SGA senate calls special session

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

During a special session of the SGA senate, the qualification of a 2.75 GPA to hold an executive office was dropped to 2.5 after several senators expressed interest in running for an executive office, but were disqualified due to their GPA.

“This is part of my life,” said Senator Olivia Fadul. “It is my passion and my true love.”

Fadul applied for the position of Vice President of Student Activities, but was unable to run because of her 2.64 GPA.

At the start of Monday’s senate session, none of the applicants for Vice President of Student Activities were qualified, so no one was running for that position.

The application deadline was extended an extra week by student bill 71, which was revised as student bill 75 this week, but there were still no applicants.

“We had to get it done then,” said Parliamentarian Rachel McCombs.

Last week, the crisis of having no one run for two executive positions caused an emergency bill.

“We have to look at it from all sides, and we didn’t,” said Freshman Forum President David Jennings.

The debate about the problem caused heated arguments. Several questions were raised. If the GPA requirement was changed, should all positions be opened up for applicants? If the election date is changed, should the election date for Mr. and Ms. Friendly and Mr. and Ms Jacksonville State be changed? Should senate applications be reopened?

Should the GPA change just for this election? What provisions can be made so that this does not happen again?

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Sleep is for the weak

By: Jason Keener
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Weekends are when most college kids go to the movies. This past weekend, I was making one.

The Sidewalk Scramble is a Birmingham-
Marching to a different beat

By: Reagan Williams
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There will never be the right words to tell exactly what I heard at the Chix with Stix performance on Feb. 26 in Mason Hall at Jacksonville State University.

At times I was on the edge of my seat, rocking out just as much as they were. At other times I slipped into a trance and all I could hear was the rhythm. I tried to watch the female performers’ facial expressions, but I was forced to close my eyes and just listen.

Although a moment of intensity could be foreseen by the looks on the performers’ faces, I let the music hit me with the power of surprise.

Chix with Stix is a percussion group made up of six female mentors and educators: Lisa Angert Morris, Lisa Gillespie, Bonnie Hering, Karen Hunt, Olivia Kieffer and Courtney McDonald. Kieffer was unable to attend the performance on Sunday due to back injury. In her place were two JSU percussionists. Daisy Cardona, a freshman pre-med major, and Kehri Magalad, a sophomore music education major, had the privilege of performing with the musicians. They had about three days with the ensemble to learn the three songs that they accompanied.

“They are easy-going people, so that helped a lot,” said Magalad.

The group incorporated many unexpected things into their show. They went from using

Keep your doors locked!

On-campus theft is increasing

By: Patricia Mantooth
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

If you think you know everyone on your hall well enough to keep your door unlocked, you might want to think again. In the last two months there have been 44 thefts reported on campus, accumulating over $9,000 in stolen property.

According to UPD’s Corporal Fetner, 18 of the thefts occurred inside the residence halls on campus.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, Allen Landrum of Dixon Hall reported that his laptop and credit card had been stolen out of his room while he was asleep. The next day his credit card had been maxed out of a $700 limit and over $300 in overage fees.

Fortunately for Landrum, the person who stole his stuff left a messy trail. Viewing his credit card bill online gave him a list of the places where the guy had spent money.

The thief had stayed local and charged several hundred dollars at the Jacksonville Wal-Mart and the McDonald’s just off campus.

Landrum got surveillance tapes from both Wal-Mart and McDonald’s to help him narrow down his suspicions. It turned out that the thief lived only a few doors down from Landrum’s dorm room.

With no further proof needed, the thief was taken in for questioning less than a week later and is being charged with at least three felonies, including identity fraud and grand theft.

A more fortunate case occurred in Sparkman only a few days before Landrum’s incident, though it was not reported to the campus authorities.

“This girl just walks into my room and looks surprised to see me,” said Marissa Hunt. “She said that she needed my roommate’s computer and mentioned where she thought it normally was. I thought it sounded a little suspicious, but she knew my roommate’s name, so I didn’t say anything. When she couldn’t find the laptop, she asked me to help her look for it and

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The performers commented on how it felt to go from being in the back of the orchestra to front and center.

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"This ensemble has been an outlet," said McDonald. "What we want to play, now we want to play it!"

The women performed to a packed house, consisting of music lovers from all walks of life, from children up to senior citizens.

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pretended to call my roommate to ask her where it was. She refused to let me talk to her and wouldn’t answer any questions.”
Frustrated by not being able to locate the laptop, the girl left Marissa’s room in a rush.
After she left, Marissa called her roommate only to learn that she had received no phone calls and had been in class the whole time.
It was obvious that the girl had been in the room before and a theft had been planned to take the laptop.
Although they never learned who the girl was or where she was from, it was pure luck that Marissa Hunt had been in the room and her roommate had let another friend borrow her computer that day.
The obvious piece of advice coming from this is to LOCK YOUR DOOR!
The reported thefts happened in the time it takes to make a trip to the bathroom. Yes, it seems ridiculous to have to carry your keys to the restroom, but the extra luggage is nothing compared to losing thousands of dollars worth of personal belongings, is it?
As a possible solution to this problem, JSU is currently debating the use of an “access key” system (more commonly seen in hotels with ‘swipe cards’) for upcoming years in the dorms.
But for now, keep your doors locked.
Listen up!

students control the airwaves at 92J

By Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Editor

"College radio is a fun medium for people who enjoy music and talking about music," said Mike Stedham, student media advisor for 92J, The Mimosa, and The Chanticleer.

92J, Jacksonville State University's college radio, is staffed and run by JSU students. The station plays mostly college rock, with lots of specialty shows. 92J also showcases local bands and artists, and holds benefit concerts at Brother's throughout the year.

"92J Rocks is our flagship show," said Chad Wells, Assistant Program Director for 92J. "It features the main music we play at the station."

When Chris ‘Brickhouse’ Yow was asked to host 92J Rocks, a daily rock show that runs from 1-4 p.m. and the only paid DJ position at the station, he had to do some schedule juggling to accommodate it.

Yow had to adjust a 12:30 Tuesday/Thursday class to a 7:30 a.m. time slot. 92J Rocks is Yow's second show with the station. His first was a Saturday rotation slot, also from 1 to 4 p.m.

"No matter what, I'm here from one to four, by God," he said.

Yow describes his show as "a lot of '90s alternative rock, with a few classic rock [songs]." He welcomes students to call in requests or to stop by the studio for a chat.

"People are afraid to call in," he said. "They hear the bigger stations, the DJs, making fun of people. We don't do that. You can call me. I'll be happy to accept your requests."

Foster also had an artist she plays find the website. The artist is now considering a visit to JSU to do an on-air interview.

"That's probably the most exciting thing that's happened with the show," said Foster.

The benefits of working in college radio are not lost on Foster.

"It's taught me how to talk to people in the music business on a professional level, and probably more importantly, who to talk to," she said.
Specialty Shows on 92J

What's Good (rap)
DJs Bigg Swett, Day-Nitty, G-Money, L-Bronze

Cigarettes and Train Wrecks (alt. country)
Josh Bomar

Latin Sounds (latino)
John Morales

Radio Free Jacksonville (indie)
Chad Thomas

Hostile Rock (rock)
Kyle Johnson

Classic Rock with Johnny Blaze
Johnny Blaze

Stage and Screen Show (show tunes)
Jason Skinner

The X Factor (female artists)
Ginger Foster

Gamecock Christian Rock
Amber and Geoffrey

Air schedule can be found on 92J's website at http://jsu.edu/92j/schedule.htm

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Letter Regarding The Coca-Cola Company's Commitment to Labor Rights

One who has devoted my career to labor issues, I share the concerns of activists regarding labor conditions around the world. Through my work at the United Nations International Labor Organization, I have seen firsthand the difference it makes in the lives of individuals, families, communities and countries when employers live up to their responsibilities to workers.

Committed to Fair Labor Practices.

The Coca-Cola Company, is committed to fair labor practices every-where we do business. Around the world, Coca-Cola workers are free to exercise their right to union membership and collective bargaining without pressure or intimidation. In fact, we are one of the most highly unionized multinational companies, and we keep working to improve our labor relations practices.

 даже of the world today, many of the countries where we operate with ongoing conflicts. Concerns have centered on Colombia, where trade unionists and many others have been going on for decades and most people from joining unions. Even so, more than 30 percent of workers in Colombia belong to unions, compared to a national average.
To Keep Employees Safe.

We have concerns that many have expressed about the violence in Colombia and working to keep our employees safe. Coca-Cola bottlers work with union leaders and special measures are routinely provided to union leaders and special measures are taken when a threat against unionized employees is brought to the attention of management.

In Colombia.

Out of our 70-year history in Colombia and our contributions to labor relations, and we are committed to supporting the country’s progress. We invite universities, non-government organizations, as well as our critics, to join us in the engagement process to improve the conditions for labor in Colombia.

For The Coca-Cola Company
Edward E. Potter
Director, Global Labor Relations
Baseball drops fiftieth in a row

By: Jennifer Baccus
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

When baseball season began 13 days ago, high hopes abounded and no one foresaw the 1-7 record the men currently hold.

"No one here thought we would start out one and seven," said Head Coach Jim Case. "We didn't feel that way, so there's a disappointment. And it's how we handle that now that's going to determine how quickly we turn it around."

Tuesday night, the team was handed a 13-3 loss at the hands of Troy University despite a homer by Jason Horn and three hits from Nick Cleckler.

Despite the slow start to the season, Case still retains his high hopes for the year.

"I'm excited about what can happen with our team. I still believe it," he said. "We've been in our season 12 days. I felt really good 12 days ago. There's nothing that's happened up to this point that leads me to believe that it's not going to be a good year."

The area of the team touted as their biggest asset at the beginning of the year, the pitching staff, is one thing holding them back.

"We haven't capitalized and from a pitching standpoint we're walking too many people," said Case.

The Gamecocks have walked batters 25 times. Tuesday night, in their 13-3 loss against Troy University, they recorded their second highest number, sending the Trojans strolling at eight of their 39 at-bats.

Two were the first batters of their respective innings.

It's a problem the team felt over the weekend as Middle Tennessee State University swept their three game series against Jacksonville State University. JSU's pitchers gave a free pass to 17 MTSU batters over the span of the three games.

In the second game, Coach Jim Case sent a clear message to his pitchers during the sixth inning: don't walk the opposing batters.

Tony Drinkard had just finished pitching to his ninth batter of the game, his fourth walk of the day, when Case approached the mound and installed Brett Harris as pitcher.

"He [Case] is on us about control and he keeps telling us, 'lead-offs can't walk and can't walk anybody with two outs.' To me that's two of his pet peeves," said Matthew Darwin, leadoff pitcher for the final game of the MTSU series.

Drinkard entered the game just an inning earlier when Jon Clements injured his shoulder. At the time he had just begun warming up in the bullpen.

Drinkard's four walks combined with one from Harris and two each from Clements and Josh Forrest gave the Blue Raiders nine free bases in the game.

"That's something all of us are going to struggle with once or twice, probably, during the year," said Darwin. "We're going to come out and not have the best day."

The three game series against MTSU included a game on Friday and a double-header on Sunday due to a rained-out Saturday game.

Friday, the Blue Raiders held the Gamecocks to seven hits in their 33 at-bats for only two runs, while their second baseman, Wayne Kendrick, racked up four runs off five at-bats, giving MTSU a 6-2 start for the series.

Sunday started off with a 7-1 loss for JSU. MTSU only gave up one walk in the game, while taking nine from the Gamecocks.

In the final game of the series, JSU gained control on the mound, allowing only two walks. Keeping themselves error free, they also kept the game close, allowing the Blue Raiders only three runs, all prior to the fourth inning.

"We are off to a slow start and we have scuffled in a lot of areas," said Case, "but it's critical for us to turn it around that we keep believing that we will get better."

Nick Cleckler had three hits in the loss to Troy.

Indoor track finishes record breaking season

By: Jennifer Baccus
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

To say that this indoor track and field season has been record-setting for the women of Jacksonville State University would be an understatement.

Gibson now holds the 7.17 second JSU record in the 55 meter dash. Garner topped herself in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 8.36 and Jones broke her record in the 800 meter run by more than a second.

"It's not what I thought we'd finish," said track and field coach Steve Ray. "He and the girls were hoping to seize at least sixth place at the event.

"You've gotta' have some talent, but you've gotta' have some depth."

New Jacksonville State indoor track and field records

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Photo by: Toni Skipper
Women's tennis gets first OVC win

By: Liz Hendricks
The Clarion-Ledger Sports Writer

Confidence may be the only ingredient missing in the JSU women's tennis team's recipe for winning. Last Friday, the ladies found it and swept Austin Peay 7-0 in their first conference match and first win of the season while the men claimed a 6-1 victory.

"We lost some matches that we should have won," says sophomore Ibeyi Barnes. "But we are lacking that confidence now and that's gonna really boost our confidence for future conference matches." Barnes won her doubles match with teammate Babette Lombardo. The doubles went really well," says Barnes. "We really wanted that point, so we fought really to get it and all of us won." In singles play, Michelle Dushner was heating up court number one against Austin Peay's Isabel Rzezniewska. Dushner looked like a lioness sizing up her prey after each point she won. She won 6-2, 6-1 over her opponent.

On the men's team, doubles play looked more like a slam-dunk contest. Bernardo Bazzano and Joey Unkenholz had sharp and pow-
Gamecocks slam Colonels

Russell makes school history as JSU advances to semi-finals

By: Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Gamecocks both times, but four points, but the Colonels managed to stay within five points of JSU through the first 15 minutes of play. From that point on, the game slowly got out of hand as JSU stretched the lead to nine at halftime.

With the score 46-36 and just over 16 minutes to play, the Gamecocks caught fire. Russell capped a 22-2 run over the next 7:13 with four consecutive shots, including three from long range; turning a highly contested battle into a blowout to the delight of the home crowd.

The spectators erupted more and more with every shot the Gamecocks made during that run, prompting JSU’s pep band, Hardecore, along with JSU’s football team to reach into their pockets, pull out their car keys and yell in the direction of EKU’s bench, “Hey Coach, go warm up the bus.”

The Colonels would get as close as 25 points, but JSU’s frontcourt of Dorien Brown and Courtney Bradley dominated the paint down the stretch, bringing the crowd to a frenzy with several thunderous slams. Bradley scored a game-high 25 points for JSU while Brown contributed 16 points.

“In the first two games, they [EKU] made it difficult for us,” Bradley said. “Me and D-Block talked yesterday and said ‘We gotta step up. We can’t worry about what happened during the season.”

With the win, Jacksonville State travels to Nashville, Tenn. for the semi-finals of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament where they will face regular season champion Murray State at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

Women’s season ends with loss to Samford

By: Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

With all that the JSU’s women’s basketball team has gone through this season, you might think that making the OVC Tournament would be a surprise. That’s far from the case. Even during a nine-game losing skid, JSU coach Dave Dagostino never thought a tournament bid was out of the question.

The Gamecocks clinched their fourth straight post-season appearance on February 23 with a 67-60 win at Eastern Illinois and lost 87-72 at Southeast Missouri State to claim the six seed in the OVC tournament and a road game with in-state rival Samford Tuesday night.

From Staff Reports

Dorien Brown slams one home against Eastern Kentucky.
**Pitchers combine for no-hitter as softball sweeps Alabama A&M**

By: Chad Hoffman
*The Chronicle Sports Writer*

In the first half, JSU’s defense practically shut down Witt, allowing him to make only two lay-ups for a total of 21 points. Jackson State is a team that relies on defense for success, and tonight was no exception. The Bulldogs were held to just seven points in the first half, which set the stage for a dominant performance in the second half.

Jacksonville State's defense was on point, holding Alabama A&M to just one point in the second half. The Gamecocks outscored the Bulldogs 24-1 in the final half, winning the game 35-34. The victory was a strong showing for Jacksonville State, who are currently ranked 11th in the nation.

Jacksonville State's defense was the key to their success tonight. They held Alabama A&M to just one point in the second half, allowing them to run away with the game. The Gamecocks' aggressive defense forced turnovers and led to easy baskets on the other end of the court.

The Gamecocks are now 15-10 on the season and are looking to continue their success. They will be looking to build on this win as they prepare for their next game against a tough opponent.

Photo by: Natalie Roig

Junior Daniela Pappano of Jacksonville State University is one of the key players on the team. She is a senior guard who leads the team in scoring with an average of 15.2 points per game. Pappano is a dangerous threat from beyond the arc, shooting 43.5% from deep.

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