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Courtesy of: Michael Dickinson

JSU rifle lines up shoulder-to-shoulder against the other OVC teams during the air rifle competition at the OVC championship Feb. 18-19 in Martin, Tenn.

Champions again!

JSU rifle tops OVC for second year running

By: Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Mission impossible?

Don't tell that to the JSU rifle team.

The team's mission this past weekend in Martin, Tenn. - was to reclaim the Ohio Valley Conference Rifle Championship - and they did just that.

Jacksonville State ripped a hole in the competition as they destroyed Murray State by 38 points.

JSU won with an aggregate score of 4671, while Murray State followed with a 4633. This was JSU's season high, earning the team several top honors at the championship.

The Gamecocks brought

home a truckload of awards. The Hall brothers, James and Joseph, led the red and white by being named to the First Team All-OVC Smallbore and First Team All-OVC Air Rifle. James was named the Smallbore Athlete of the Year, while Joseph was named the Air Rifle Athlete of the Year.

Also bringing in honors for JSU were freshman Michael

Dickinson and seniors Larry Nelson and Crystal Arndt. Dickinson joined James and Joseph on the First Team All-OVC Air Rifle. He was also named to the OVC Smallbore All-Newcomer Team and the OVC Air Rifle All-Newcomer Team.

Nelson was named to the Second Team All-OVC Air Rifle, while fellow teammate Arndt was named to the First Team All-OVC Smallbore.

Head coach Ron Frost brought home OVC Coach of the Year, for the second year in a row.

The team practiced hard the week leading up to the championships and it proved to be beneficial in the end. They were more confident and knew what they had to do to win.

"I love the way the team came together and realized that we needed to win," said Joseph. "The loss at sectionals was not what we were capable of. I loved the way the team



Courtesy of: Michael Dickinson

(L to R) Audrey McMillian, Larry Nelson, James Hall, Michael Dickinson, Crystal Arndt and Joseph Hall accept the championship trophy on Sunday afternoon.

came together and proved the fact that we are the best and we know we are."

Everyone on the team was shooting their average score or better, a vast improvement from just a week ago at sec-

tionals.

"We all saw what happened at sectionals and did not want that to happen at OVC's," said Dickinson. "I didn't want to let the seniors down on their way out."

The rifle team has three seniors, James Hall, Larry Nelson and Crystal Arndt, who now have two rings on their fingers and one NCAA

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Hall of Famer visits JSU

By: DeShunn Johnson
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"We just loved to play the game", said Negro League Baseball player James "Jake" Sanders, who will be inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame later this year. "We had some of the best players that have ever played the game of baseball."

On Monday, February 13, 2006, a piece of American history came to Jacksonville State University in the form of James "Jake" Sanders. The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity hosted the historic event.

"I felt that it was important to have him come to honor our history, especially since this is a milestone in Alpha Phi Alpha's history," said

Alpha Phi Alpha President Antonio Davis. "I also feel that it is important because if you don't know where you came from, then you don't know where you are going."

Sanders talked about his experience as a player in the Negro League in the '50s and '60s.

"One time our bus broke down and since no one was there willing to help, we stayed there for three days. I remember that the only food we had was cereal and to this day I don't eat cereal."

Sanders quizzed the students on their knowledge of the baseball history. "Did you know that Jackie Robinson was not the first African American that played professional baseball?"



Courtesy of: DeShunn Johnson

James Sanders handed out autographed baseball cards during his visit to the JSU campus.

A look of confusion was on everyone's face. "No," continued Sanders. "It was Moses Fleetwood Walker. In fact, Jackie Robinson was only average compared to some of the players

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Executive crisis

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

No one applied to run for next year's Vice President of Organizational Affairs and Vice President of Student Activities before the application deadline, so the current Vice President of Organizational Affairs Antonio Davis proposed a bill that extends the deadline for applications one week.

Student Bill 71 also clarifies what will happen if no applications are filed during the extra week. An acting officer will be appointed the Friday before spring elections by a committee of SGA officials, including outgoing

and incoming officers.

The acting officer has four weeks to decide if they want to keep the position. After four weeks, the senate will vote to give the acting officer a permanent position or begin plans for a special election to find a new officer.

The current requirements to run for a SGA executive office will remain the same.

However, SB 70, scheduled for further discussion next week, may allow more people to apply for an executive office. Before, only current senators and executive officers could run in the election for an executive office. This new bill

would allow justices and SAC committee heads to run as well.

Some senators are concerned that justices and SAC committee heads do not have the necessary experience to hold an executive office, since they are not directly involved in the weekly senate meetings.

The bill would also change the summer residence requirements for executive officers. They would no longer be required to live in Jacksonville over two summer months, but would still be required to fulfill their summer duties.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost and Found:

For lost items check the UPD web page at police.jsu.edu/lostandfound.html.

BCM:

Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m

Alpha Omicron Pi:

Good luck to our intramurals and baseball team this week. Start getting teams together for our shoot out basketball tournament on March 7. Have a great week!
Contact: Meredith Harvey at merharvey@aol.com

SGA: The Office of Student Life is looking for JSU students to be a part of Leadershape 2006. Applications are available in the Office of Student Life and are due March 31.
Contact: Emily Williams at 782-5493

Freshman Forum:

We are collecting used cell phones and chargers for Project Valentine to help organ transplant patients. Deadline: Feb. 27.
Contact: Office of Student Life at 782-5491

Phi Eta Sigma:

Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society is seeking eligible students to be inducted this spring. Certain qualifications must be met. Deadline is March 7.
Contact: Rhonda Kilgo at 782-8247 for applications and questions.

NSSE:

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Alpha Xi Delta:

Contact: Charly Montague: iccibod@aol.com

College Democrats:

Join the College Democrats. Meeting Feb. 23, 2:15 p.m., Brewer Hall Room 140.
Contact: jsudemocrats@hotmail.com

ISO:

We are having a Taster's Fair March 5 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. Come try foods from all over the world.

Broken promises

Do you keep New Year's resolutions?

By: Kimberly Davis
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Many students are faced with a daunting task during New Year's.

A task so impossible, many students don't even make resolutions because they know they will not keep them.

Heather Bailey set a New Year's resolution to be a happier person and have more fun.

"New Year's resolutions are a challenge because it puts pressure on you to change your lifestyle," she said. That pressure is the reason she broke her New Year's resolution.

Many students made resolutions to be happier, have more fun, lose weight, stop drinking, smoking, cursing or to better their relationships with God or a loved one.

No matter what the New Year's resolution, they were all faced with a challenge that required patience and perseverance to overcome.

Valerie Peil's New Year's resolution was to lose weight. Peil did not break her New Year's resolution because she is truly committed to her goal. "I believe keeping New Year's resolutions is a challenge because they generally involve work to obtain a goal."

Adrian Peoples is a senior majoring in Technology. His New Year's resolution was to do whatever he did in 2005 better this year. Peoples said that he has not broken his New Year's resolution because he is focusing on the positive and not worrying about the negative.

"I believe making a New Year's resolution is a challenge because some people set goals that are not feasible," he said.

Michael Hendking's New Year's resolution was to make the Dean's list and to be inducted into the National Honor Society. He believes that he will achieve his goal by



Photo By: Angela Reid

One of the most common New Year's resolutions is a commitment to better health. Shannon Oliver proves you can succeed by working out in Stephenson Hall.

working hard and studying.

"I believe making a New Year's resolution is a challenge because it means that you have to do something out of the ordinary and adapt to a new way of life," said Hendking. "I can not stop being me."

Other students wanted to stop drinking and smoking as their New Year's resolutions. "Some people want to stop, but they never seem to stop because, of the pressure and stress of life," said Peoples.

Many students make New

Year's resolutions, but keeping those resolutions takes self-discipline and hard work. Without true commitment, you may be making the same resolution next year.

Rifle:

rifle title.

The Gamecocks were feeling good after day one. With athletic administrator Charles Ponder cracking jokes with the team and helping them to relax between relays, the guys and gals did what they do best.

"We did exactly what we wanted to do," said James. "We

went out there with a mindset of winning, and that is what we did. We had a sixteen-point lead going into air rifle, and we were just coasting from there."

"Since James and Joseph are our 'power hitters,' once me and Larry finished, we knew we had it because they are not going to mess up," Dickinson said in response to their average performance on

day one.

James grabbed first place in smallbore with a score of 589, a four-point lead over second place. This may not sound like much, but, in the rifle world, everyone hopes to have a big gap like this when shooting in a match.

James holds the NCAA record in smallbore with a score of 595, which he hopes to shoot at nationals in mid-March.

Arndt shot a career-high 584 in smallbore on Saturday. This put her in the top five and helped the Gamecocks win their second OVC title.

Joseph brought home first place in air rifle with a score of 592, one point higher than his score at sectionals.

"I knew that air was my strongest gun," Joseph said. "It could have honestly been higher."

James and Joseph are heavily preparing to win the NCAA Championship in their respective guns.

The Gamecocks will travel to Colorado Springs, Colo., to compete in the NCAA Championships in smallbore only. The championships take place on March 10-11, and will be held at the Olympic Training Facility.

Senate:

Constitution and Code Committee Head Chauncey Slater introduced a recommendation to remove the current prerequisite of 25 student signatures before running for a senate or executive position. After debate, the recommendation failed.

Article IX, Section 8, of the SGA Constitution Code of Laws explains the succession order if the president can no longer serve in his position for whatever reason.

Student bill 72, an amendment to Article IX, Section 8, explains the voting process if the successors are not able to fulfill the office of president. There will be a special session where members of the senate can announce they wish to be president and give an

Baseball:

in the Negro League. The only reason why Robinson become famous was because he went to college."

The Negro league was in no way discriminating. Even females had a fair chance in the Negro League.

"Mamie Johnson could play like a man," said Sanders. "They also got paid the same amount and even more sometimes than the men

in the league." Some believed that the Negro League never got the recognition it deserved.

"We would always draw a big crowd, we just didn't have the money that professional baseball league did," said Sanders.

Players in the Negro League had their share of heartaches, but when asked if he would do it again, Sanders replied, "I would do it all over again if I could."

Even though there were

only a handful of people in the crowd, everyone left with a better understanding of baseball history.

"I love Negro League baseball, I love my history, and I love my heritage. It's incredible to hear the stories of what went on from the people themselves," said Chris Lundy, a junior.

This event came right on time since this month is Black History month.

"This is the first time any fraternity or sorority ever did

something to honor Black History month and I applaud Alpha Phi Alpha for doing this," says Shante Young, a senior.

"I feel that this event is important not just for Alpha Phi Alpha but for all Greeks, says Alpha Phi Alpha member Herbert Wilkerson. "It brings substance to the campus."

The Negro League is not only a part of black history, but a part of American history.

impromptu speech. If three or more senators decide to seek the office of president, the senate will vote for the top three candidates. Then there will be another vote to decide who of the three will serve as president.

Also in the meeting, Alice Martin, an adjunct professor of criminal justice at JSU and a local attorney, spoke to the senate about the duties of a probate judge. She is hoping to win that position in the upcoming election.

"I am challenging you to help me," said Martin.

The senate also had a guest speaker from the Office of Assessment, Kristi Carlisle, to explain what NSSE is and what prizes can be won.

Senate meetings are every Monday night at 6 p.m. in room 301 TMB.

foods from all over the world. Contact: zozkakanjovic@hotmail.com

UPD: UPD is conducting a survey for their continued accreditation. Please click on the survey link at UPD's website: www.jsu.edu/dept/upd

Phi Mu: We are looking forward to next week's War of the Roses. Good luck to everyone participating. Have a great week! Contact: Lindsay Dant at phimu2605@yahoo.com

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CAMPUS CRIME

February 13 - An emotionally disturbed person was reported at Pannell Apartments.

February 14 - Criminal Mischief was reported at Houston Cole Library.

February 16 - Criminal mischief was reported in the Sparkman/Hall parking lot.

The theft of a phone valued at \$50 was reported at Daugette Hall.

An accident involving an unattended vehicle was reported at the Theron Montgomery Building.

February 17 - The theft of a Dell laptop valued at \$1,000 was reported at Jax Apartments.

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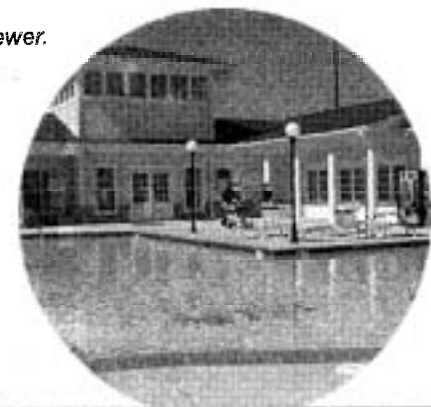
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OPINION and Got beer?

REVIEWS

By **Eddie Burkhalter**

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

We can all sleep better now.

No, the bird flu thing may still be headed our way, but our leaders in Montgomery have been hard at work and have some exciting news. No more KEG BEER in Alabama!

Well, almost. The Alabama Senate voted 3-0 on Jan. 17 to ban drinking keg beer anywhere other than in businesses licensed to sell it.

The bill is advertised as a way to cut down on underage drinking. Okay, we're all for that. Well, everyone over 21 is for that, but it's not the reason they gave for the bill,

it's who gave the reason that has some concerned.

Are you sitting? The Alabama Wholesale Beer Association came up with the idea over public pressure regarding underage drinking, they say.

Wow! The folks that hustle hooch have grown a conscience. It brings a tear to the eye, don't it?

The bill heads to the House, but it seems like a sure thing.

Maybe it will cut down on underage drinking. Maybe all the kids that would have spent Saturday night in a field with red plastic cups and pony kegs of light beer will all decide to catch up on algebra home-

work. Or head over to the local retirement home and call a bingo game.

Let's examine this, shall we? The following conversation would have to take place for this bill to work as it's supposed to.

"Hey John!"

"Yes, Larry?"

"Let's all head over to the field with our red plastic cups and a pony keg of light beer."

"Sounds great, but wait! My of-age friend who normally purchases alcoholic beverages for us says they won't sell him beer in a container larger than five gallons!"

"Really. So how about a game of

bingo?"

"You said it, Larry!"

Shall we assume that this is at least somewhat unlikely? To be fair, drinking large amounts of alcohol is stupid and dangerous, high school or otherwise, but this bill may not be what they say it is.

In fact, the hooch hustlers stand to make more money if the bill is passed.

Keg beer is what retailers call a "loss leader". Simply put, the profit margin by volume is much lower for keg beer than small containers. Which means if Larry and John decide to head to the field after all, they'll likely buy MORE of the small containers.

In addition to the fatter paycheck for the distributors, the politicians who support the bill get to ride the

Good-Southern-Christian-Train. Next stop, reelection city

So who loses?

How about the folks over 21 who drink and like to save money by buying beer in kegs?

Here's an idea. If they're so concerned about the kids, why don't they pass a bill that'll give teachers in Alabama a pay raise? We're losing incredibly talented teachers every day to states that'll pay them what they're worth, and the ones that stay here are finding themselves overworked and underappreciated.

Better hurry though. The kids will be sober soon, and they'll finally realize they've been getting the shaft all along.

Review: Grizzly Man

By **Jason Keener**

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

For thirteen summers, Timothy Treadwell lived among grizzly bears in Alaska. He was unarmed; he used his camera to shoot the animals he loved. He shot over ninety hours of footage.

In 2003, he and his girlfriend were attacked by one of the more aggressive bears.

Legendary German director Werner Herzog has taken Treadwell's footage and made "Grizzly Man," a documentary that has awed most critics and just about anyone who has stumbled across the film.

In addition to Treadwell's footage, Herzog has filmed interviews with friends and family of the troubled and eccentric environmentalist. They share moments from his pre-bear life, like his alcoholic period after he came in second to Woody Harrelson for a role on "Cheers."

He finally did make it to television, though. In the theatrical version of the film, a clip from The

Late Show with David Letterman features Letterman asking Treadwell if he can expect to open a newspaper one day and read that Treadwell had been eaten by a bear.

On the DVD, this clip has been omitted and replaced with another interview. In it, Treadwell's refusal to carry arms is questioned, but Treadwell declares he "would never, ever kill a bear even in the defense of my own life."

Werner Herzog is no stranger to films about eccentric characters. In "Aguirre, the Wrath of God," which has been my favorite film since October 2004, Don Lupe de Aguirre expects to conquer a city that doesn't exist with an army of monkeys.

In "Fitzcarraldo," a man dares to dream of building an opera house in the jungle, but not before dragging a 340-ton steam ship over a mountain, a task Herzog actually accomplished.

But Herzog's most comparable film is "My Best Fiend." It's a documentary about Klaus Kinski, who appeared in five of the director's

films (often his best.)

Several critics have noted that "Grizzly Man" is more than a film about man obsessed with bears. It's also a tribute from one film director to another. But let's not forget who was the star of Treadwell's film: Timothy Treadwell. The same Timothy Treadwell who pursued a career in acting.

Aside from their strange behavior and love for acting, Kinski and Treadwell had very little in common. The similarities come from the way Herzog observes their

unusual on-screen behavior. Whether it's Kinski yelling profanities at an audience in his tour of Germany as Jesus or Treadwell yelling profanities at his own camera, Herzog's audience can't help but question the sanity of his subjects. And questionable sanity may be the true core of the film.

Herzog narrates the film himself, as he does with most of his documentaries. He makes it very clear that he does not share Treadwell's romanticized view of nature. For him, the bears are emo-

tionless and vicious beasts that think in the simplest terms of survival.

Luckily, squeamish viewers can relax. Aside from a still photograph of the gutted bear in question, the film contains no gore or anything else that would make it too difficult to watch.

The same year he finished "Grizzly Man," Herzog (63 and still going strong) also finished another film, "The Wild Blue Yonder" and began yet another, "Rescue Dawn."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

DID YOU KEEP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?



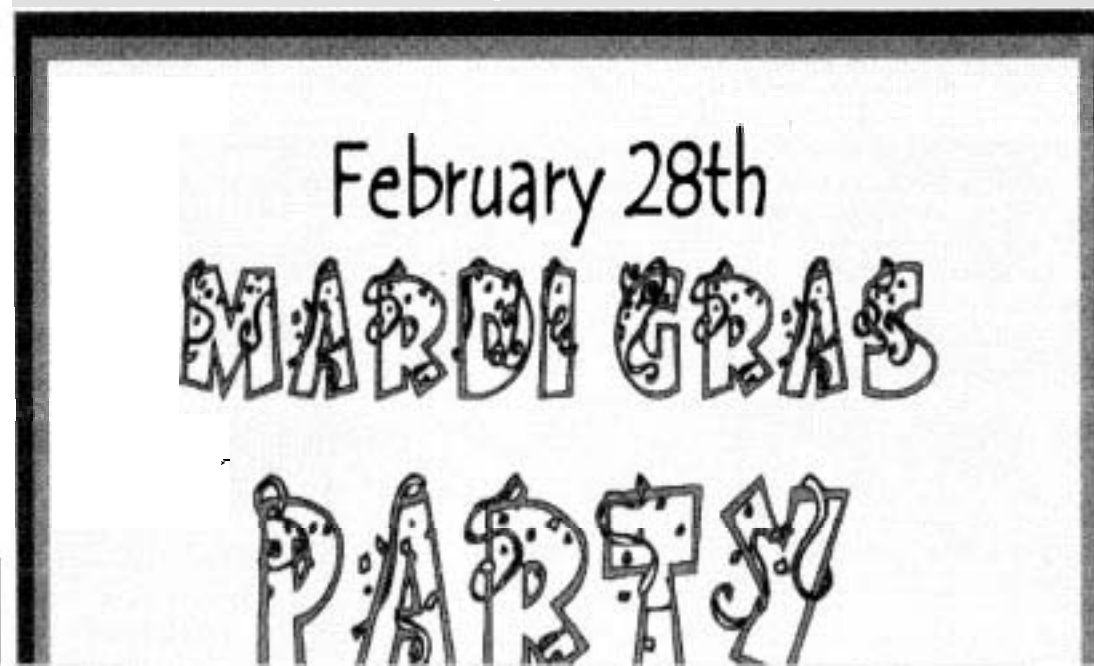
Jessica Blake
freshman

"Every time I do, I never do it. I think it was to run more, I didn't keep it if I had one."



Tierra Sims
sophomore

"To concentrate more on school. Study more, go to class all the time. I think my grades improved this year."



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sophomore

"To lose weight, I've kept it so far. I've lost, I think, 10 pounds."

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Hollywood 'Souldown'



FEATURES

they got it."



By Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Editor

I was a bad reporter.

You see, reporters are supposed to hold themselves apart from the action, objectively viewing events with a dispassionate eye so they can provide a fair and balanced account to readers.

But the Hollywood Showdown was too exciting and fun to resist. During an introductory round of questions, I couldn't help but raise my hand and bounce in my seat along with everyone else to answer a question and win a movie poster. After that, however, I managed to restrain myself and get back to reporting.

But, just so you know, it was hard to do that because I really wanted to play.

Sponsored by the SGA, the Hollywood Showdown—a game show-like event where students competed for movie posters, DVDs and gift cards, with a DVD player as the grand prize—was held in the Leone Cole Auditorium on Feb 15.

In honor of Black History month, the event renamed itself the Hollywood 'Souldown,' and featured trivia from movies like *The Nutty Professor*, *Ali*, *Glory* and *Crash*.

After the introductory set of questions (asked by Rian Winther, the host, who made up all these games), four students were picked from the crowd to answer questions at the buzzers. Whoever answered the most questions out of five got to sit in



Photos by Jessica Summe

radio play, almost everyone in the auditorium knew the music. People were singing and even dancing along to the tracks.

"That song brought back memories," said Reed of *Exhale (Shoop Shoop)*, performed by Whitney Houston, which was featured on the *Waiting to Exhale* soundtrack.

The third round was Name That Classic. Correct answers were worth five points, but if a player couldn't answer, audience members could steal their seat and all their points. Four students lost their chairs and Kyle Hoff, Andrea Pruitt, Candice Hardy, Turquoise Buens and Mardracus Russell took their places.

advanced to the 'Final Four' with Washington, Reed and Buens.

These four competed in 'Movie-Okies', where contestants sang along with songs featured in movies. The event was worth 25 points, and players were required to entertain the crowd.

Washington went first, singing along to Color Me Badd's *I Wanna Sex You Up*. Reed gave an energetic rendition of *Rapper's Delight* by the Sugar Hill Gang. Buens got the always-popular *Lady Marmalade* and Patterson did his best to imitate LL Cool J while rapping *Momma Said Knock You Out*.

The winner of the round was

Top Right: Marshontri Reed and Fred Washington fill their mouths with popcorn in *Race to the Snack Bar*.

Left: The final four contestants at the buzzers.

Bottom Right: Reed is named the victor.

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questions out of five got to sit in one of the eight director's chairs across from the buzzers. The questions could take the form of audio clues or movie stills. Students were asked to name movies or identify characters and actors. The first two students to sit in the director chairs were Chris Lundy and Krystle Bell.

The third group ended with a four-way tie. Each student had correctly answered one question and the fifth question was answered by an audience member.

All the participants started banging on the buttons before Winther even finished asking the question.

"You're gonna' break my thing!" Winther said before identifying a student.

"I just guessed," said Shanda Cleveland, won the tiebreaker, after taking her seat with the others.

Antonio Davis and Raynard Cargill took the fourth and fifth seats.

"You have to think real quick up there," said Cargill.

The sixth round needed another tiebreaker, which Marketta Hart won.

"I don't know that movie," moaned Mardracus Russell while at the podium in the seventh round. "Ask me about the news, I know about the news." Marshonntri Reed won the round.

As Russell, who went up three times, returned to his seat, he reasoned why he'd not advanced to a chair. "I know, I know," he said. "I get too excited."

Norwood Patterson got the last chair.

With all eight director chairs filled, the game moved to the next round, Movie Tunes. Song clips were played, and a student had to name the movie associated with the song. Each question was worth five points. If the contestant didn't know the answer, the person in the next chair had a chance to steal the points.

Since songs featured on movie soundtracks get heavy

Russell took their places.

"I feel like a superstar," said Russell.

Next up was How's Your Memory, where students were quizzed on a background detail in a movie clip. Audience members could still steal seats, but only Russell went back into the audience.

"I'll have to steal someone else's seat," he said.

Russell's loss was Cargill's gain, as he had lost his seat in the third round and was now back in the game.

Round five was Finish the Line, another round that had audience members jumping out of their seats and shouting out answers.

"I got my first seat back. I feel very good," said Patterson as he stole back the seat he had lost in the third round.

Fred Washington also stole a chair during the round. "I got 27 points," he said, counting his point coupons inherited from his predecessor.

All points were counted, and the four players with the least points had to go back into the audience. Cargill and Patterson tied, so they went back to the buzzers to name a movie from a screenshot. Patterson won, and

the winner of the round was determined by audience applause, and Reed got the 25 points.

The final event was Race to the Snack Bar. The final four had to fill up plastic tubes with popcorn from bowls on the floor, but could only use their mouths.

At this point, I have to confess to another reporter indiscretion. I didn't write down who won this round because I was laughing so hard.

But the game was over. When all points were totaled, Buen got fourth place and won a DVD. Patterson was third and won a 3-pack of DVDs, while Washington, the second-place finisher, got a Best Buy gift card.

Reed won the entire thing, and took home a DVD player for her efforts.

"The worst part was the popcorn," Reed said afterward. "I don't even like popcorn." Reed plans on giving the DVD player to her nephew.

"This is fun to do unless it's a crappy audience," said Winther. "They [the JSU audience] were fun and into it. They knew a lot of it. I was worried people wouldn't get half the stuff because I changed the questions for Black History Month. But

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Senior night split: men win, women take a loss



From staff reports

JACKSONVILLE - LaKrisha Brown scored 21 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead three players in double-figures as Morehead State claimed an 82-75 win over Jacksonville State to move the Gamecocks into a two-way tie for the final spot for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Morehead State (13-12, 9-9) moved into a tie for fifth place with Eastern Illinois with the win, while the Gamecocks (10-15, 8-10) are now tied with Murray State for seventh place. Eastern Kentucky sits in ninth place, two games behind JSU and Murray, with two games left to play.

TaNeisha Johnson finished with 21 points for Morehead State, while Anita Smith-Williams added 13 points and seven rebounds for the Lady Eagles.

"You have to give Morehead State credit," said JSU head coach Dave Dagostino. "They came in here and really played well. I thought they attacked the

boards and that was the difference in the game."

Morehead State held a decisive 54-38 advantage on the boards, including 19 offensive rebounds that led to 20-second chance points. The Gamecocks did finish with a season-low nine turnovers, while forcing 17 Lady Eagle turnovers.

The first half saw five lead changes and four ties as Morehead State built a 42-37 lead at the intermission. JSU freshman Ashley Boykin kept the game close in the opening 20 minutes by scoring 19 points, while senior Ann-Marie Healy added 12 points and seven rebounds in the opening half.

With Morehead State holding a 46-41 lead with 17:35 left, the Gamecocks battled over the next eight minutes to take a 62-58 lead on a pair of free throws by LaTonya McKinney with 9:42 remaining.

The Lady Eagles answered to tie the game at 67-67 on a Brittany Bass free throw with 6:07 left and MSU would never trail again. Morehead State outscored the Gamecocks 15-8 over the final six minutes for the win.

Boykin led the Gamecocks after scoring a career-high 29 points on her 19th birthday, including 4-of-4 from behind the arc and 7-of-7 from the free throw line. Ann-Marie Healy added 16 points and 11 rebounds, followed by 14 points from Rebecca Haynes and McKinney added 10 points.

Senior Walker Russell recorded his second double-double of the season by scoring 15 points to go along with 11 assists to lead four players in double figures in a 79-74 win over New Orleans on Senior Night at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Russell, a 6-foot guard from Pontiac, Mich, dished out seven of his assists in the first half and turned the ball over only twice to pace the Gamecocks (13-12, 10-8 Ohio Valley Conference) in his final regular season home game. JSU downed the Privateers (7-18, 4-9 Sun Belt Conference) for its 19th win in 22

games against non-conference opponents at Pete Mathews Coliseum since the Mike LaPlante era began.

Jacksonville State forced 17 turnovers and committed only nine and shot 50 percent from the floor, 40 percent from 3-point land, to hold on to the win.

"New Orleans is a team that has been through a lot of adversity," LaPlante said. "They have had a lot of opportunities and have been in a lot of games that they have had a chance to win. The difference in the game was turnovers. We had more possessions than they did, and that proved to be the difference. This was a good quality win for our team."

The Privateers shot 55 percent from the floor and was 4-of-8 from 3-point land, but the Gamecocks' 12 steals proved too much for them to overcome. JSU converted the UNO miscues into 18 points, while New Orleans scored just seven off JSU turnovers.

JSU junior Harold Crow scored a career-high 17 points in just 21 minutes to lead the Gamecocks in the scoring column. Senior B.J. Spencer and junior Courtney Bradley each added 16 points.

UNO's Shawn Malloy led the Privateers charge with a career-high 21 points and 10 rebounds, making him one of two New Orleans players with a double-double. Nathaniel Parker scored 13 and pulled in 11 boards in just 22 minutes.

The Privateers stormed out of the gates in the first half, scoring the game's first eight points and was able to stretch the lead to as many as 10 twice, but an 11-2 JSU run cut the advantage to one with 7:07 on the clock. Less than two minutes later, a three-point play by Crow gave JSU its first lead of the night at 27-26. The two would exchange the lead twice more before JSU took a 40-36 lead into the locker room at the half.

UNO pulled to within one early in the second before JSU answered with a 7-0 run to stretch it to

eight with 13:47 to play, the Gamecocks' largest of the night. UNO struck back with a run of its own to tie the game at 59 with 7:23 on the clock, and it finally reclaimed the lead with 5:36 to play at 63-62.

The two teams would exchange it twice before a pair of Russell free throws gave JSU a 72-71 advantage, one they would not relinquish. JSU connected on nine of its last 10 free throw attempts to seal the win.

The Gamecocks close the regular season next week with a two-game road trip that will pit them against Eastern Illinois on Thursday and Southeast Missouri on Saturday.

Men's OVC Standings

	OVC	Overall
Murray State	16-2	20-5
Samford	13-5	17-9
Tennessee Tech	12-7	17-11
Austin Peay	10-8	16-2
JSU	10-8	13-12
Eastern Kentucky	10-8	13-14
Tennessee State	9-9	11-14
UT-Martin	9-10	13-13
Eastern Illinois	5-13	6-19
Southeast Missouri St.	3-15	6-19
Morehead State	3-15	4-21

As of: 2/22/2006

Women's OVC Standings

	OVC	Overall
Southeast Missouri	15-3	18-7
Tennessee Tech	15-4	19-7
Samford	13-5	18-7
Austin Peay	11-7	14-11
Morehead State	9-9	13-12 [#]
Eastern Illinois	9-9	10-16
JSU	8-10	10-15
Murray State	8-10	10-15 [^]
Eastern Kentucky	6-12	6-19
UT-Martin	6-13	8-18
Tennessee State	0-18	0-25

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Overall record does not reflect one conference win by forfeit

[^]Overall record does not reflect one conference forfeit imposed by the OVC

Softball off to great start

By: Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Jacksonville State softball's 6-1 start for the season mirrors last season.

In game one of the War Eagle Classic, the girls faced 20th ranked Auburn. On the mound for Auburn was All-American pitcher Holly Currie.

The Gamecocks were prepared for a tough game, as Currie only allowed 1.95 runs per a game last season.

The first two innings were scoreless and JSU pitcher Carly Kellam struck out five batters; however, she

Pitcher Christine Pierce took the mound ready to win her first game of the season. With the help of the defense and her 66-mph pitching, the Bisons never had a chance.

In the top of the third inning, JSU capitalized on Lipscomb's six errors and opened up a 5-0 lead.

Lipscomb only scored one run which came in the bottom of the fourth.

The Gamecocks scored four runs off four hits in the top of the fifth.

Sophomore pitcher Amy Brown came in to relieve Pierce and added the icing to the cake. Brown sent the Bisons running back to the bench as the Gamecocks flogged them in just

game. JSU shut out the Bears, 5-0, to improve to 3-1.

The ladies came right back on the field and faced Furman.

Both teams were scoreless until the sixth inning. Pappano scored for the Gamecocks as Paladin pitcher Jessica Mathis threw a wild pitch.

JSU took second place in the tournament going 4-1.

This past Tuesday, the Gamecocks traveled to Jackson, Miss., to face Jackson State in a double header.

JSU improved its record to 6-1 and extended their winning streak to six with a sweep over the Tigers.

The Gamecocks shut out the



walked the lead-off batter of the third inning, leading to an Auburn run. Four batters later, Currie singled to center to earn another RBI, giving Auburn a 2-0 lead.

When JSU went to bat, Auburn would not let the Gamecocks get close.

The Tigers came back to the plate and scored on a single to right field and a wild pitch, making it 4-0.

The lone JSU score came from a home run hit by first baseman Lauren Horwath.

The Tigers added one run in the final three innings to claim the win over the Gamecocks, 7-1.

"Carly was very sharp for the first few innings," JSU coach Jana McGinnis said, "but she let the two runs scored frustrate her and it affected the rest of her innings."

"A good team will respond," McGinnis told the team after the loss to Auburn. "When you are beaten, you get back up and wipe the dust off and go again."

Just 35 minutes later, JSU was facing former Atlantic Sun foe, Lipscomb.

The Bisons took the field first and the Gamecocks attacked. Daniela Pappano hit a double to left center and sent Horwath across the plate for the first run of the game.

five innings, 11-1.

"Pierce did a good job challenging the hitters in the inside," said McGinnis.

JSU looked to knock off Middle Tennessee the next afternoon.

The game was close and the ladies had to step up and prove themselves. Tied at 2-2 going into the seventh, both teams were eager to win.

Pierce, in relief of Kellam, had the chance to give her team their second win of the season. She retired the side and gave her team what could have been the last bat of the game.

Middle Tennessee would not let the Gamecocks past first base and sent the game into extra innings.

With the international tiebreaker rule in effect, the eighth was scoreless. The ninth proved to be the same for Middle Tennessee.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth and a runner on third base, Becky Carpenetti was JSU's last hope to score a run. She hit a single between short stop and third base and scored Allie Barker to defeat Middle Tennessee, 3-2.

The Gamecocks drew first blood against Mercer on Sunday and scored three runs in the first. Pierce held the Bears to just two hits in the

Tigers 12-0 in game one. Pierce got the win on the mound to improve her record to 4-0

In game two, sophomore Devan Spence hit her first career grand slam to help the Gamecocks demolish the Tigers, 10-1.

Senior Megan Jezierski hit a solo home run while Whitney Elder added a three-run homer.

This weekend, the ladies will travel to Thibodaux, La., to compete in the Nicholls State Tournament.

Lauren Horwath is greeted by teammates after a homerun in the bottom of the fourth inning against Auburn. The Gamecocks lost 7-1.

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Gone in five seconds

Basketball teams come down to the wire

By: Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

There are so many things that can happen in less than five seconds. Hearts can be broken, careers can be ended and lives can be lost.

Games can be lost, too.

Ask Jacksonville State's women's basketball team what can happen in five seconds.

With the score tied at 77, Eastern Kentucky's Laura Shelton drove hard to the right side of the basket and was blocked by JSU's Ann-Marie Healy. LaTonya McKinney picked up the loose ball and drove down the court, finding a trailing Rebecca Haynes for the go-ahead lay-up with five seconds on the clock to give the Gamecocks a 79-77 win over the Lady Colonels on Thursday night.

"We needed to win this game on the defensive end," JSU coach Dave Dagostino said. "We knew what they were going to run. They've had a lot of late game situations, so we were prepared for it. It's always with Shelton."

While the conclusion of the game was heart stopping, the Gamecocks turned the ball over 15 times and were out-rebounded 21-14 in the first half as the Lady Colonels built a 10-point lead going into the locker room.

JSU was able to control Shelton, holding her to four points in the first half, but Kiejon Johnson came off the bench, scoring 12, including going 2 of 2 from 3-point range.

Just like they have so many times during the final stretch of the season, the Gamecocks used their defense to close the lead to as little as five with 11:41 left off a lay-up by Courtney Slaughter. Slaughter had 16 points on the night.

It didn't take long for Eastern Kentucky to seize control of the momentum once again.

With 8:04 to play, Shelton caught fire, scoring 14 of her game-high 27 points in this stretch, giv-

ing the Lady Colonels an 11-point lead with 4:42 left on the clock.

The Gamecock defense once again stepped up and held EKU to only four points, free throws by Shelton, during the final stretch.

"This basketball game we would not have won in December," Dagostino said. "We're a whole different ball club, right now. It's the most mature young team you'll ever see."

Youth prevailed for the Gamecocks. Freshman Ashley Boykin led JSU with 20 points while Haynes and Healy each scored 14.

Ask Jacksonville State's men's basketball team what can happen in five seconds. For them, the answer is more gut wrenching.

With five seconds left in the game and the score knotted at 71, Eastern Kentucky's Matt Witt set up an isolation play to go one-on-one with JSU's Walker D. Russell.

Russell, who had stolen the ball from Witt and scored the game-tying bucket on EKU's previous possession, was called for a foul that drew a chorus of boos and chants of "zebra" from the hostile crowd inside Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Witt hit one of his two free throws with 1.3 seconds left to give the Colonels a 72-71 win.

The win gives Eastern Kentucky the tiebreaker, should the OVC's final standings require it. It also kept JSU from scoring a little payback after an 86-78 loss to the Colonels on January 19.

"Out of all of the games, I really wanted revenge on them," said Dorien Brown. "When they got us early in the season, I knew we couldn't beat them. Now that the team is more like an oiled machine, I thought we should have beat them."

While the game stayed close through the first four minutes of play, Eastern Kentucky pulled away on a 16-4 run that put JSU down by 12 with 12:15 to play in the half

JSU pulled within six with 12 seconds to go, but Witt buried an off-balance three at the buzzer to send EKU to the locker room with a 42-33 lead. Witt scored 19 points on the night.

The Gamecocks struggled to get back into the game early in the second half, cutting the lead to as few as six, but EKU's sharp shooting guards seemed to find a way to bring the lead back to double digits.

With eight minutes to play, a very tired Eastern Kentucky team held on to a 66-57 lead. The Colonels missed key opportunities to increase their lead when Witt air-balled two straight 3-point attempts. Brown recorded two blocks during this stretch to go along with his 17 points.

Witt fouled Russell after a jumper with 1:33 left to send JSU's best free-throw shooter to the line. Russell converted the three-point play to make it 71-69.

With 45 seconds to play, Witt pulled down a rebound off an Anthony Wilson miss and slowly took the ball up-court. Russell got a hand on the ball and took it away, electrifying the crowd with the game-tying bucket.

"We just wanted to get stops," Russell said. "I was lucky enough to get a steal and tie the game up."

With an extra foul to give, JSU would use it with five seconds left in the game, forcing EKU to reset their offense and score in the game's final breath.

One year ago, JSU's weakness was the depth of their team and their inability to physically outlast another team. Last Thursday night, LaPlante was praising a very different JSU squad.

"They [EKU] couldn't stop us," LaPlante said. "If you add five more minutes on the clock to this game, we might win by twelve. They were tired. The only chance you give them is to foul them."

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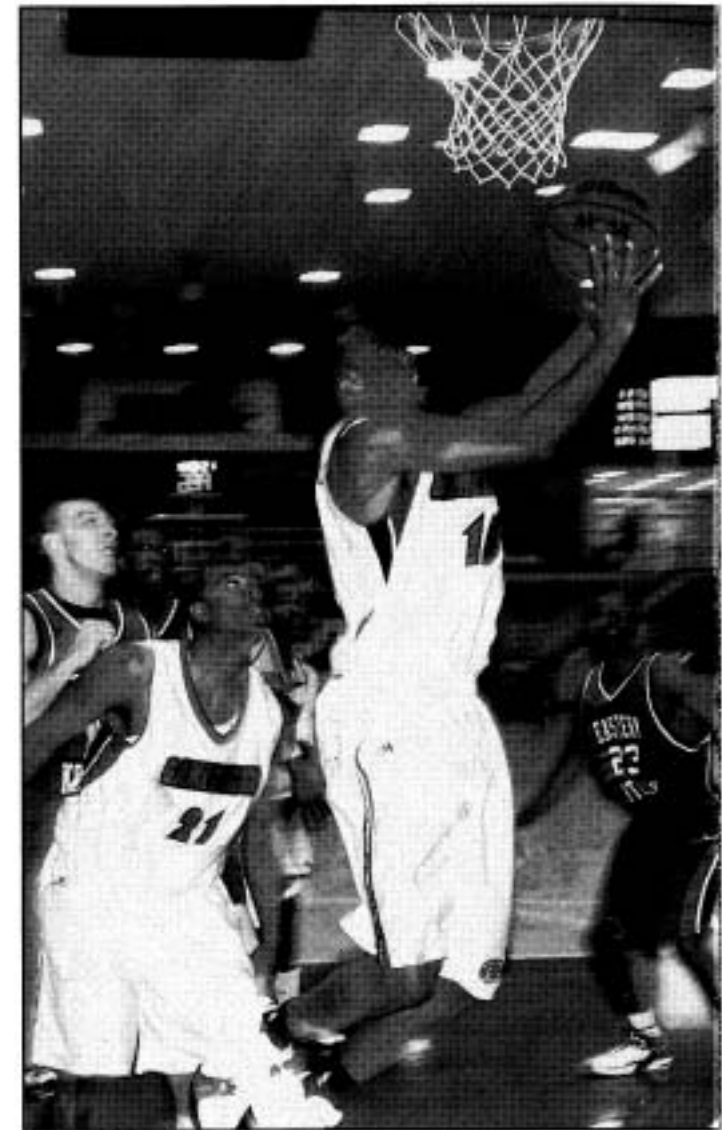


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JSU's Walker D. Russell lays one up under the basket against Eastern Kentucky.

Baseball gets shut out in home opener

By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Jacksonville State baseball had a disappointing start to their season, culminating in a shutout during their home opener Tuesday night against Birmingham-Southern.

The men went on the road to Hammond, La., opening weekend and took only one of the three games they played

tom of the eighth.

"Defensively we had some breakdowns late in the game that allowed them some opportunity and they took that game," said JSU head coach Jim Case.

Saturday's scheduled game was rained out, so the teams played a double-header on Sunday.

During the first game, JSU



Case said. "They only got one hit the rest of the way."

With the score tied at two going at the top of the third inning, JSU stole the show.

Nick Cleckler, Richard Turner and Bert Smith each made it home for the Gamecocks during the third.

Then they really opened up.

In the fourth inning, Nick Cleckler stole third and then

running game," said Case. "We stole several bases in that game."

Tuesday night saw the Gamecocks on the wrong side of a 6-0 shutout at Rudy Abbott Field against the Panthers of Birmingham-Southern.

BSC capitalized on their eight hits of the evening and the walks JSU allowed, bring-

the three games they played against Southeast Louisiana, but they ran away with the one game they took.

Friday night started out with a tough 5-1 loss.

Both teams were scoreless until the top of the third inning when JSU's Bret Pettus scored their only run of the day. It was answered in the bottom by two SELU runs.

The next four innings were a defensive battle of wills with neither team scoring another run until Bryan Frichter stole home for the lions, taking the score to 3-1 SELU.

The Lions capped off the game with two runs in the bot-

During the first game, the held SELU scoreless while they racked up four runs over the first four innings.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Lions answered back. They scored two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings then tied the game in the bottom of the seventh.

"Southeast Louisiana did a very good job of the short game and pressuring with bunts and then got a couple of big hits and were able to come back and tie the game in the seventh inning with two outs," said Case.

In the eighth inning, Tony Suarez took home and the 6-5 win for the Lions.

"We just didn't execute



Photo by: Angela Reid

JSU's Eric Beck stretches out to get a Birmingham-Southern runner out at first. "I'll be feeling that tonight," Beck said.

defensively. We were in the right places, we just didn't get it done," said Case of the team's losses over the week-end.

The third game, was a different story.

"They scored two in the first and then we pretty much shut them down,"

Clecker stole third and then scored on a SELU throwing error. He was quickly followed by another run by Bert Smith.

A double by Jason Horn to left field gave Jay Harrington, Richard Turner and Eric Beck enough time to get in. Horn then capped off the 6-run inning for JSU by making it home a short while later.

During the rest of the game, the Gamecocks kept SELU scoreless while they racked up an impressive 14-2 win.

"We were very offensive, we did a great job with our

the walks JSU allowed, bring-

ing in six runs, three off two homers in the top of the ninth. "They pitched well, played good defense and played a good game," said Nick Clecker, center fielder for the Gamecocks.

JSU (1-3) plays at home this weekend, beginning Friday, in a three-game set against Middle Tennessee.

"One of the keys is that we stay positive and understand that we have just started our season and there's a long way to go," said Case.

Track tunes up for OVC Indoor

By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Happy birthday, Sarah Caine. A little more than a year after Caine set the school record for the mile run, she broke it. Besting herself by 7.62 seconds on her birthday at the LSU Twilight Invitational.

"She ran almost a flawless race," said track and field head coach Steve Ray.

Caine is currently ranked third in the mile run in the Ohio Valley Conference, and Ray sees the potential for more.

"I think she can go faster," he said. "I think she thinks she can go faster."

The team didn't enter every event at the meet, choosing instead to work on events where they needed seed points for conference.

Despite scaling back their entries in this meet, though, the team still managed to break two more school records.

"We've broken nine school records this indoor season a total of 15 times," said Ray. "I think we'll break some more this week-end. Probably in the same events."

In addition to Caine's 5:10.53

mile run, Nolinda Garner snagged another spot in JSU's record book, running the 60 meter hurdles in 9.05 seconds. She's also the current record-holder for the 55-meter hurdles.

Caine and Garner weren't the only swift-footed Gamecocks at the meet. Lesley Binning took first place in the 3,000 meter run.

The LSU Invitational was the last indoor event for the regular season. This weekend, they will travel to Nashville for the OVC Indoor Championship and Ray is looking for the best showing in JSU's history.

"We get fifth place and forty points, we may stop and buy a trophy on the way back," he said.

Last year the team took sixth place with 36 points.

Of course, he'll be doing it with a team that's still banged up.

"Asha's ranked number one in the conference in the 60 meter dash right now," Ray said of Gibson, the current JSU record-holder for the 55 and 60-meter dashes. "But, dangit, her hamstring is so messed up I just hope she can hold it together for seven more days."

Ray also knows that a good showing at conference can translate into much-needed recruits for

next year.

"We're allowed four entries in each event at the conference meet. We have no pole vaulters, we have one girl running the 400. We have two girls in the throwing events where we need four," Ray said. "If you look at the teams that are gonna' finish first, second, third, they're gonna' have four entries in

every single event."

The team already has a few verbal commits for next year that Ray hopes to sign when April rolls around.

"I don't want to be a middle tier team in this conference," said Ray. "We want to get to where we're knocking on the door for third place within a year or two."

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