked if anyone has heard from Eric's sister to give the athletic department a call.

I realized that the men on the football field have things to worry about more than just football. Henderson is a pretty good defensive end and in the first half he seemed like he was not all there.

To think that a fan could say, "Eric do something. You are

"The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat," brought home a new meaning to the Gamecocks as JSU came one second short of pulling a come from behind upset of second ranked Furman University.

Most players have heard the quote but the quote was a real life situation for 13,942 fans.

Freshmen, Daniel Jackson, went around the right end for a two-yard touchdown with 1:27 left in the game to put the Gamecocks up three 34-31. The PAT was true and JSU led the Paladins by four after being down 10 points early in the fourth quarter.

Fireworks were going off in the background and the student section was going nuts as Paul Snow Stadium could smell victory at the hands of the Paladins.

Furman would receive the ball and would have to march 74 yards in 1:22 seconds. Furman would be up for the challenge as quarterback Ingle Martin accounted for all the yards by passing for 47 yards and rushed for 27 yards on two carries on the final drive.

The stage was set for the thriller finish. The Thursday Night lights were glowing in the air, the tv cameras were getting into position for the game's final play and six seconds remained on the clock.

Ingle Martin took a three step drop and Gamecock Haneef Haqq came through the line and knocked the ball down and the clock showed goose eggs.

The Gamecocks stormed the field with excitement and experienced the thrill of victory over the Paladins.

The excitement was short lived as the men in black and white started blowing their whistles and demanding the team return to the sideline.

One second was put on the clock and Martin found Justin Stepp for a nine yard touchdown in the back of the end-zone and the Paladins stormed the field with the thrill of victory handing the Gamecocks the agony of defeat.

"We mis-communicated some things on the last play. A guy doesn't usually get that wide open, but obviously it was a big factor in the game," said Jack Crowe.

"Maybe it shouldn't have come down to that, maybe we were lucky enough to be that close. They're a very good football team. They deserve all the credit for all the plays they made."

Preview

The Gamecocks will host a second Southern Conference member in as many weeks in Tennessee Chattanooga at Paul Snow Stadium on Saturday. Kick off is set 6pm.

The Mocs come in on a high note after beating OVC member Tennessee Tech 30-23 in overtime. The Mocs won only two games all of last year and are hoping to avenge a 45 point whippin' the Gamecocks gave them last year.

"Chattanooga, if you want to make the scenario, they're a lot like we were trying to prove that the last time we played Furman; that the margin of victory wasn't what it was," said Crowe.

"We got a bunch coming at us that's going to be trying to prove the same thing. We had a margin of victory to me that was not representative of the difference in the two teams."

Prediction

The Gamecocks are coming in heavy

favorites and coming in with a lot of emotion. If JSU can bring the same intensity two weeks in a row, they will beat the Mocs by three touchdowns.

The Mocs are coming in fired up to play JSU after last year's 65-20 loss and talk has spread of the Gamecocks giving all the Paladins wanted in the season opener.

Gamecock Darren Williams is a player on the defense and Moc quarterback Antonio Miller likes to run on offense. If Williams and the rest of the Gamecocks lay the same licks as last week, then the game will get out of hand. Don't show up and the Gamecocks start out 0-2 and things don't get any better as JSU travels to UAB on the 17th.



Williams had 11 tackles and a fumble recovery.



Courtesy/JSU Alex Stillwagon

All American Craig Agee playing solid defense..

Gamecock Spotlight of the Week

To think that a fan could say, "Eric do something. You are just standing there or get off your block," is very sad for me.

Eric was still playing for the university he signed up for despite not knowing if his sister was okay. To me, that is a true athlete.

Eric received word at half-time that his sister was okay and he played a lot better in the second half. What a story and what a class act Mr. Henderson is.

So many teams have had to move practice to other states. Southern Miss has been practicing in Memphis and still has a player missing that has not been heard from.

Someone on every team has been affected. Read this excerpt from the Wisconsin State Journal by Jason Wilde. Favre said he wrestled with whether to go to Mississippi, and that coach Mike Sherman gave him permission to leave and skip tonight's game if he wanted.

"I probably slept two hours (Tuesday night), and the two hours I did sleep I had nightmares the whole time of, 'Should I go? Should I stay? If I go, what do I do? And if I don't go, how guilty will I feel for not being there to help?'" Favre said.

He said he and Deanna decided he wouldn't be much help.

"I'm not going to come down and all of a sudden be able to get food for everyone. I'm not going to open a McDonald's," said Favre, who also made a plea for donations as the TV cameras rolled. "Until power is back up, until there are places where you can go get gas or get something to eat. (we decided) I'm better off being here."

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Gamecock Spotlight of the Week

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

With all the attention that an athlete can get, it takes a very special person to handle all the attention and still stay true to him or herself.

In a sports world that has received so much negative media attention through steroid scandals and holdouts from high profile athletes, people



Courtesy/JSU Alex Stillwagon

like JSU volleyball's Abbey Breit prove that the student athletes are just as competitive on the field of play as they are humble away from the game.

The Chanticleer sat down with the 5'10" middle blocker and found out that even though she's been no stranger to media attention, she's as down to Earth as any person could be.

CS: Being named to the All-OVC team as a freshman wasn't your first time getting major

attention from the media. When you were in high school, you were featured in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd" section. (July 29, 2002) What was that like?

Breit: (blushing) That was incredibly cool. That was awesome. One of the local TV stations came to one of my practices in high school and did a little clip. It was really cool. I can say, "I'm in the library."

CS: Do you know who was on the cover?

Breit: I'm pretty sure

it was John Madden. It's a green cover, I remember that much.

CS: Why did you choose JSU? Breit: The people, really. Coach and all the teammates made me feel real welcome and everybody on campus is real nice. I like the size of the school, too. It's not too big or too small. It's not too far away from home, but it's far enough where my parents can make it to a game.

CS: Besides friends and family, what do you miss most about your hometown of Louisville, Kentucky?

Breit: U of L basketball for one. I like to go to some of the home games and actually, last spring I got to go to one of their games at UAB. Louisville's a really cool city and there's lots to do. There's a really cool rock scene. Really good radio stations too. Then there's the Kentucky Derby. I always make it home for that.

CS: Are you a horse racing fan? Breit: Uh, I'm a Kentucky Derby fan. I'll watch the Triple Crown races and that's about it. It's a huge deal up there.

CS: Right now, what is in your CD player?

Breit: I have Aqualung in my Discman but I have Staind in my room.

CS: Why them?

Breit: I love Staind. Favorite group ever.

CS: What's your favorite quote?

Breit: Oh God. I'm a quote person. Um, there's one by Steve Prefontaine, "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."

CS: What is something that a reader of The Chanticleer wouldn't know about you?

Breit: (thinking) Uh, this isn't my natural hair color. I'm a dark blonde, light brown. With me, what you see is what you get.

CS: What is the best advice you ever got?

Breit: I can't really think of one specific piece of advice I got, but my parents have always been real supportive and let me know that I can do anything I put my mind to.

CS: What's your favorite movie?

Breit: Right now, I'd have to say Wedding Crashers. I'm a big Will Ferrell fan. I liked Old School and Anchorman.

CS: When you were little, what did you want to be?

Breit: I wanted to be an interior decorator for a long time. I always liked to doodle and create. Right now I'm more

focused on pre-pharmacy. My direction has changed just a little.

CS: If you could meet anyone, wh...

Breit: Lance Armstrong.

CS: I didn't even have to finish the question. OK, what are you afraid of?

Breit: In general, failure. It drives you to succeed.

CS: What is your favorite sports memory, whether you were competing or just watching?

Breit: When I was 16, I was in a national tournament and I was playing with 18 year olds. I was named MVP of the tournament. That's what I was in Sports Illustrated for. It was in my hometown, too.

With her attitude both on and off the court, Abbey Breit is one of the many athletes that represent JSU well.

Congratulations to Abbey for being named the Gamecock Spotlight of the Week. To see more of Abbey and the rest of the JSU volleyball team, check out the home opener at Pete Matthews Coliseum on Tuesday, September 13 at 6 p.m.

Gamecocks move back one spot

By Staff Reports
The JSU Athletic Department

The Jacksonville State football team fell one spot to No. 21 in the The Sports Network I-AA football poll that was released Monday afternoon.

The Gamecocks, which entered the preseason ranked 20th nationally,

remain in the poll for their 10th consecutive week dating back to last season.

Jax State fought back from a 14-0 deficit and took its first lead of the game at 35-31 with 1:27 left in the game against Furman last week. But, the second ranked Paladins regained the lead with no time remaining and escaped with a 37-35 victory.

The top three teams in the

nation remained without a change. Defending champion, James Madison kept their #1-ranking with a 55-0 win over Division II Lock Haven. The Dukes solidified their hold on the No. 1, earning 75 of a possible 105 first-place votes and 2,571 points overall.

Furman remained nationally ranked second, while garnering 19 first-place votes

and 2,469 points, as Montana received six first-place votes after a 55-0 triumph against Fort Lewis.

Southern Illinois and Georgia Southern entered the top five for the first time in the 2005 season. SIU moved up one spot to No. 4 with a win at OVC member, Southeast Missouri State, while Georgia Southern climbed into the top five

after a 41-38 overtime victory at Northeastern.

The Gamecocks will return to action on Saturday, Sept. 10, against Chattanooga. The two teams met last year for the first time in 21 years with Jax State taking a 65-20 win over the Mocs in Chattanooga. Kick-off is set for 6 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium.