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JSU students show their clout

By: DeShunn Johnson
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU took six busloads of students to Higher Education Day in Montgomery on Thursday, March 2. Students met on the steps of the Theron Montgomery Building at 7 a.m. for the trip to the state capital.

After arriving, students were handed signs and shakers to make JSU's presence known. Colleges from around the state, including UAB, Auburn, UNA, Montevallo and Alabama State, crowded the state capital's lawn.

JSU's Marching Southerners and ballerinas were also there to entertain the crowds between speakers.

The featured speaker was Alabama Governor Bob Riley.

"One of the students is holding up a sign that says 'Higher Education Helps Economy.' If the schools received more funding it would read 'Higher Education Helps the Economy,'" said Governor Riley.

Gov. Riley also said that



mer Alabama Governor George Wallace.

Wallace Jr. talked about growing up in politics. He also shared his platform for this year's election.

Students got to see the government in action and actual bills passed when they sat in on a legislative session.

"We got to get an idea of how the system works", said Jaclyn Cospers, a junior. "It was like a dual process. While the meeting was going on, members were conducting other business."

The congressional session was followed by several meetings with other state politicians. They also got to tour the rest of the capitol building.

Some students came to higher education day for extra credit in class, while other students wanted to see a change in Alabama's government.

"I am the second member in my family to go to a four year college. I just want Alabama to have the same quality of education as other states," said Leslie Gober, a junior. "I care deeply about higher educa-

Photo By: Jaclyn Cospers

Gov. Riley also said that schools received more money last year than any other year in Alabama history.

"Last year we made higher education our top priority and will continue to make it our top priority." The crowd went wild.

JSU students joined other students from universities around the state in Montgomery last week for Higher Education Day. The students met government officials, toured the capitol building and watched the congress in action.

After the rally ended, all 150,000 students walked across the street for a barbecue lunch.

While some students pre-

pared for the bus ride home, others prepared to meet with the governor.

Political science students

continued their day with a meet and greet with Gov. Riley. There, the students had a chance to take pictures with

Alabama's governor.

After the meeting, students had a chance to meet with George Wallace Jr., son of for-

education as other states," said Leslie Gober, a junior. "I care deeply about higher education in Alabama."

Because of student involvement, Alabama passed one of the largest amounts of funding in Alabama's history.

Photo By: Jaclyn Casper

Global flair

ISO week gives JSU a worldwide view

By: DeShunn Johnson
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Last week, JSU students celebrated International Week, a week filled with events that spotlights students who come from different countries. A different event was scheduled each day.

On Monday, students shared pictures and information about their home country. Among the countries discussed were Italy, Romania and Argentina. This gave the international students a chance to clear up some of the stereotypes about their country.

"We are not all vampires," said Catalina Alupii from Romania.

They also told other students about hot spots to visit in their country.

Students debated which country had the best soccer team and who had the prettiest girls. A small lunch of sandwiches, cookies, and punch was provided.

Tuesday, they hosted an auction where the international students presented different items from their countries. Some of the hottest items sold were a statue from Honduras, dolls from Russia and plates from Germany.

The first year international students threw a party called "Vibe" on Wednesday. This was a chance for students to kick back and relax from day to day college life.

"Every international student was there", said ISO president Zorka Kujovic. "It was so much fun and they decorated it so nice."

Thursday, movie night, students watched a Spanish film.

During the week there was also a talent show. One of the acts included 19 Japanese students doing a traditional dance. There was also traditional singing and dancing.

The Sidewalk Chalk Competition was on

Friday. Students drew chalk pictures in front of the International House.

The biggest event of the week was the Taster's Fair on Sunday. The fair, which is held every year, draws the largest crowd. Visitors get a chance to taste food from around the world.

"I love the Taster's Fair because it draws people from everywhere, not just international students," said Soraya Molina, a junior and international student from El Salvador. "Everyone from faculty to people in the community show up."

This year they expected about 300 people and got close to that number. Dishes from European countries such as Poland,

Germany, France and Italy were prepared. There was also Latin food there from countries like Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

Every year, international students hope that these events bring a better understanding on where they are from and who they are.

"Sometimes it's hard to get other students involved in international week, but my hope is that more people come so that we can understand each other better," said Molina.

"I just want American students to know that we are the same as them, we just have a different culture," said Kujovic.



Photo By: DeShunn Johnson

Catalina Alupii shares information about her country during International Student Week.

Exploring Mathematics

New math class gives students new choices

By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Have you ever wondered how to calculate interest on a mortgage or pondered whether or not you would be able to save up enough money for retirement?

Whether you have faced these questions or not, most students will need this information at some point in life.

That's the point of Exploring Mathematics, a course that the math department began offering in fall 2005.

"There's this idea that we should be offering students a math course that, to the students, is a little more relevant to what they are doing and to the rest of the kinds of things that they take," said Dr. Fred Kelley, head of Jacksonville State University's math department.

The course was created as a way to give students a practical view of math in the real world. After all, how often are you asked to solve for x on a daily basis?

So, rather than focusing on theoretical math concepts, MS108 takes a student through some of the knowledge they will need to have later in life, such as why you pay twice what a house is worth when you pay off a mortgage over 30 years.

Some departments around campus are using MS108 as their math requirement, replacing Finite Mathematics and Precalculus Algebra.

But be warned that, if you choose to take Exploring Mathematics, it cannot be transferred to another school.

"At the present time there is no course of that type that has been articulated, that has been proved," said Kelley, explaining that a transferable course has to be able to take the place of a proven course at the chosen university.

This course is very good, however, for students whose chosen fields don't require them to have an understanding of higher math concepts.

"Historically, what has

And the candidates are...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost and Found:

For lost items, check the UPD webpage at police.jsu.edu/lostand-found.html.

BCM:

Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Alpha Omicron Pi:

We would like to thank everyone that came out to support our Shootout for Arthritis Basketball game this week! We are excited about our mixer with Sig Ep tonight and we hope that everyone has had 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

NSSE:

Win an iPod or JSU backpack! Check your GEM account and/or your campus mailbox for mail from The College Student Report. Completing the survey only takes a few minutes and your participation could help you win an iPod or backpack.

Contact: Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at 782-8144.

Alpha Xi Delta:

We hope that the guys from Omega Psi Phi are having a great semester and good luck this week. Congrats to Amanda for being new member of the week and Vanessa for being sister of the week.

Contact: Charly Montague: iccibod@aol.com

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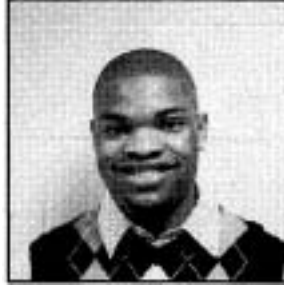
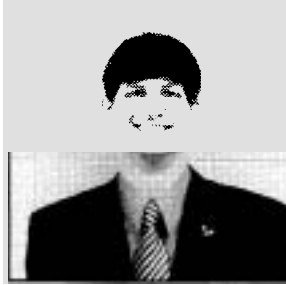



All Faith Student Alliance meetings are every Tuesday at 6 p.m., 129 Stone Center.

Sigma Nu:

Sigma Nu will be holding a Chili Cook-off for the Arc of Calhoun County on Tuesday, March 14 in Leone Cole at 5:30.

Contact: Ted Hunt at 256-435-9809.

Phi Mu:

 <p>Mardracus "Drake" Russell President Political Science Senior</p> <p>"My hopes are to make sure that when I leave here for retirement, that I will leave it in good hands, with everything up to date and ready to go."</p>	 <p>Moody Duff III Vice President of Student Senate Political Science Sophomore</p> <p>"You have to be a leader before you go for the title."</p>	 <p>Blake Arthur Vice President of Student Activities Recreation Leadership Senior</p> <p>"I aim to serve, and what we need to do as a student government is to bring activities to our campus that are appealing to everyone."</p>
 <p>Allison Land Vice President of Organizational Affairs Communications Senior</p> <p>"I want to have unity among our organizations and to expand our potential."</p>	 <p>Bruno Duru Vice President of Student Senate Biology Senior</p> <p>"I'm inclined more toward academics, and I have seen so many concerns."</p>	 <p>Olivia Fadul Vice President of Student Activities Sociology Senior</p> <p>"For two years, student activities has been my passion and my true love."</p>

Senate calls for separation of powers

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Student Bill 77, authored by Chief Justice Brandie Pollard, was passed during Monday's senate meeting. The bill gave the Student Judiciary Council, or SJC, the power to interpret the laws that are passed by the senate.

It states that the senate has the power to call upon the SJC to have an immediate interpretation, or reach a conclusion

ardently discussed the issues of these bills to "spur debate" among the senators.

The meeting was almost forced to halt voting because a quorum was not present, but senators trickled in right before 6 p.m.

"Jacksonville led the crowd," said Lord about Higher Ed day. JSU took six buses and had the largest student delegation.

■ SGA spring elections will be March

Sanders informed the senate that the bid for Gavin DeGraw as JSU's concert performer has been denied due to the fact that he will not be touring in April. A final decision as to who will be performing has not been made.

Senator Tremaine Kelley announced that the baseball team and all athletics are seeking to have Gatorade or PowerAde for home games instead of just water. This issue will be given to the proper committee for review.



Phi Mu:

Good luck to all of our Gamecock athletics this weekend! We love our new Phi's! Have a great week!

Contact: Lindsay Dant at phimu@yahoo.com

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CAMPUS CRIME

February 28 -

An accident involving an unattended vehicle was reported at Stephenson Hall.

The possession of marijuana was reported at Campus Inn Apartments.

March 1 -

Joshua Blade Sinkfield was arrested for obstructing government operations on Carolina Ave.

An unlawful charitable solicitation was reported at Stone Center.

A fire was reported at the intersection of Corner Village St. and Park Ave.

Disorderly conduct and obstructing government operations was reported at the Delta Chi fraternity house.

March 2 -

A suicide threat was reported at Pannell Hall.

An auto accident was reported in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

The unlawful breaking and entering into a vehicle was reported at the Salls Hall parking lot.

The theft of property and burglary was reported at Dixon Hall.

March 4 -

The theft of property was reported at Dixon Hall.

March 6 -

Bradford Harry Spencer Jr. was arrested of the possession and eradication of marijuana at Salls Hall.

Property was recovered in the Curtis Hall parking lot.

A violation of the JSU code of conduct was reported at Fitzpatrick Hall.

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

ate interpretation, or reach a conclusion within two days. The majority opinion of the SJC is final.

Brandie Pollard also authored student bill 76, which lowered the GPA requirement from 2.75 to 2.5 to coincide with the other executive positions.

A bill to have the Vice President of Student Activities nominate the chairpersons for the activities committees, instead of the Vice President of Student Senate, passed Monday.

"They [Vice President of Student Senate] have never done it [nominate chairpersons]. It's just what the constitution says," said Vice President of Student Activities Casie Sanders.

After each bill was read, Vice President of Student Senate Justin Lord

■ SGA spring elections will be March 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the TMB.

■ Movie night will be on March 14 at 8 p.m. King Kong will be showing.

■ JSU Star will be tonight at 7 p.m. at the Leone Cole Auditorium.

■ WISE, Women Issues Support Empowerment, will be hosting The Clothesline Project on April 4. It will feature T-shirts designed by victims of abuse and will have speakers every hour.

■ The African-American Association will be having a jewelry and bake sale today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the TMB.

■ Director of Publicity and Chief Justice applications are due Thursday March 16 at 4:30 p.m.

proper committee for review.

Kelley also stated that the Campus Safety Committee is compiling a portfolio of crosswalks and major intersections to give to the Director of the Physical Plant for needed repairs.

President Mardracus "Drake" Russell spoke of a students' concerns that graduating students do not march in behind the faculty at graduation, as many other campuses do. Academic Affairs committee will be handling this issue.

Lord also commented on the fact that UPD has no jumpboxes to "jump" vehicles. He commented that they are \$70 at ACE Hardware.

Senate meetings are Mondays at 6 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium.



Photo By: Jennifer Bacchus

SGA President Mardracus "Drake" Russell promotes campus safety by wearing a safety vest during Monday night's senate meeting.

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Math:

happened is that, because the lower level courses are for the most part designed as prerequisites for math or science or technical type people who are going to need be able to do higher mathematics, that we

sort of use those as our general education course," said Kelley.

Currently there are seven departments on campus that allow MS108 as either all or part of their math requirement. (See sidebar: Math requirements)

Kelley is hoping that, as the

course grows, other departments will follow suit.

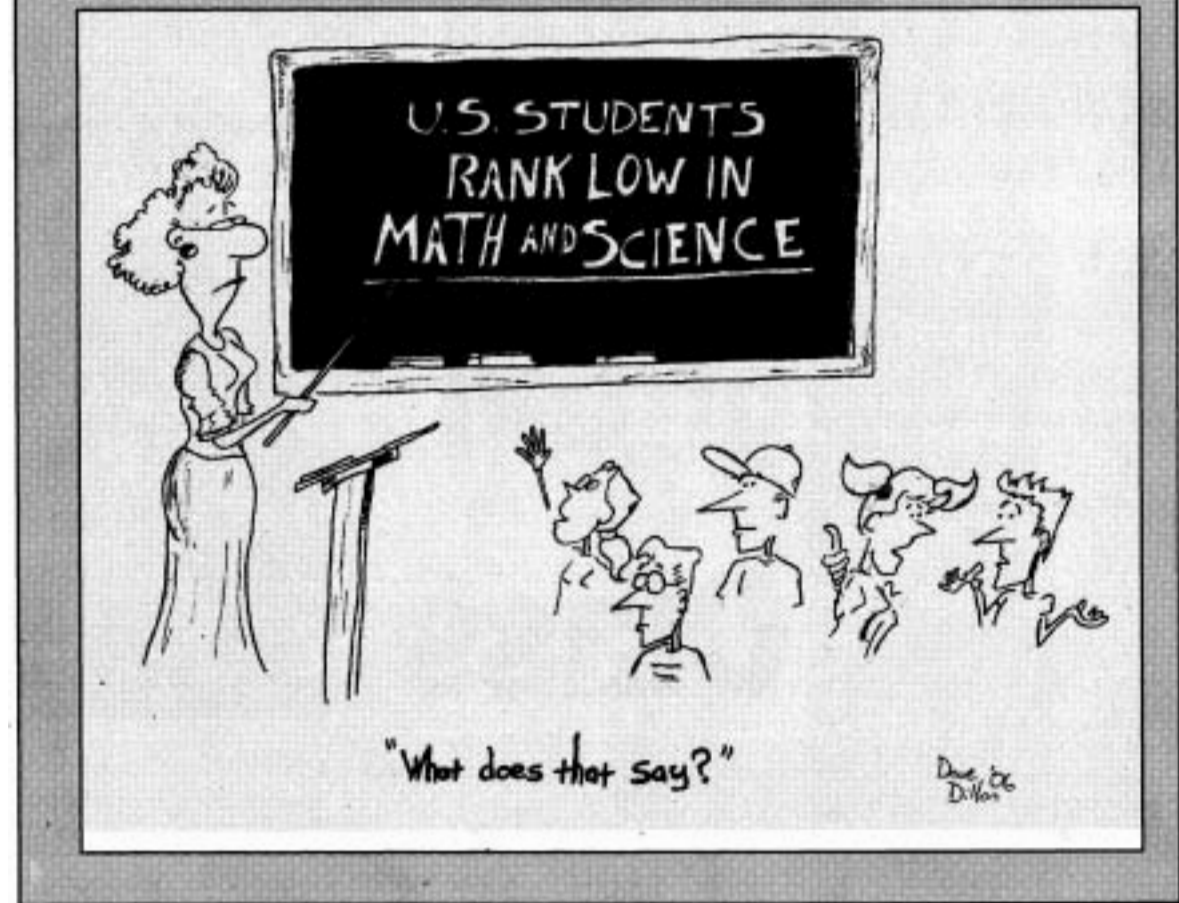
"Maybe once we have a little bit of history about how students are doing in this course," he said.

To see if you are eligible to take Exploring Mathematics, check with your advisor.

Math Requirements

Business	MS112
Nursing	MS112
Communication	MS108
Curr. & Instruction	MS110 or higher
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Health, Phys Ed. & Rec.	MS110 or higher
Secondary Ed.	MS110 or higher
Technology & Engineering	MS112
Art	MS110 or 112
Biology (BS degree)	MS112 & MS elective
Biology (BA degree)	MS112 & 108, 110, 113 or higher
Criminal Justice	MS110/112 and MS20
Drama	MS110/112 and MS108 or higher
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History	MS108 or higher and MS110 or higher
Foreign Languages	MS112 and MS110
Music (Education)	MS110/112
Music (General)	MS110 and MS108 or higher
Geography (TEC)	MS112 and MS204
Geography (Gen, Arch, CRM)	MS110 or 112 and MS204
Chemistry (BIO, ESC, CY)	MS125 and MS126
Chemistry (General)	MS1123 & MS113
Political Science	MS110 or higher
Psychology	MS112 and MS204
Sociology	MS110/112 and MS108 or higher
Social Work	MS108/110/112 & MS204
Math	MS125 and MS126
Computer Science	MS113 or 115 or 125
Computer Information	MS112 or MS120 or MS125

This week's editorial cartoon



Common \$ense \$olutions

By: Angela Reid

The Chanticleer News Editor

"If Bill Gates is not your daddy, you probably need to listen," said Rev. Isaac Chappell Jr. to the three students at the Managing Your Debt workshop sponsored by Counseling and Career Services.

Chappell, a local minister and financial advisor from Alabama Cooperative Extension Services, encouraged students to create a budget and be cautious when

Calhoun County," he said.

Most people don't realize how little trips to Wal-Mart or the grocery store can add up.

Another problem students face is the difficulty of saving. But Chappell said, "Learn to pay yourself first. Treat yourself like a bill." Try to save the same percent each month before spending the rest. He said that average Americans save 1 percent of their income and people between the ages of 25 and 34 save nothing.

per year. Any score around 650 is very good, according to Chappell.

Credit reports are checked when applying for a loan, buying a car, or even applying for another credit card.

He reminded students that many employers are checking credit reports along with the usual interview and drug screen. "If you can't take care of your own business, you can't take care of mine," he

said.

Since financial records stay on credit reports seven years from the last activity date, "Your credit report follows you around just like your report card," said Chappell.

Checking a credit report annually is also an opportunity to correct any mistakes. With the growing recurrence of identity theft, when people can look over your shoulder at the grocery store to get

your credit card number, maintaining an accurate credit report is essential. Though no one can legally remove accurate information from credit reports, incorrect financial activity can be erased.

The most important aspect of a credit report for any stu-

dent is paying off student loans.

Finally, Chappell encouraged students to be willing to negotiate with creditors. Explaining difficult situations or maintaining good credit for 18-24 months can earn a better interest rate.

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get and be cautious when using credit, especially credit cards.

"A budget is simply a spending plan," said Chappell. The ideal plan is called a 70-20-10 plan. Out of every 100 percent of money brought home after "God and taxes," 70 percent should be reserved for living expenses, 20 percent for flexible expenses such as Christmas presents or medical insurance, and 10 percent should be saved or invested.

Though this plan will not always be realistic, Chappell encouraged students to keep track of expenses using the calendar he handed out during the meeting. For each month, the calendar provides a chart to record daily expenses.

"Wal-Mart is one of the biggest budget busters in

between the ages of 23 and 34 save nothing.

For a successful money management plan, Chappell also suggested three types of goals. Short-term goals should be met in three months or less. Medium-range goals should be completed within the next two years but long-term goals could take as long as five years.

After creating a spending plan and recording expenses for each month, "You are managing your money and your money's not managing you," said Chappell.

After discussing the importance of money management skills, Chappell went on to explain credit and how to check credit reports. He suggested that students check their credit score once a year. In Alabama, each person can request one free credit report

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LATEST YOU'VE
STAYED UP TO
STUDY?



Jeremy Elliot
junior

"I don't study."



Sheri Riley
graduate student

"Just recently, 2:30 a.m.
It was for a technology and
management
graduate course."

FEATURES

Head
of the
Class



Photo by Jessica Summe

By Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Loucks shakes one of many hands on a sculpture that sits outside the Art Department Annex building. The head was modeled after Loucks' own features by a former student.

"It's definitely a spoof," said Steve Loucks of the giant head that Ashley Palmer made her senior year at JSU. "I came in the next day and it was done. She was spoofing me. I laughed."

Loucks' sense of humor is one of the many things students admire about the ceramics instructor.

"He's great, he really is," said Jessica Hendrix, a geography major in Loucks' Ceramics I class. "I'd recommend him for anybody."

"You need a sense of humor, though," chimed in Ginger Kelly, a nursing major. "People will take the things he says too literally. His famous quote is, 'It's never too late to drop.'"

"He's very sarcastic," added Hendrix.

This fact was apparent

you get a good grade, and you get to keep a beautiful piece of your own work. That's what this class is, to teach the students to work in three dimensions and to increase their visual awareness. I enjoy the challenge of helping students realize their ideas."

Since Ceramics I is an elective with no prerequisites and is not required for art majors and minors, some students have the impres-

sion the class is an easy A, but quickly find out that's not the case.

"A lot of people think it's like *Ghost*," said Hendrix. "But it's not."

While students think of making pots and bowls on a pottery wheel when they think of ceramics, Loucks doesn't introduce students to the wheel until they're in the Ceramics III course.

"First, I want students to get a feel for the clay," said Loucks. "Second,

the wheel is a skill building process. You can't just grab a guitar and start playing songs. You have to learn scales first. It's the same way here. Ceramics I is a lot of utilitarian pottery—clocks, ashtrays, vases. And it's harder than it looks."

"He [Loucks] puts in a lot of outside time here," said Kelly. "We all do. It's something I just enjoy."

"I'd wish I'd taken something like this

before my senior year." adds Hendrix. "I spend more time here than I should. I should be working on my major."

Loucks, like his students, is used to working overtime.

He graduated from the University of Illinois, putting himself through college with three-part time jobs, before heading to New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University to get his Masters of Fine Arts.

He was a visiting instructor at the University of Florida and a sabbatical replacement at University of Dallas before coming to JSU.

He's been an instructor here for 18 years, and has hosted the Alabama Clay Conference three times, twice on the JSU campus.

"I enjoy living in the country," said Loucks. "I've built a fantastic studio that I probably wouldn't have been able to afford in a city. I like wearing shorts. I don't wear closed-toe shoes. I like the weather down here. We can't do Raku in bad weather."

Raku, a very old Japanese firing process, consists of heating a clay piece and then putting it into a large container full of combustible material. The flames lick at the piece, bringing out the metallic oxides in the glaze and creating an iridescent patina. Loucks' Ceramic I students love the results.

"I want students to take my class," said Loucks, "but only if they have the energy."





Suzanne Morrow
junior

"I've had times where I stayed up the entire night. I was a zombie the next day. Sleep is definitely better."



Brad Deaver
junior

"3 a.m. for macroeconomics this past week."

added Hendrix.

This fact was apparent throughout the class period. When presented with Alicia Manners' finished piece, Loucks cheerfully told her that she "may pass this class."

Seconds later, when another student showed Loucks his piece that had been chipped in the kiln, Loucks deadpanned, "you might not pass this class" before discussing how to fix the slightly marred object.

"I feel like this class is a win-win scenario," said Loucks. "If you do well,



Photo by Jessica Summe

Above: Loucks helps wash off a student's piece in a Ceramics I class. Right: Loucks poses by Ashley Palmer's sculpture. "She wanted to get ahead of the class," said Loucks.



Letter to the editor: Quality, not quantity in SGA

Dear Editor,

I would like to make the student body aware of a great injustice that has been done to them. The student senate recently voted to lower the GPA requirement for executive offices. In other words, they once again have spent precious time governing themselves, and in this case made it easier on them.

The majority of the senators don't even like their jobs. I have heard from many that this is merely a stunt they are pulling to put on their resume. Is this someone we want representing us?

Most students are unaware that executive officers receive tuition, a

meal plan and a faculty parking decal. By lowering the GPA standard, we have opened these great perks to people who do not deserve them.

Members of the student senate should be held to a higher standard than the average student. The national requirement for a fraternity's GPA is 2.5. The senate has put their standards on the same level as a social organization, while they are still reaping wonderful benefits.

The average student is not able to receive a full scholarship from the university with a 2.5 GPA and I see no reason why the executive officers of the student senate, the people who are supposed to represent

the average student to the heads of this university, should be held to a lower standard.

It should be, if anything, a much higher standard.

As someone who was on the senate and forced to resign for representing the average student, I feel that this is an outrage. Every member of the senate should be kicked off and never allowed to run again. This includes the current executive officers and Freshman Forum members.

If there are not enough qualified people to run for an office, then so be it. I would rather have a few qualified members represent me than many underqualified mem-

bers. I hope that the student body hears my cries and rallies behind me. I want GPAs to be on the ballots so that I can see who is running that is truly qualified.

I have voted every semester in my four years of college, but if no one is qualified, then I refuse to vote. Until this problem is resolved, every student should boycott the SGA and have nothing to do with it. The Student Government should heed my concerns and fix themselves immediately. In this case, quality is truly better than quantity.

Ted "Jughead" Hunt

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Clearly Hot Stuff

By: Angela Reid
The Chanticleer News Editor

It's not everyday you see someone lighting a cigarette with a propane torch, but it's only natural for Kelly Robertson and Jeremy Alford. They are glass blowers, so they spend all day around fire much hotter than the tiny flame of that torch.

Both Robertson and Alford have a degree in glass blowing from Georgia Southwestern University and have traveled to schools and art shows with their homemade studio on wheels for about three years.

The first piece during their demonstration last Wednesday morning went from a glowing mass of molten glass on the end of a blowpipe to an elaborate blue-glass goblet in less than an hour. Though Robertson was responsible for most of the first piece, the two worked together.

"You can do this by yourself, but there's a few more tools that we don't bring with us. It's more fun in teams," said Robertson.

Even with the dangers of working with molten glass in a small tent, Alford and Robertson spoke few words to each other. Instead, they talked to the students who had gathered to watch. While one was working, the other would roam around the crowd and answer questions or just talk.

That's probably good. It was

n't last very long. The annealer, in this case, an art department kiln that was used to slowly cool the glass, wasn't hot enough for the goblet to start the cooling process. It was only at 400 F and according to Robertson, "That's a little cold."

Instead, they left the goblet on the ground, setting the grass on fire in the process, to let observers see what happens when the glass isn't cooled properly. It wasn't long before the beautiful blue goblet shattered.

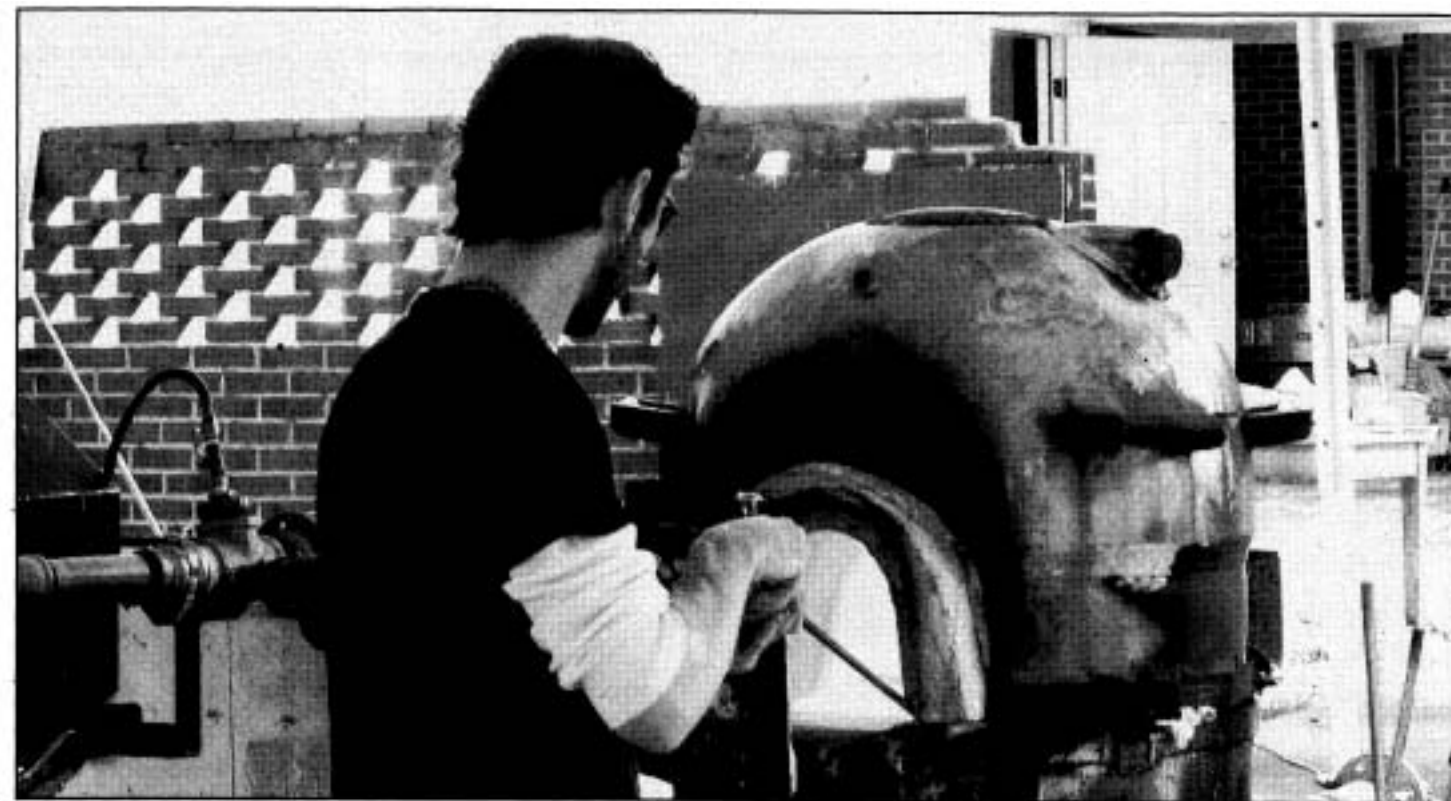
Next, Alford took his turn with the blowpipe, but had no idea what he was making until he started actually working with the glass. Slowly, using tools shaped like giant iron tweezers and shears, a hand took shape on the end of the rod.

But the annealer was still too cold. It needed to be at least 900 F.

Alford put the hand back in the glory hole; a smaller furnace used to keep the glass hot while working with it, and kept his creative energy flowing.

After some pulling and reheating, the hand started pointing, and then a hand with the two middle fingers crossed appeared.

Robertson decided to have some fun with the video feature of a student's digital camera. Within the 60 seconds of the silent home movie, Alford made the hand into a fist just in time to punch the camera in the last sec-



ment professor, kept running between the kiln inside and the demonstration outside to check the temperature.

Robertson finally decided to get back in on the action and make a bird to go in the hand. After some dancing around each other and taking turns at the glory hole, the two finally had their "bird in the hand" even if Robertson admitted he still doesn't know what that means.

Loucks literally ran the finished pieces inside to the annealer.

"Don't you just love seeing a teacher run?" asked Robertson.

Since both Robertson and Alford graduated within the last two years, they haven't yet mastered the art of living off of their art.

"We both wait tables a lot," Robertson said.

But don't let that fool you. Robertson is the Manager of Exhibitions and Collections at the Albany Museum of Art. He went to the museum to sign papers about displaying his art in the museum and walked away with a job.

He's been around glass blowing his whole life. In fact, his dad helped start the glass blowing program at GSW.

Though he spent some time as a young life minister and even started school as a business major, he found his way back to

classes at the local art school. It just happened to be the only school in the state that offered glass blowing.

Although they started working together when they were the only two in school who stayed up late working on figure drawing projects, they each have their own approach.

Robertson has a plan. "It all adds up," he says. Though he enjoys the lack of limitations and the immediate result of his art, the former business major is evident. For every 10 galleries his art is displayed in, he hopes to sell one piece a month.

Alford is all about the art. "I'm not one to make any vases," he said. "I enjoy trying to sculpt the glass. I try to see what I can do on my own." For Alford, it's about observation, hand-eye coordination, shadows, and detail.

Through burns (the working temperature of glass is 2000) and cuts, including a cut tendon Alford received while working with a diamond saw, the two still want to work with glass. Alford says, "It's probably the craziest thing you can probably do short of bank robbery."

To see more of Robertson and Alford, visit the Hammond Hall Art Gallery. Their work is on display until March 17.

Jeremy Alford (above) and Kelly Robertson (below) brought their homemade glass studio on wheels to JSU last Wednesday. Their art is on display in Hammond Hall Art Gallery until March 17.

Photos By: Angela Reid



That's probably good. It was hard to hear anything over the roar of the two furnaces on their trailer. Plus, Alford said that they usually have music playing when they work, and their studio is "more of a party scene."

Sadly, Robertson's goblet did-

use him into a test just in time to punch the camera in the last seconds of filming.

"I could just sit here all day long and play with this thing," said Alford.

Again, the annealer was too cold. Steve Loucks, an art depart-

ment major, he found his way back to glass.

"Fire? Lava? I can play with this? Great!" he said.

Alford was accepted to Yale and planned to go to medical school, but took a year off to take

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SPORTS

Golf places sixth in Tampa

From Staff Reports

TAMPA – Jacksonville State shot a final round 294 for a 54-hole total score of 889 to tie for sixth place in the Dick Wittcoff Invitational at the par-72, 6,830 yard USF Golf Course on Sunday in the 18-team event.

Middle Tennessee State (871) claimed a one-shot win over New Orleans to win the team championship. Nebraska finished third, while Missouri State (888) and Florida Southern (888) tied for fourth place and Marquette tied for sixth with Jax State.

Freshman Daniel Willett shot a 73 during Sunday's final round for a total of 217 to tie for sixth place. Bryan Rozier finished tied for 27th place with a total of 224 after carding an impressive round of 69 on Sunday. Patrico Cozzoli and Julian Colmenares each finished tied for 39th after scoring a 227 and Alex Harper tied for 73rd with a 235.

Jax State returns to the course March 20-21 at Silver Lakes Golf Course on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in JSU's annual Grub Mart Intercollegiate.

Gamecocks Fall at the hands of Murray State in OVC semis

From Staff Reports

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Jacksonville State men's basketball team had the Ohio Valley Conference regular season champs on their heels, but a late Murray State run put and end to the Gamecocks' season by virtue of a 69-64 win in the semifinals of the 2006 O'Reilly OVC Men's Basketball Tournament at the Gaylord Entertainment Center on Friday.

The Gamecocks (16-13) led by nine in the second half, but a late charge by the Racers (23-6) did them in and advanced MSU to Saturday's title game.

"I thought it was a hard-fought game on both sides," JSU head coach Mike LaPlante said. "I am very proud of the character of my team. I really thought they went out and fought their hearts out tonight. Murray State went to the line and made some big plays when they had to."

Junior Courtney Bradley led all scorers with 18 points, and he, senior Walker Russell and sophomore Dorien Brown combined for 48 points, and 33 of Jax State's 36 in the second half. Brown fell a rebound shy of a double-double with 17 points and nine boards, while Russell scored 13 and dished five assists. Senior Anthony Wilson was the fourth JSU player in double figures with 11 points.

The Racers switched from a man-to-man defense into a zone after JSU built their second-half lead and went on a 24-8 run to build a lead that barely too much for the Gamecocks to overcome.

"They went to a 1-3-1 zone late, and we felt good about our chances

against it," LaPlante said. "We saw the same zone in the first round against Eastern Kentucky and shredded it, but we just couldn't make them fall tonight. I thought they did a good job of changing the rhythm of the game."

The Racers were led by their big guys, Shawn Witherspoon and Pearson Griffith, who each put in 14 points. Justin Orr added 12 and freshman Tyler Holloway pitched in 11 points.

Russell, who finishes his career as one of the most decorated players to ever wear a Gamecock jersey, knocked down a game-high three 3-pointers on just five attempts. His five assists give him 590 for his three-year career, the most by a player in the school's Division-I history.

The Gamecocks, who were dominated on the glass in both previous meetings with MSU this season, lost this battle by just one, 32-31, but committed 21 turnovers to the Racers' 15, a stat that LaPlante feels was the difference in the game.

"You never lose a basketball game on just one play," he said. "The difference tonight was that we had 21 turnovers to their 15. That's six more possessions for them, and that was what made the difference."

Jax State started the game slowly but got a few to fall down the stretch to erase a nine-point deficit at the 8:32 mark in the first half. The Gamecocks recovered to shoot 40 percent from the floor and take a one-point lead at 28-27 with 39 seconds until the half, but a Pearson Griffith hook shot with 18 ticks on the clock gave Murray State a 29-28 lead going into the locker room.

In the first 20 minutes, Russell led all scorers with seven points,

while Bradley added six. Darnell Hopkins and Griffith each scored six for the Racers in the half.

An early 14-6 run for the Gamecocks gave them a seven-point advantage almost seven minutes into the second half, and they stretched it to as many as nine before Murray answered with a 12-0 run that gave them a three-point lead at the 7:13 mark. The Racers stretched that run to 24-8 to take a commanding 65-56 lead with just four minutes on the clock.

An Anthony Wilson trey cut it the lead to 67-64 with 1:15 to play, and a JSU stop gave the Gamecocks the ball and a shot to tie. However, Justin Orr stepped in front of a Brown pass, only to turn the ball right back into the Gamecocks' hands.

The Racers drove the floor, but Orr was short on a layup with 32 seconds to play to give the ball right back. Jax State went inside to Brown, but the sophomore was called for a charge on a made layup that would have drawn a foul.

Bradley missed on a game-tying attempt from three with 16 ticks on the clock. The Utica, Miss., native got a look, it just didn't fall."

"It was a good look," he said. "It was what we wanted. It felt good when it left my hand. It just didn't fall."

The Racers went to the line and converted on a pair of free throws following the miss to put the game away.

The Gamecocks, who were picked to finish the season in 10th in the league, won 10-of-13 to roll into the semifinals of the OVC Tournament.



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Courtney Bradley shoots a jumper over a Murray State defender in the semi-finals of the OVC Tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

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One on One with

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Asha Gibson

By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Asha Gibson, a sprinter from Birmingham, grew up in a sports family where just about every sport that could be played was played.

Now she's running track at JSU and breaking school records every chance she gets.

She currently holds the JSU indoor track record for both the 55 and 60-meter dashes. In the 55, she beat her own record several times during the indoor season.

The Chanticleer recently sat down with this swift-footed sophomore to share a moment and a few laughs.

CS: Why did you pick JSU?

AG: Just being close to home and knowing about the education program. I wanted to attend here because of the education program. It's one of the best in the South and, since I do want to be a teacher, I want to be at one of the best schools so I can know

what I'm getting into.

CS: What grade do you want to teach?

AG: Doesn't matter. Just K-6 really. Right now I'm leaning towards the older, 4th, 5th and 6th. They should know more of the basics by then, so it won't be totally my fault why they don't do so well.

CS: What do you like to do in your spare time for fun?

AG: Relax, listen to music. That's something I like to do a lot just to calm my nerves.

CS: What kind of music?

AG: R&B, Southern Rap, down-South rap. I like a lot of oldies, that's something a lot of people don't know about me. I like the Temptations; I like a lot of other old music too. I play that a lot in my room.

CS: What is your favorite vegetable?

AG: Celery, that's more a vegetable. I eat it like it's a fruit.

CS: If you could play any sport, what would you play?

AG: Basketball.

CS: Why?

AG: It was a high school passion. Just something I saw myself doing for a while, but I decided to do track because it kept me close to home and basketball would have brought me out away from home.

CS: What is your favorite race you ever ran?

AG: I'd have to say the high school state championship, the 200 meters.

CS: Why is it your favorite?

AG: Because there were a lot of doubts. Because in high school I stayed hurt so much from basketball and a lot of schools weren't looking at me in track because I would bring my injury onto the track. So, a lot of people didn't expect me to get third.

CS: What is your favorite place to eat in Jacksonville?

AG: Struts.

CS: What do you normally eat?

AG: Bacon cheese fries and wings.

CS: If you could go anywhere

in the world, where would you go?

AG: I would go to the Virgin Islands. Even though I've been there before, I'd go back.

CS: Why?

AG: It's quiet. It's so much different from the U.S., but it's still a part of the U.S.

Asha and the other members of the women's track and field team will begin their outdoor season next weekend at the Alabama Relays in Tuscaloosa. They will have two home meets this season, April 1 and 8, the first ever in women's track at JSU.



Gibson

Tennis picks up another win

By: Liz Hendricks
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Senior Christian Rybertt had quite a weekend, going undefeated in singles and doubles play.

What's his secret? Rybertt says the important thing is to hydrate a lot the day before, get a good night of sleep, and eat a good breakfast. His Honey-Nut Cheerios and doughnut certainly fuel him for his matches.

In Friday's match against Eastern Kentucky University, Rybertt and doubles partner Diego Pazsoldan downed Mel Segota and Fred Goncalves 8-5.

In singles play Rybertt dominated Segota 6-2, 6-2.

"We have been practicing hard," says Rybertt. "I think we're getting to the point where we are getting comfortable playing matches."

He is right. The men's tennis team clobbered ECU 7-0 and beat Morehead State University 5-2 on Saturday. Men's tennis remains undefeated in the Ohio Valley Conference (3-0) and 6-4 overall.

"I'm pretty sure we'll just keep improving and improving every time," says Rybertt.

Bernardo "The B-Man"

Bachino had an outstanding weekend as well, defeating ECU's Tom Wospil 6-0, 6-2 and Morehead's Pete Taylor 6-1, 6-1.

Bachino says his routine before matches is replacing the grips on his racket and kissing his necklace- and it seems to be working.

Women's tennis lost a close match to ECU on Friday 4-3, but redeemed themselves on Saturday, beating Morehead 5-2.

"It was a tough loss," says head coach Steve Bailey. "We lost two matches that could have swung it. And we lost our two player."

Junior Erin Higgs injured her Achilles tendon during singles play of Friday's match.

Layla Abby came away with a huge win over ECU's Terin Roof 6-0, 6-1. The Lady Gamecocks are currently 2-1 in the OVC and 2-7 overall.

"It was really windy and I think they play indoors," says Abby. "I think she [Roof] had a lot of problem with the wind. I was just putting the ball in, she missed a lot."

Gamecock Tennis is back in action today at 1:30 p.m. against Alabama State.

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'I never go into a weekend counting on a sweep' - JSU coach Jim Case

SPORTS

By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

This past weekend the Gamecocks ended their home field losing streak. And they did it with by sweeping Louisiana Monroe.

The three game series started Friday night with an 8-2 win. ULM's four errors gave the men in red and white the opportunities they needed and, this weekend, they had the hits to follow up.

In the bottom of the seventh, Bert Smith used his speed to steal second then take third on an error by ULM's Ben Soignier. He crossed home moments later on a sacrificial fly by Eric Beck.

"We do have some speed and when we get the right guys on base you can put a lot of

pressure on people," said JSU Head Coach Jim Case.

The night started off right with a homer by Beck that got the Gamecock momentum going.

"Maybe the best hit of the night was Beck with two out in the first, hitting one out to just get the monkey off our back and put us ahead. We've been fighting from behind a lot, so that was a big hit," Case said.

The second and third games of the series each came down to a tie, which Case foresaw since he knew that the winless ULM team would be hungry for their first win of the season.

"It was awful scary to me playing a team that was struggling. You're always scared they're going to turn it around," he said.

Saturday's game came down to the ninth.

The Gamecocks and the Indians came into the final inning tied at five when a sacrificial fly by Brian Piazza allowed Garrett Bass to come home for the win.

"This is when it's good to be the home team," said Case. "When you're tied going into the last inning you feel like you get two at-bats for every at-bat they get."

Jon Clements started the game under control from the mound, allowing only one walk in his seven innings as pitcher.

Justin King followed in his wake but, after walking his first two batters, he was replaced by Lee Drinkard who closed the game for the win.

"It was a good win for us. The pitching was good," said Case afterwards. "Defensively, we've got to be

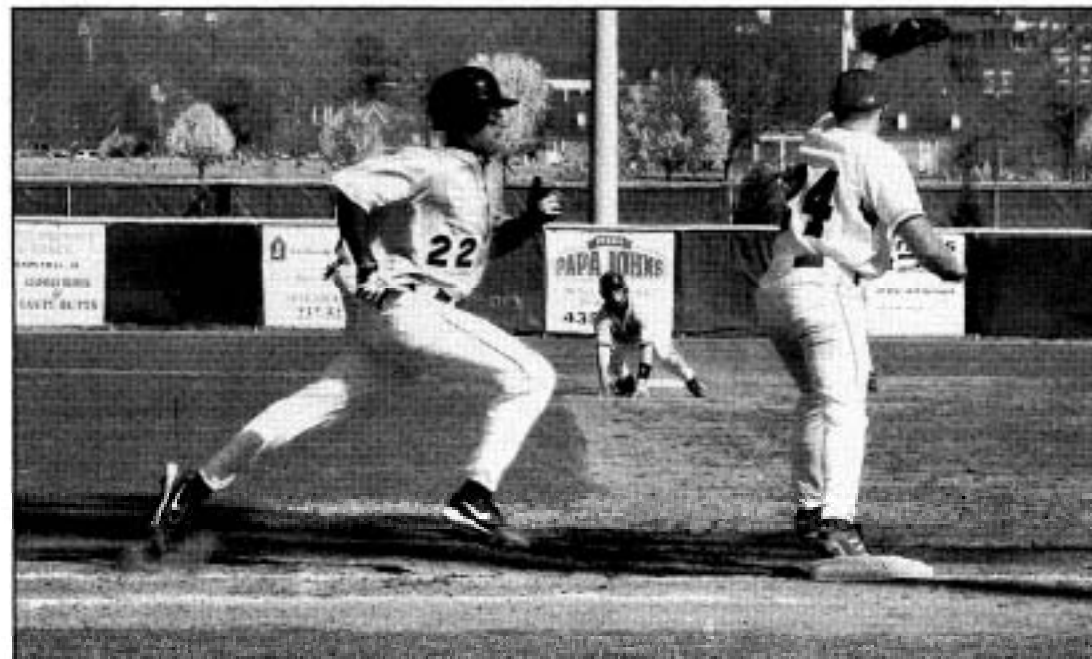


Photo by: Angela Reid

Eric Beck finishes a double play as Louisiana-Monroe's Steve Lawler tries to beat the throw to first.

better. We made some errors again today and we've got to do a better job on the infield with making plays and taking care of the ball."

Sunday afternoon JSU came out swinging, bringing in three runs in the first inning, two off a double by Beck who, with two strikes against him, knocked one to the centerfield wall.

The Indians began a comeback in the top of the seventh when a homer by Todd Garvin with a man on first gave them their second and third runs of the afternoon.

In the bottom of the ninth, the Gamecocks came to bat with the score tied at six.

A single by Bert Smith and a walk for Eric Beck put two men on. Clay Whitmore then tapped a hard bunt to the ULM shortstop for a single.

With bases loaded and Jake Ball at the plate, the team looked for a sacrificial fly to end it all.

The fly was caught in left field and, with Smith holding his ground at third, Beck found himself in a rundown that ended with him tagged out.

Two outs, bottom of the ninth, runners on first and third, score tied at six.

Jason Horn hit a high bouncer past third base, earning a single and sending Smith home for the win. And the sweep.

The wins over the weekend boosted the team's morale, something that was on shaky ground just last week.

"It's definitely a boost to our confidence," said Garrett Bass. "We're on a hot streak right now, especially as far as mentally I think we're a lot tougher now."

Despite the boost, Case still sees room for improvement in the ranks.

"I still think we have a long way to go before we are a championship team," he said.

The hot streak went cold Tuesday night when the men faced off against the Trojans for the second time this season.

On Feb. 28, TU came to Rudy Abbott Field and bested the Gamecocks 13-3. The game ended with an hour-long talk in the dugout between Case and his pitching staff.

Tuesday, the Gamecocks visited Troy on their home turf and were defeated 6-1, despite a much improved pitching performance.

In the game on the 28th, JSU's pitchers walked eight Trojans. This time, Josh Forrest, Mitch Miller and Brett Harris only allowed one walk apiece.

This weekend, the Gamecocks will be away at High Point University, facing the Panthers. They don't play at home again until March 15 when they face Mississippi State.



Photo by: Angela Reid

Justin King fires from the mound in the top half of the eighth inning in the 6-5 win against ULM on Saturday.

Softball slugs another win

By: Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The Jacksonville State University softball team put two more "W's" in the win column as they swept Chattanooga on Tuesday in a double header 3-1, 7-2.

The Gamecocks (16-5) took advantage of the Mocs first game jitters. Junior Daniela Pappano hit a double to right center to push Megan Jezierski to third. The ladies on the bench watched as Pappano and Jezierski slide across the plate as they each scored on a wild pitch and a passed ball.

"Daniela is a motivator for me," said Maigin Alexander, "because she is such a solid hitter. I enjoy hitting behind her, because she most likely gets on and she encourages me to get on."

The next two innings were scoreless. The Mocs tried their hardest to get past third base and score, but the Gamecocks would not allow them to go any further than that.

"Our defense was very solid," said coach Jana McGinnis.

The Mocs' only run in game one was scored off an Ashleigh

Bull homer over the left-center field fence.

JSU entered the bottom of the sixth in need of an insurance run or two.

Lauren Horwath gave her team a 2-run lead with a solo blast over the right field fence just inside the foul pole for her third homer of the season.

Kellam retired the side to give the Gamecocks the game one victory.

"When you got good pitching like that," says McGinnis, "at times that is all you need is a few runs. Carly did a very good job."

The Gamecocks forced Mocs pitcher Ashley Frizzell to throw forty pitches in the first inning and was she was taken out after giving up three runs.

Pappano got everything started with a single to right field. Alexander answered her call and hit one right up the middle and over the fence to put the score, 5-0.

Pitcher Christine Pierce started to run into a little bit of a problem in the top of the third when the Mocs began to figure something out.

"I think they were waiting for a strike before they started swinging," said Pierce, "because they knew that I was struggling today. That was my fault. I was thinking too much and I wasn't going at them like I should have."

With the bases loaded, Pierce faced the number six hitter. She got ahead in the count 0-2 and went inside on the next pitch to sit Whittier down.

Jackie Jarman hit her fourth homer of the season to put the Gamecocks up 6-0.

The Mocs scored their first run in the top of the fifth. Ashlan Clarkson pinch-hit for Toni Hutchinson, singling to left field, scoring Bull from third.

Chattanooga grabbed their last run in the top of the seventh. Hutchinson scored Alyssa Edwards off of a fielder's choice to third base.

"I thought Pierce pitched awesome," said McGinnis. "We really stressed to her before the game you want you to let it loose, let it loose."

Exactly a week and a day ago, the Gamecocks held on and put away Georgia State, 3-2.

Jarman hit her third homer of the year and Kellam got the win in the circle.

Kellam only allowed two runs on five hits and struck out six while walking two.

JSU packed their bags and made the long road trip to University of Arkansas for Arkansas Country Inn and Suites Invitational.

On Thursday night, disciplinary action had to be taken and JUCO transfer Holly Elliot was dismissed from the team.

"For disciplinary reasons, she is no longer part of the team," said coach McGinnis.

The Gamecocks went 3-3 over the weekend, dropping the first two games to the Razorbacks. In game one, Arkansas defeated JSU 2-1, in eleven innings. They turned around and handed the Gamecocks their second loss, 6-2.

On Saturday, the ladies faced Centenary in games three and four of the tournament. JSU took game one 5-2, and held on for a 5-4, finish in game two.

Sunday, JSU faced a very good Northwestern State team. The Gamecocks came out of the gates running and beat NSU 6-1; however, game two was a different story. Northwestern came from behind and best JSU 6-4.

Jacksonville State will have this weekend off and prepare for University of Alabama-Birmingham in a double header on Wednesday, at 4 p.m.



Photos by: Jennifer Bacchus

Top: Junior Daniella Pappano blasts a single to center field in the first inning of the second game against Chattanooga.

Bottom: Senior Maigin Alexander is greeted by her teammates after her second homer in Game 2. Alexander tied a school record for most home runs in a game in the 7-2 win over the Mocs.

Dagostino resigns as women's basketball head coach

From Staff Reports

JACKSONVILLE -- Jacksonville State head women's basketball coach Dave Dagostino resigned on Tuesday, ending the coach's six-year tenure with the school, athletic director Jim Fuller announced. Dagostino finished his three year reign as head coach with a 44-42 career record and 29-23 in OVC games, but was just 1-3 in Ohio Valley Conference Tournament games.

"Our women's team is just not where it needs to be to com-

pete in the Ohio Valley Conference," Fuller said on Tuesday. "We need to move forward in our women's basketball program. Having said that, we need to make sure our coaches and players understand we are not going to compete at the mid-tier level or below in the OVC."

Prior to taking over the head job at Jax State in 2003, Dagostino served three years as the recruiting coordinator for the Gamecocks from 2000-03. He replaced Dana Austin in 2003 as the ninth head coach in the program's history.

The Gamecocks posted an 11-17 overall record in 2005-06 and finished 9-11 in the OVC after losing their first seven league games. JSU did advance to the OVC Tournament for the third straight year before dropping a 58-56 loss at Samford in the first round of the tournament last week.

Assistant Athletic Director Greg Bonds will serve as chairman of the search committee and the search will begin immediately.

