By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

A little after 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night, Moody Duff III and two friends were waiting outside the Office of Student Life for the results of the Student Government Association elections. Moments after they were announced, Duff was curled in a ball on his knees.

"I didn't think I would win," he repeated several times.

But he did: Duff was elected by a majority of the 677 voters to be the next Vice President of the Student Senate at Jacksonville State University.

"Words cannot express what I'm feeling right now," said Duff. "I'm just excited. I'm happy. I'm thankful to everybody who voted for me."

His phone calls started right after his win, too.

Mardracus Russell was elected to his second term as President of the SGA, which came as no surprise since he was running unopposed.

Russell is an education major and a member of both the Intrafraternity Council and Sigma Pi fraternity. Allison Land, who was the solo candidate for Vice President of Organizational Affairs, also won.

Land, a communications major from Marietta, Ga., is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and a current SGA senator.

In the race for Vice President of Student Activities, Olivia Fadul topped Blake Arthur for the position. It's a job she's worked toward during her past two years on the Student Activities Council.

"I'm planning for this to be my last year," said Fadul, "and I want to go out with a bang."

One of Fadul's key projects will be to get people from every type of background around campus involved in the student activities on campus.

"JSU has so much diversity and so much to offer," she said.

Fadul is a sociology major from Huntsville. In addition to her current duties as an SGA Senator and her work chairing two committees for student activities, she is also a member of the Sociology Club and WISE (Women's Issues Support and Empowerment).

Raynard Cargill took home Mr. Jax State, while Krystle Bell was elected as Miss Jax State.

JSU's new Mr. Friendly is Marcus Sheppard and his female counterpart, Miss Friendly, is Summer Watts.
Players speak out about coach’s ‘resignation’

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Jacksonville State’s women’s basketball coach Dave Dagostino resigned on March 7 after posting an 11-17 record in 2006, the first losing season in the Dagostino era.

In a year that saw the Gamecocks lose three seniors for part or all of the season, JSU managed to win 9 of their last 14 to earn the seventh seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. Despite the losing season, the announcement was met with surprise and shock from the players.

“When I first found out about it, I cried,” said Christina Gordon, a freshman. “I feel that what happens from here on out is going to be OK, but at the same time, when you spend that much time with your team and your coach, you become like a family.”

For the majority of the team, Dagostino was at least part of the reason they decided to call Jacksonville State home.

Katja Fuess, a senior from Mission, British Columbia, is one of six players from outside of the United States who were recruited by Dagostino, either as an assistant to Dana Austin, or during his time as head coach.

“He is the reason I came here,” Fuess said. “Alabama is almost as far away from home as I could have gone. I’ve never had any family members at my games. I’ve never had any friends at my games. I didn’t get that opportunity being so far from home. In order for someone to go that far from home, all the Australians, Ann-Marie [Healy] coming from Ireland, you have to trust and love and have faith in someone you don’t know. With Dave, I had that trust and faith in him.”

It is safe to say that any college coach that loses that many games to start the season will be in jeopardy of losing their job.

The Gamecocks lost senior guard Cobie Carlisle for the season with a knee injury during the first game of the season against Utah Valley State. From there, JSU went on to lose 12 of their next 13.

“Towards the end of our term, a lot of senators had stopped coming. They felt like they didn’t really enjoy it as much as they did in the beginning,” said Duff. “So I just want to make sure I keep that energy going the entire term.”

Duff came to JSU from Birmingham and has been involved with the SGA from the start, spending time on Freshman Forum as well as working in the senate. He was also chairman of the academic affairs committee and the executive assistant for the SGA president.
Tours, talks and treats

By: Natalia Beavers
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

“Preview day is held three times throughout the year, twice in spring and once in fall. It was designed for prospective students to learn more about JSU,” said Director of Admissions, Martha Mitchell. Each year, the turnout seems to get better.

“We’ve been doing this for over 10 years now. This year compares favorably,” said Mitchell.

The two spring preview days had an excellent turnout. A total of 440 students registered this spring as a result.

During a browse session in the Stephenson Hall gymnasium, students and their parents had the chance to walk around to various booths set up by departments and student organizations. University students and faculty were present to assist with any questions.

After the students finished browsing, they were given a chance to take a tour of the campus and pre-register.

Prospective students can learn what classes they should take this fall as well as housing and see what other opportunities are available to them as students.

Sharp and Sherella Wilson, a high school student from Birmingham, each had different reasons for choosing JSU.

While, a friend talked Sharp into attending, Wilson said she chose JSU because it was close to home.

Preview Day benefits both prospective students and the university itself.

Departments and other areas of JSU are able to make contacts to find interested students.

Many of the attendees said that the SGA Ambassadors were very helpful and everyone did a good job putting the event together.

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Scared to go to class?

By: Jason Keener
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Like horror movies? This May, JSU’s got the class for you.

The Horror Film, EH1221, a class created by Dr. Steven Whitton, will meet from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the media room of the International studies building.

Whitton, who occasionally teaches The Art of Film, decided to share his love of cinema and create what could become an ongoing series of specific film courses.

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James Whale’s “Frankenstein” and Tod Browning’s “Freaks.”

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Winn Place III
Apartments

He adds, “What I like about it is that we get to participate in it. We don’t see what we think we see, but we invent it for ourselves and that’s where real horror lies. I think.”
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Save a Life tour promotes alcohol awareness

By: Liz Hendricks
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

In 2004, 16,694 people died as a result of alcohol, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. However, these people didn’t die from liver failure, heart disease, or any of the other alcohol-related diseases. They died because someone decided to consume an alcoholic beverage, sit behind the steering wheel of a car, and put their life and everyone else’s in danger.

The Save a Life Tour, a high-impact alcohol awareness program designed to teach people the reality of driving under the influence, is trying to stop that from happening. The Save a Life Tour rolled through town last Tuesday. The tour has a driving simulator, with five screens to mimic the affects of alcohol on driving ability.

Nathan Vander Ploeg, who started traveling with the Save a Life Tour in December, says people are always surprised to see how poorly they really do in the simulated driving program.

“A lot of people are really shocked at how much they don’t pay attention to anything but the road,” says Vander Ploeg. “People think that if they can manage the car they’ll be all right, but they end up getting hit by something else.”

According to the NHTSA, 39 percent of fatal accident drivers numbers hit close to home. About five years ago, a drunk driver killed someone he loved.

He admits that before the accident, he too was guilty of drinking and driving.

“I’m a perfect example. Back in the day I did this [drunk driving] everyday and I believe this now. I should’ve been put away,” says Beldyga. “It’s sad, but I’ve learned from it.”

Not only has Beldyga learned from his tragic experience, he has dedicated the last five years of his life to touring the country and educating people about the dangers of drinking and driving.

“I get those people to sit there and say, ‘Oh my gosh! I can’t believe how good I was driving!’” Beldyga says. “You’re friends will lie to you, even if they’re your friends,” he says. “Nobody’s going to tell you that you’re a drunk driver.”

Beldyga says that studies show that even at a .08, the legal drinking limit, or .07, people become more aggressive and careless.

They think they can drive because the alcohol gives them confidence. He also believes law enforcement is too lenient for alcohol-related offenders.

“You should go to jail for a year. You should have to pay $40,000 - a punishment,” says Beldyga. “Not a slap on the wrist.”

Several organizations on campus strive to raise alcohol awareness. They include the Greek Life Council, the University Student Senate, and several Greek organizations.

“Nobody’s called me out on it,” said Doug Pierce, a sociology professor. “But I don’t live here, I don’t do a lot here except for school, and they were always pushing us away [from the doors].”

Ordinance number 447, which effects JSU students by making smokers stand 10 feet away from the entrance to a public building, was passed by the Jacksonville City Council Feb. 14, 2005, and put into effect this last Valentine’s Day. Many smoking students, like Shannon Dawson and Shannon Parnell, aren’t too fond of the law.

“It’s a pain in the arse,” said Dawson, a junior. “At Stone Center, the ashtrays are still next to the door instead of farther back. You have to break the ordinance to extinguish your cigarette.”

“I don’t think anyone’s enforcing it, to be honest with you,” said Parnell. “Half the cops smoke...do you really think they’re going to enforce that?”

Both Dawson and Parnell are right—the outdoor ashtrays at many JSU buildings are inside the ten-foot ‘no smoking’ areas and no tickets have been issued by the UPD to students for breaking the ordinance.

When UPD was approached with these complaints, the response was immediate.

“The university is going to have to move the receptacles outside the ten-foot area, and they haven’t yet,” said Corporal Neil Fetner of the UPD. “That’s why UPD is not currently enforcing the no smoking area per se. Even we still have our ashtrays right outside the door.”

Fetner was not sure who would be responsible for moving the ashtrays and designating a smoking area for JSU students. The ashtrays are cleaned and maintained by Building Services.

“In fact, let’s call him while you’re here,” said Fetner, picking up the phone.

A few calls later, Fetner had officially brought Ordinance 447 to the attention of the University Administrative Council, who will review the ordinance on April 3.

“I’m not sure what they’ll do with it, but we’ll have an answer soon,” said Fetner.

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AAA sells sweet and shiny things

By: Tricia Mantooth
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

On March 9, the African American Association of JSU held a bake sale on the first floor of the TMB starting at 11 a.m. The AAA sold cupcakes, brownies, and cookies.

Adding a little flare to your average fundraiser, they also sold jewelry, including watches, necklaces, earrings, and bracelets.

The sale’s main purpose was to raise funds for the organization. They raised nearly $80 in only a few hours.

“The African American Association is dedicated to assisting JSU. We are here to provide support for African American students’ needs,” said Latoya Waddy, president of the AAA.

The organization is open to any African American student who would like to join. If you’re interested and would like to join or get more information about the African American Association, contact Waddy, or the vice president, Destini Mayberry. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in 301 TMB.

Members of the African American Association show off several different baked goods for their fundraiser which was held in the food court of TMB. The sale raised nearly $80 for the club.
Get Out: JSU Field Schools offers exciting opportunities for students

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Editor

“There’s no excuse for students to ever be bored around here,” said Dr. Kelly Gregg, a geology professor here at JSU. “There’s tons of stuff to do.”

Gregg is speaking of the many activities and excursions held by the JSU Field School at Little River Canyon National Preserve and other locations in Northeast Alabama. Some of the Field School’s most popular activities are coming up in April and May.

“We call it the “Death Hike” because it’s our most strenuous hike, but it’s only about 4 miles total,” said Gregg about humor, we might bring her to the Stars of the Pharaohs,” added Morrison.

Morrison is very excited about the Earth Day activities. The first concert is set for May 27 at 8 p.m., and is titled “Salute to America”.

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The Bilingual Hike and the Space Safari are both $5, while the Deep Canyon Hike is $15. The Earth Day Longleaf Festival is free, but a $5 donation is requested at the gate. Another $5 activity is the Nature Journaling Hike, a gentle hike through Dugger Mountain Wilderness that introduces students to nature journaling.

The hike is hosted by artist Sarah Landrum, Dr. Mijitaba Hamissou of the Biology Department, and Dr. Pitt Harding of the English Department.

Gregg said there’s often more demand than spaces

students should register early to make sure there’s room for them on the hikes and other activities.

Students can register by calling (256) 782-5697 and using their VISA or MasterCard or can stop by the Field School office at 246 Martin Hall.

Payment is full is required to secure a slot, but refunds can be made as long as the student cancels a week in advance. If an event is canceled due to weather, students will not get their money back, but instead will be credited that amount towards another activity.

For more information on the JSU Field Schools and activities, booklets are available in the biology
"It's only about 4 miles total," said Gregg about the Deep Canyon Hike at Little River Canyon scheduled for April 1.

"People are disappointed when they hear about how far they've actually gone, but few people ever go down into the canyon. There are only a few trails that lead down to the bottom, and this one goes upstream for three or four hours. It's beautiful."

Gregg said another popular hike is the Bilingual Spanish-English Hike set for April 22.

"I have about ten words in Spanish," said Gregg. "Lodo is mud, so that comes in handy on hikes." He laughed. "We decided we wanted to offer bilingual hikes so more people can benefit from the program, and they have been very successful."

Renee Morrison, coordinator for the JSU Field Schools, also had a few suggestions of activities students might like.

"The Stars of the Pharaohs Space Safari is our best one," said Morrison about the monthly planetarium show.

The Field School just held a Space Safari on March 11. It was called St. Patty's Comic Serpents, and Morrison said 67 people attended, as well as several real-life snakes brought in by the Field School.

"The 13-foot long boa [constrictor] was crabby and didn't come," said Gregg.

"If she's in a good Longleaf Festival that will be held on Fort McClellan on April 22.

"We're expecting about 3,000 people," said Morrison. "It's an arts and entertainment festival we're hoping will grow every year. It's be great if more students could come—last year we had more people from Atlanta and Birmingham attend than people from around here.

The Longleaf Festival will have many activities and shows, with live music throughout the day.

"Every family, every attendee, will receive a little passport," said Morrison, opening one up. "All the activities will be listed, and after they finish each one, they'll get a little stamp in their passport. After they fill out the entire thing, they can show it to the gate and get a cool environmental poster. And the festival will lead right into Music at McClellan."

Music at McClellan is an outdoor concert series held in May and June, and is preformed by the Alabama Symphony Orchestra.

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Opening my mother’s mail

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer
Editor-in-Chief

I got a letter in the mail over the weekend.
No, this isn’t an unusual occasion. The odd thing
was, it was addressed to my parents. For the record,
my parents have never lived at my address.
I moved out of their house nearly 12 years ago
when I got married, yet, my parents are receiving
mail about my impending graduation at my address.
A note to the administration of JSU: in the fall of
2005 there were 3,447 students over the age of 25
enrolled at this school. That’s 38 percent of your
student body who are, essentially, non-traditional
students.
A large number of these people don’t live at home and
haven’t for many years, yet
you send them mail addressed
to their parents.
You know what, in my
house, I am the parent. Just
ask Kyle.
I’d hate to see the look on
the faces of the 241 students
who are over 50 when they get
mail addressed to their mom
and dad. I mean, by now some of
them are grandparents
themselves.
I know that, somewhere in
the databases of this university,
they know I’m married and
they know I don’t live with my
parents. After all, I had to file
papers to officially change my
name when I got married and
then again every time I’ve
moved.
If you want, though, I can
give you my parents’ address.
After all, I offer their phone
call to all the telemarketers
who ask to speak to my
daddy.

Letter to the editor: GPA is just a number

Dear Editor,
I am writing this letter in regards to the
letter that Ted “Jughead” Hunt wrote in last
week’s edition of The Chanticleer.
I could not agree with him more on the
fact that there are some senators who only
joined because it looks good on a job
application. However, are there not people like
that in every club or organization?
If memory serves me correctly, you, Mr.
Hunt, did not exemplify the perfect senator
very well. I do not recall seeing you help
out at very many SGA events and during
the meetings you nayed every bill that was
proposed, as a joke.
Although there are some “bad apples”,
the SGA also has some very hard working,
dedicated and caring senators. These are
full-time students who take an hour out of
their busy schedule for meetings and vol-
unteer their time to help out with SGA
events. These people work very hard to
make JSU a better college and they never
seem to get the recognition they deserve.
Yes, I know the officers receive tuition,
meals and a parking decal, but they most
certainly deserve it. Without these leaders
the SGA would be nothing. So what if the
officials do not have the perfect GPA? A
GPA is only a number; it does not represent
the time, effort, or dedication they will put
in.
So, I hope the student body hears my
cries and rallies behind me. I think we
should all stop and truly appreciate our
hard-working SGA.
Go as far as thanking one of them when
you see them in the hall. Without them
there would be no concert, movie nights,
homecoming activities, J-Day or any other
events that make the special memories you
will remember.
So, thank you SGA and officers for all
your hard work in trying to make JSU a fun
and better campus for us all, including Mr.
Hunt.
Sincerely,
Jessica Johnson

Movie review: Streetwise

By Jason Keener
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

“We’re not trying to scare you. We’re just telling you
infor are physically, sexually,
ly and emotionally abusive.
Erin, a young prostitute,
does still live with her
mother, a waitress. She has
more camera time than oth-
er, but the film cuts to
another so quickly we have
empathy for the entire
group as a whole and not
ies.
Few documentaries seem
to survive the test of time.
Not in terms of quality, but
in terms of memory.
“Streetwise,” which has
yet to receive a DVD
release, now sits in the VHS
documentary section of
your local video store. Like
mother, a waitress. She has already contracted three different STDs. Her mother knows what she does, but calmly explains that it's just a phase she's going through. She feels there's no point in trying to stop her because she'll do it anyway.

And she's making more money than her mother.

Another teen, Rat, has the equivalent of a father in a dump diver he shares an abandoned hotel room with. They frequent "regs" for food. A "reg," Rat explains, is a dumpster you visit regularly and become familiar with so you don't eat food that's too old.

Another of Rat's techniques is to call a local pizza joint. When no one comes to pick up the pizza he's ordered, it goes in the dumpster. It then becomes free pizza.

There is no central character. Some kids are given group as a whole and not just an individual. It's a technique that works.

This film has little necessity for chronological order. With the exception of a handful of key events, most scenes could be scrambled in any order and achieve the same effect.

One of the children examined, Dwayne, inspired Bell to make a feature film; 1992's "American Heart" starring Jeff Bridges and Edward Furlong.

Significant changes were made in adapting the fact into fiction, and each was for the worst.

It's a shame, then, that Bell has sunk into obscurity. Had he followed "Streetwise" up with an equally clever and engaging documentary, he could have been among Errol Morris ("Gates of Heaven," "The Fog of War") as one of the format's leading visionaries.

in terms of memory.

"Nanook of the North," "Roger & Me," and "Hoop Dreams" are the few that come immediately to mind.
Runners left on base cost Gamecocks

By: Patrick Swafford and Marcus Cunningham
The Chanticleer Sports Editor and The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The hits were cooking for the Gamecocks Tuesday night but the meal was never finished as the Birmingham-Southern Panthers beat the Jacksonville State Gamecocks 6-1.

The Gamecocks entered Tuesday night's game with a 7-8 record after sweeping a three-game series at High Point with dominating back in it. Birmingham-Southern called their one run and raised them two in the bottom of the seventh, putting them up 6-1. As the seventh drew to a close, the offensive part of the game was done. Both teams finished the game without another player getting on base.

The Gamecocks welcomed an undefeated Mississippi State team, ranked sixth in the nation, to Rudy Abbott Field Wednesday night. The Gamecocks had four hits in game one and they were spread throughout the lineup; however, the bottom half contributed and did what head coach Jana McGinnis wanted them to do.

"Both games, from our number five through nine, I thought they carried us a lot of the time," said McGinnis. "Our pitching was good and our defense was solid."

JSU took flight in game two and left the Bison grazing in the wind.

Maigin Alexander, who leads the team in home runs, added her fifth one. and with the tying run at third, she walked and stole second base, answered back in the bottom half with the help of UAB's pitcher, Jennifer Nelson. With the bases loaded and two outs, she walked Allie Barker to put Amy Brown across the plate to tie the game at one.

UAB added another run in the top of the fifth from a double to left center by Holly Krzan, which added another RBI to her season total of 27.

However, JSU had another answer. After Megan Jezierski walked and stole second, Alexander hit a single up the middle to put runners at the corners. Lauren Horwath came to the plate, and with the tying run at third, she put down a sacrifice bunt and got the RBI from Jezierski.

With the game in the top of the seventh, two-outs, and the game tied at 2-2, it seemed certain that the Gamecocks would get their last shot to score before sending it into extra innings. That was not the case.

Blazer Chelsea McCall singled to left field, but got to second on an error by left fielder Alexander. The next two batters reached on a walk and hit by pitch.

Whitlock came to the plate and put a bomb over the left field fence to hit her first grand slam and to put the Blazers up 6-2.

JSU could only answer with one run in the bottom of the seventh. Horwath singled to left field and scored Daniela Pappano.

Senior Carly Kellam took the loss for the Gamecocks, stopping her nine-game winning streak and suffering her first loss since opening day against twentieth ranked Auburn. The native of Satellite Beach, Fla., gave up six runs on eight hits. She also struck out seven while walking three.

In game two, the ladies looked to regain themselves and prove that they had what it took to win.

UAB took off fast and scored eight runs over six innings before the Gamecocks could answer them and score one run.

Sophomore Alana Hicks hit an RBI single down the right field line and put Jezierski across the plate. UAB put one more on the board in the top of the seventh and pushed the lead to 9-1.

JSU had an answer, but it wasn’t enough. Pappano reached on a fielder’s choice by the short stop and scored Barker.

Senior Christine Pierce suffered the loss in the circle after she allowed six runs on ten hits and only pitched three and one-thirds innings. Sophomore Amy Brown came in and relieved Pierce, allowing three runs on three hits.

"We have to give UAB credit," said McGinnis. "They came in here ready to play and they played well, and that is why they swept us. They were the better team tonight. This may be the best medicine for us before the OVC."

The Gamecocks will open Ohio Valley Conference play "on the hill" this weekend against Tennessee State. The first pitch of the three game series is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Gamecock softball loses heartbreaker

By: Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

How many losses does it take to prove to a team that you can beat them?

To the JSU softball team, it takes three.

JSU traveled to Nashville, Tenn., to face Lipscomb for the second and third times this season.

"It is always a good game," said coach McGinnis. "They are a perfect team for us to play before we open up with the OVC."

Game one was scoreless until the top of the fourth when UAB scored off of a homer by Nicole Whitlock, her first of the season.

The Chanticleers "crashed the night but the meal was never served."

Photo by Munea Oliver/Birmingham Southern College

"Our pitching was good and our defense was solid."

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The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The Gamecocks played host to the Lipscomb University Bisons in a double-header Wednesday.

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The Chanticleers "crashed the hill" this weekend against Tennessee State. The first pitch of the three game series is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Unfortunately for JSU, LOB "crashed the Gamecocks’ party as JSU left the bases loaded with the chance to take the lead."

The Gamecocks were 3-for-13 with runners in scoring position in game two.
Daniela Pappano makes contact with a pitch in game one of the double-header against UAB.

**One on One with Maigin Alexander**

By: Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

When it comes to her accomplishments on the softball field, Maigin Alexander’s least favorite thing to talk about is herself.

Alexander, an outfielder from Fairfield, Calif., is helping JSU’s softball team stay at the top of the OVC with her powerful hitting and her amazing speed on the field.

The 2005 OVC Softball Player of the Year is batting .391, and looks to improve as she bats behind her inspiration, Daniela Pappano, who she and the team refer to as, “D.”

Chanticleer sports went one-on-one with Maigin before she began practice last Thursday. From this modest, yet outspoken, young lady, we learned that she just likes to make herself and those around her laugh and have a good time.

MA: I am not too much of a big fan of watching softball, actually. However, I look up to who I but after who is D, Daniela Pappano.

CS: What’s your favorite sport to play besides softball?

MA: Football. So manly, but...

CS: What is your pre-game ritual?

MA: Listening to my music.

CS: What is your favorite movie? And please do not say Napoleon Dynamite.

MA: I was going after a ball and it hit the pole and bounced back like halfway. I ran all the way to the fence and the ball hit dead on the pole. I just totally missed it and it took me like ten minutes to get to the ball. That was last year. This year, I was going after a foul ball. We were away in New Orleans and they had gravel and I fell. I just bit it. And everybody was like, what the heck happened?

CS: What is your favorite movie... And please do not say Napoleon Dynamite.

MA: NO!! Heck no. I hate that movie. I like pearl Harbor and Love and Basketball.

Maigin and the ladies of the Gamecock softball team will be opening OVC action this weekend when they play host to Tennessee State University. The ladies are scheduled for a double header on Saturday at 1 p.m. and play one game on Sunday at 1 p.m., to complete the three game series. Admission is free.
Nothing can beat heart!

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National Champs?
Yes they are.

The Jacksonville State rifle team claimed their first ever National Championship one week ago in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the NCAA National Rifle Championships.

The red and white finished ten points ahead of Alaska-Fairbanks (2329) and the University of Nebraska claimed third with a score of 2322.

JSU won the Air Rifle Championship last year and fell two points shy of the championship in both guns.

The Gamecocks won the Ohio Valley Conference title three weeks ago and learned the next week that they would only be competing in smallbore, which upset the team, but did not dampen their spirit.

So, the team got in the right mindset and practiced only smallbore for the next two weeks.

They felt really confident going into the championship and were there to prove that they had what it took to take home the trophy.

The team picked up their game and started shooting like they should, as a team and not as individuals.

“We finally shot as a team,” says Senior James Hall. “When Crystal was shooting, we were concerned about Crystal. When Joseph and Michael were shooting, we were concerned about them. We were taking each other’s equipment up there and helping each other.”

After the first three relays, James shot in the last relay and the team sat back and waited to see if they would pull off the win or not.

“When you got the top shooters in the county shooting right there,” said Michael Dickinson, “even in prone and standing, my heart was beating just because you were waiting for the next shot, and who is going to drop. That was the most intense relay that I have ever watched in my life.”

The Gamecocks placed three of their four shooters in the finals, which contained only eight shooters. Dickinson won a tiebreaker that put him in the finals.

Brothers James and Joseph tied with a score of 588, and were followed by teammates Dickinson (583) and Crystal Arndt (580).

“Crystal shot really good,” said Dickinson. “She tied the number one shooter in the country that won the past two years.”

The next day, Joseph shot as an individual in the Air Rifle Championships and did not do as well as he had hoped. He shot a 584 and placed eighth overall, though he wanted to shoot in the smallbore.

The team flew home on Sunday and while some prepare to graduate others continue to shoot.

Joseph flew back to Colorado early Monday morning, and Dickinson will join him on Thursday as they prepare to shoot for the Junior Olympics this weekend.

The Gamecocks are looking forward to next year and have a great freshman class. While brother James is leaving Joseph here, younger brother Jon will join him and take over James’ spot.

Joseph will have to step up and lead the new members, but teammates Dickinson and Audrey McMillian will have their work cut out for them as well.

“The new people we have coming in are strong shooters,” says Joseph. “The only thing I am worried about is nerves. The nerves of a big pressure match. The freshman are about to come into a team that is a national caliber team. The only thing I am worried about is the freshman pressure of being on that caliber of a team and the pressure of competition.”

With six incoming freshmen, the three upperclassman will have to lead by example and help the young ones along the way. Shooting is 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical.

“I am going to lead by example,” Joseph says. “The only thing I want to do is go out there and shoot and prove to my team that I am not afraid to shoot. Show them a winning attitude and hopefully they will follow.”
Tennis: men continue to win; Women fall to UT-Martin

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Jacksonville State’s men’s tennis team remains undefeated in conference play as they nipped University of Tennessee-Martin 4-3 this past Sunday.

The women lost 5-2 and dropped to 2-2 in OVC play.

With the last two garies on the line in the men’s match, Christian Ryberrt and Joey Unkenholz were fighting to win.

Ryberrt was serving for the match and the volley was a good one until his opponent Danny McGuire called a hit wide, then the score went back to deuce.

McGuire hit the next ball deep and long and the score went to advantage Ryberrt.

Ryberrt served for match point and McGuire once again hit the ball deep and long to give Ryberrt the win, 6-4.

Unkenholz was on the adjacent court and was in a tiebreaker for the set with Andrey Yesipov. If Yesipov won the tiebreaker then he would win the match, if Unkenholz won the tiebreaker then it would go into a third set.

With Unkenholz cramping and Yesipov physically exhausted, the two fought and fought. Yesipov came out on top and beat Unkenholz 6-2,7-6.

On the women’s courts, Eloah Lopes and Layla Abby grabbed the only wins for the Gamecocks.

Lopes had to go into the super tiebreaker to complete the game in the second set. In a super tiebreaker, the players have to play to ten and win by two.

Lopes won the super tiebreaker 12-10, to win the set and match 6-4, 7-5.

Abby defeated her opponent in fashion. She grabbed the first set 7-5, and stomped Erneshine Koornhof 6-1 in the second set.

On March 9 the men and women bounced right by Alabama State and won 7-0, 7-0.

The Gamecocks did not allow any of ASU’s players to win more than four games in any given set the entire afternoon.

This boosted the confidence for the red and white and helped them to improve their non-conference records.

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