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## ELECTION 2006

# Nobody wants to be "generation apathy"

By Bethany Harbison

The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

On Nov. 7, millions of citizens will head to the polls to cast their votes in local and state elections.

Two of JSU's political science professors, Dr. Dan Krejci and Dr. Lori Owens, agreed that though the majority of college students are eligible to vote, very few actually will.

"That age group, ages 18 -24, is generally the least involved. They generally don't participate at the polls, and generally they don't participate in other ways either. By not participating, they give elected officials the right to ignore them, basically," said Owens.

What reasons are behind students' lack of political interest and involvement? Dr. Krejci offered several possibilities.

"A lot of students are not from the area where they go to college, and they don't feel like they are tied to the area. They also have very busy schedules, and for them to devote some extra time is hard," said Krejci.

Students such as College Republicans Chairman Louie Gannon and College Democrats President John F. Tanner, Jr. are exceptions to the rule.

"I grew up in politics and knew how important it was for people my own age to be involved in

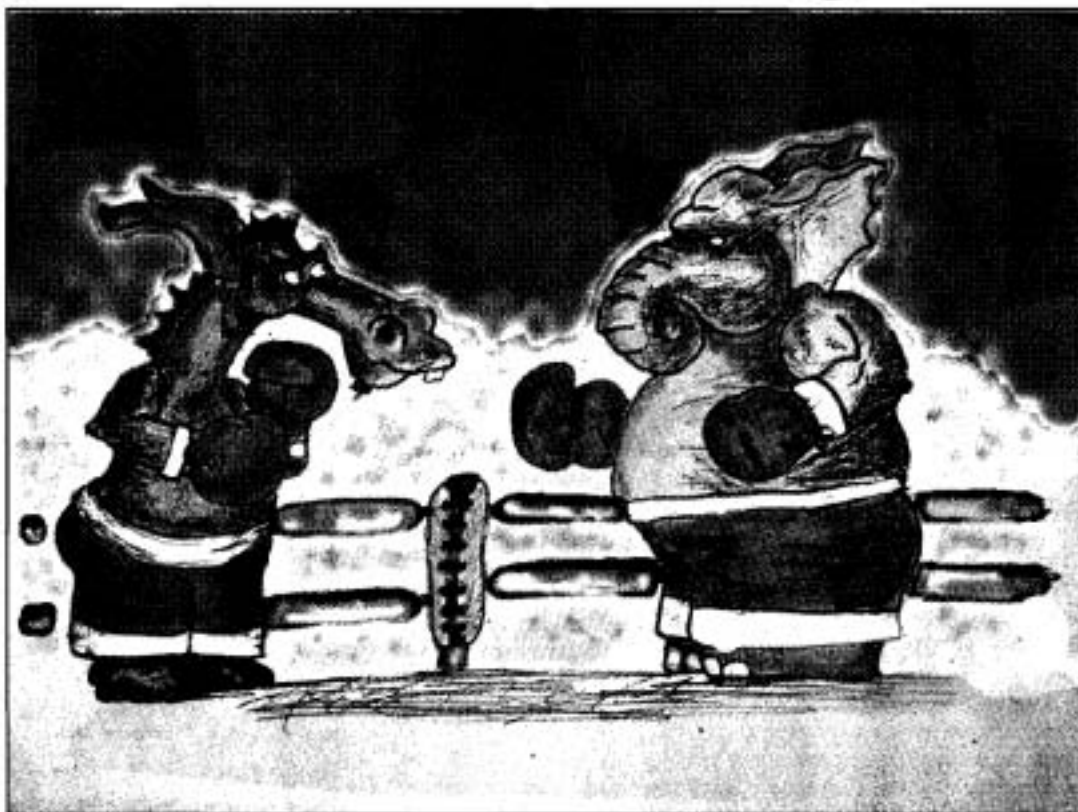


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politics, particularly when so many are not," said Tanner, who took over as president of the College Democrats in January 2006.

"With a war raging in Iraq and Afghanistan and so many young soldiers our age dying, I thought I could make a difference at Jacksonville by giving JSU students access to a different view of the current administration's policies both at home and abroad via the College Democrats," said

Tanner.

Gannon, who first became involved in the College Republicans last year, decided to become involved in the organization after his involvement with the Calhoun County GOP. He, too, encourages other students to get involved.

"[Volunteering] may not be the most glamorous way to get into politics, but it gets your foot in the door and helps a lot with

networking," said Gannon. "In fact, our first chairman in 2004 volunteered with Troy King's office and now works for his campaign full time."

Krejci and Owens both also named volunteering as an effective way for students to become more involved and make a difference.

"Historically, most communities' local elections have a low voter turnout rate, and most elec-

tions are not won by that many votes," said Krejci. "If students were ever to catch on fire and get an interest, and if they were ever to organize, I think they could have an effect on elections, especially locally."

"If you can get young people to vote, you're accomplishing quite a bit," said Owens. "But if you can get them to volunteer at the grassroots level, it is even better. All of the students we have had who have done those things have had very good things to say about it."

As professors, Krejci and Owens both address political issues in the classroom, but they are careful not to force their own opinions on their students.

"I let the students talk about running for office, and I let them discuss the issues," said Krejci. "My slant on teaching my students is that I'm not here to teach you what to think, I am teaching you how to think about politics. Who you support and don't support is up to you."

However, Krejci said that does not mean that he does not have opinions about politics.

"As a political scientist, I have my own ideologies and my own things as far as candidates and who I support and don't support. However, I don't advertise that. I think that political scientists should stay away from that sim-

ply because we study politics. For the most part, we may be concerned with candidates personally, but professionally, we are not concerned with it," said Krejci.

Owens, on the other hand, was elected to the County Commission in Cherokee County two years ago. As the first local republican to be elected there and the advisor for the College Republicans, she does not have the neutrality of most other political scientists.

"I have stayed politically interested my whole life. It's not necessarily common with political science professors to also have a real world interest in politics. In fact, very often they do not. I have found in my activities and in my role as an elected official that I can bring more to the classroom because I do engage in the real life experiences related to politics," said Owens.

As students of political science, Tanner and Gannon both encouraged their fellow students to go to the polls.

"Please be informed. No matter if your choice is democrat or republican, be informed," said Gannon.

"My advice to the students is to go vote. Period. We all win when you do," said Tanner.

## Schedule

## Local politics in a nutshell

# Schedule booklets:

## Why you can't find them, and why they look funny

By Kevin Jeffers  
The Chanticleer News Editor

Having trouble finding a schedule booklet for spring semester 2007? You are not alone.

Many students have had a difficult time locating any of the schedule booklets the university disperses every semester. With registration beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 1, this inconvenience leaves many in a bind.

So the question arises, "Where are all the booklets?" When students have been able to find one of these booklets, they have noticed a change from what they were accustomed to.

The new booklets are printed on a high-gloss paper instead of the usual news-print (type paper that the university has used for years). This has led many to speculate that the reason there are so few books to find this year is because the new paper costs more to print on, thus the need to print less.

As Registrar Kelly Osterbind explains, however, cost had nothing to do with this change.

"It is more because over the last couple of years, over half of the schedules we have printed haven't been used," Osterbind said. "There wasn't a cost issue. We went with the state bid on the printing. We didn't bid it out [to different companies], and the news-print cover wasn't an option."

"Students have been using the schedules on the internet because they are much more accurate."

By going online to [www.jsu.edu](http://www.jsu.edu), then to the Student Access System, students can see an up-to-date listing of course offerings for upcoming semesters. While convenient, this is a problem for students who do not have the capability for or time to spend online.

"It was very troubling that they weren't very accurate, but online they are always updating and always accurate," Osterbind said. "Students are much, much more reliant on the internet and more computer savvy these days."

Osterbind also gave the fact that so many of the older version booklets went to waste each semester as another reason for the change.

"We have had more than half of them left over. We decided we would only print half and see how that would work out. Also, we noticed that people would take multiple [booklets], and we thought that with the harder cover that it would be a little more enduring and they would hang on to it for the whole semester."

"There were so many wasted; we were just trying to find ways to not waste the paper. Money, though, was not an issue. We have enough money to print schedules."

It is true that more students do have the capacity to plan their registration with the online course listings than in years passed, which is why Osterbind was surprised at the number of complaints.

"I'm surprised we have had a couple of people not happy with the cover. It was really just to avoid the waste of the schedules. We still have literally half the fall schedules."

# Local politics in a nutshell (now you have no excuse)

By Brandon Hollingsworth  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

On Tuesday, November 7, Americans will go to the polls across the country to elect 36 governors, 33 senators and all 435 members of the House of Representatives. In Alabama, voters will choose candidates for a variety of state, county and municipal offices as well.

Some of those races have become quite contentious, and the state supreme court's chief justice race is the most expensive such contest in the United States. Below you'll find analysis on some of the major executive, judicial and legislative races based on wire

service reports, polling data and conversations with political experts.

Of most note is the gubernatorial race, pitting incumbent Republican Governor Bob Riley against Democratic Lt. Governor Lucy Baxley.

Baxley faces a strong headwind of low unemployment rates, a strong in-state economy and general satisfaction among voters. Over the summer, new information came to light that former Riley congressional aide Michael Scanlon had worked with convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff, but the news hardly made a blip on the Alabama political radar screen.

Baxley has been hurt by

a failure to communicate campaign ideas and platform issues to voters. At this point, the race is essentially "Riley's to lose," according to JSU political scientist Dr. Bill Lester. In an October University of South Alabama/*Mobile Press-Register* poll, Riley led with 57 percent to Baxley's 32 percent, with 11 percent undecided.

In the lieutenant governor's race, things are much tighter. Political newcomer Luther Strange of Birmingham (R) is running against former Democratic Governor Jim Folsom, Jr. Strange mounted a series of lighter campaign ads early in the season.

"This is an effective technique

for sparking curiosity in voters," said Dr. Larry Powell, a political scientist at UAB.

Strange's more recent commercials have tied his candidacy to that of Riley's, hoping to cash in on Riley's lead in polling. Folsom is actively coloring himself as a conservative Democrat, a method of attracting Republican voters that worked the other way for Ronald Reagan.

If Strange wins and Riley is re-elected, it will mark the first time Republicans have served as both governor and lieutenant governor simultaneously since Reconstruction. I wouldn't put money on this race; this will be

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# Breast cancer walk raises awareness

By Jessica Summe  
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday, Oct. 28, many of Jacksonville State University's NPHC sorority and fraternity members participated in the 5-kilometer Breast Cancer Walk at Jacksonville Medical Center.

"It's mandatory for us," said Shayla Beasley of Alpha Kappa Alpha. "There should be at least half of every fraternity and sorority here."

The walk was supposed to start at 9 a.m., but most of the JSU participants were there early, bundled up against the chill in the air.

"It's cold, but we're still walking," said Marcus Shepherd, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

A tent was set up where walkers could buy t-shirts, wristbands or pink ribbon magnets. There were also free breakfast bars and granola bars for participants, donated by J. Shan Young, OB/GYN. Hot chocolate and water bottles were also offered to walkers, while door prizes were handed out after the walk.

The event was organized by Ashley Downing, who works at the Jacksonville Medical Center.

"This is our second year doing the walk," said Downing. "We had such a great turnout last year that we decided to do it again."

Downing contacted the fraternities and so-

rorities on campus to extend a personal invitation for those groups to participate.

"I love the Greek unity," said Downing. "It's great that the whole Jacksonville community can come together for such an important cause."

Another JSU group making a difference on the walk was the Circle K Club. A community service club, Circle K members were set up at the two water stations along the walk route.

"We're more than happy to participate," said Vice President Victor Isaacs. "The attendance really surprised me, between the weather and the cold. But it's a very important cause."

Special guests at the walk were the Steel Magnolias, a breast cancer support group. Survivors



photo by Jessica Summe

Many JSU students participated in the 5K Breast Cancer Walk, led by breast cancer survivors and the Pink Ribbon Fairy.

of breast cancer were invited to a quick pep talk and recital of "I'm A Steel Magnolia" in front of the assembled crowd before the walk began.

Contributors to the 5K Breast Cancer Walk were Jacksonville Medical Center, the Legacy Club, the Circle K Club and the Women's Advisory Council.

The Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. in the Tyler Center on Eighth Street. Their website is [steelmagnoliasinc.org](http://steelmagnoliasinc.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JSU Writer's Club:** The Dr. Robert U. Moersch short fiction contest is currently accepting submissions. Rules can be picked up at 213 Stone Center. Deadline for entries is Friday, Nov. 3. **Contact:** Dr. Pitt Harding, pharding@jsu.edu.

**Ultimate Frisbee:** We will be having practices Wednesdays and Fridays at Germania Springs under the lights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Everyone is welcome. **Contact:** Bryan Sintos, skaboy1717@gmail.com

**Campus Outreach:** Campus Outreach will be having their annual Christmas Conference at the Marriott in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The conference will be held December 27-31. The cost is \$165 if paid before Thanksgiving break and \$185 afterwards. **Contact:** Seth Terrell, sethterrell@campusoutreach.org.

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# Alcohol Awareness Week a big success

By Chris Pittman  
The Chanticleer Staff  
Writer

JSU Peer Educators and Delta Zeta sponsored Alcohol Awareness Week Oct. 23-26, in hopes to alert students to the dangers of drunk driving.

Both groups held activities and events throughout the week to inform people just how dangerous it is to get behind the wheel when intoxicated and to remember those that have died due to a drunken driving related incident.

The events kicked off Monday on the fourth floor of the TMB. There the directors asked students to fill out pledge cards stating that they will not drink and drive.

Activities continued on Tuesday outside the TMB, where a hearse was parked along with two UPD cars. Every few minutes the sirens of the cars would sound, which led to many onlookers wondering what was happening. These people were quickly informed that it was to represent a statistic on just how quickly people die from a drunken driving related accident.

The Peer Educators set up just outside the campus bookstore Wednesday for events including the infamous "fatal vision" goggles. Davis Varner of the Peer Educators was on hand to explain how they worked.

"The goggles simulate being intoxicated, which is important to experience because often times you don't realize just how bad your senses are impaired when drinking," Varner said.

Two sets of goggles were available. One was set at the legal intoxication limit, and the other was set to double the legal limit. Three activities were set up in conjunction with the goggles, and each demonstrated how differently everyday functions are impaired while intoxicated.

The most popular activity was "walking the line", which tested how well you can walk a straight line while under the influence of alcohol. The students in attendance, including Victor Isaacs, were surprised to see how much harder simple things become while under the influence.

"I did not know the extreme impact that alcohol had on my senses," Isaacs said.

"It made me realize how non-coherent you are when intoxicated," JSU student Vanessa Sparrow said.

Alcohol Awareness week ended on Thursday, Oct. 26. Peer Educators dressed as grim reapers, and handed out cards with drunken driving statistics all over campus during lunch hours that day.

That evening, they held a candlelight vigil outside the TMB, during which they gave a moment of silence to remember friends and loved ones that were lost in drunken driving related accidents.

Unfortunately, rainfall cut the event short. The high turnout kept spirits lifted, however. Lindsey Minton represented both groups and was responsible for the vigil.

"We thought that a candlelight vigil would be a great way to remember those we have lost in alcohol related accidents," Minton said.

Students filled out over 500 pledge cards and surveys during the week, and the turnout for all of the events exceeded expectations. Director Rickey Naugher was very pleased at how everything flowed during the week.

"If we keep one person from drinking and getting behind the wheel, then we have done our job," Naugher said.



Photo by Chris Pittman

Adam Green of Counseling and Career Services watches two JSU students attempt to play Barrel of Monkeys while wearing "fatal vision" goggles.

# New club takes off

By Nick Lehwald

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# Jacksonville bank robbed

By Summer Hunt  
The Chanticleer Copy Editor

The Jacksonville branch of Wachovia Bank was robbed on Tuesday, Oct. 24 around 9 a.m.

According to a press release issued by the FBI, two men wearing disguises and armed with automatic handguns threatened clerks, entered the vaults and left with an undetermined amount of money.

Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson said in an interview for The Anniston Star that while no one was harmed physically, the event resulted in some upset bank employees.

When reached for comment, the bank's financial center manager said that the bank is unable to speak to anyone at this time.

Several Jacksonville State University students bank with Wachovia and were both surprised and startled at the news. Senior Tonya Phares was not even aware the robbery had occurred, as was the case with most students.

"What? When did it happen?" asked Phares. "Thank

God for the FDIC!"

There was also concern for the bank employees, as well as students' accounts.

"I am glad that no one was injured," said sophomore Reagan Williams. "And as long as my money is okay, then I'm okay."

The incident provoked a state-wide search for the culprits, who fled the scene driving a stolen Chevrolet Caprice Classic. The abandoned vehicle was later recovered just blocks from the crime scene.

Later on Tuesday afternoon, Jacksonville Police stopped a car on 2nd Avenue and arrested suspect Tyrone Leon Porter, 28. He was charged with robbery.

In classic fashion, a big black duffel bag full of money was found in the car on the backseat, along with disguises and weapons matching those used in the robbery earlier that morning.

Two others, a second robbery suspect and the proposed getaway driver, are still on the loose. Police and federal agents believe them to be in Etowah County.

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## CAMPUS CRIME

10/24

Dujuan Johnson reported theft of property at Siphenson Gym.

Adarius Oneal reported a burglary at Dixon Hall.

Charles Sheffield reported striking an unattended vehicle at Jack Hopper Cafeteria.

10/25

Jessica Hutchison reported criminal mischief at Fitzpatrick Hall.

10/26

Jamichael Keith was arrested for criminal trespassing at Logan Hall.

10/28

Valerie Peil reported theft of property at Stone Center.

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

# NEW CLUB TAKES OFF

By Nick Lehwald  
*The Chanticleer Senior Reporter*

Look, up in the sky. Is that a flying saucer? No, but close to it. It's Jacksonville State's newest sports club, Ultimate Frisbee.

Reincarnated this semester by Frisbee enthusiast Bryan Sintos, the Frisbee team is the newest alternative team sport that is open to all students. Falling under the jurisdiction of the Ultimate Players Association (UPA), the Frisbee team will be able to attend tournaments all over the southeast against school such as Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and many others.

The tournaments, which take place in the spring, are sponsored by the UPA and divided up by divisions and regions. Jacksonville falls into the southern region along with schools in other states such as Mississippi, Louisi-

ana, Texas, Arkansas, and the western half of Tennessee.

The UPA has two divisions, the College Open and College Women.

"I hope that there will be enough interest that we can have two teams, one for each division," Sintos said.

With almost 20 people showing up for their first practice last Wednesday, it should not be a problem.

"We're really laid back here, but we're still a team and we want to do well," Sintos said.

For those of you who do not know what Ultimate Frisbee is, here is the short version:

The game is played with two teams of seven players whose objective is to score by catching a pass in the opposing team's end zone.

It is a game that combines the non-stop movement of soccer with the throwing and scoring action of football.

The players must stop while in possession of the Frisbee, but are allowed to pivot and pass to any open receivers on the field. Turnovers occur when the Frisbee is either intercepted, flies out of bounds, touches the ground or if the player holds the disc for more than 10 seconds.

The game of Ultimate is governed by a concept called Spirit of the Game, which puts the responsibility of fair play on the players since there are no referees. Players are responsible for their own foul calls and other disputes.

The Jacksonville Ultimate Frisbee Club has practices every Wednesday and Friday nights from 7-10 p.m. at Germania Springs. No experience is necessary to play and all are welcome. For more information, contact coach Bryan Sintos at jsu0068k@jsu.edu, or just show up at Germania Springs with your cleats.

# Octubafest

By Jessica Summe  
*The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief*

Jacksonville State University held Octubafest 2006 the week of Oct. 22 and continued through Friday, Oct. 27. This week of performances was designed to showcase the versatility of many instruments that are often overlooked. JSU students, staff and faculty as well as the general public attended Octubafest.

There were five separate concerts at Mason Hall Performance Center, and JSU students and faculty performed four of them. Featured instruments throughout the week were tubas and euphoniums (a brass instrument that looks like a small tuba).

The first concert was on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. This student concert, which kicked off the week of Octubafest, had free food for attendees.

The next concert, on Monday, Oct. 23, featured the Jacksonville Brass Quintet. This group was composed of JSU faculty members Chris Hosmer (tuba), Jeff Solomon (horn), Dr. James Roberts (trombone), and Dr. John Merriman and Dr. Chip Crofts on trumpets. The concert started at 7 p.m.

Another student concert was held on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

On Wednesday, a solo tuba recital was given by special guest Eric Bubacz. Bubacz was assisted by

Dr. Wendy Faughn on piano for "Suite No.1 for Tuba and Piano (Effie Suite)".

Bubacz played until 8:30 p.m., and he then had a free tuba class for anyone who brought an instrument. Many JSU students took advantage of this offer.

The final Octubafest concert was at 7 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 27. This concert featured only tubas and euphoniums in several different groups. The concert wound down with traditional Octoberfest music such as "In Heaven There Is No Beer" and "Schneewaltzer." The concert, and Octubafest, ended with a recital of The Monkees' "I'm a Believer."

"My son was here in 1997," said John Thomas, a JSU faculty member who conducted several pieces during Friday's closing concert. "There were two tuba majors and one euphonium major. Now look at your program. Look at the growth this department has had." The program listed 11 euphonium majors and 16 tuba majors.

"I like tubas from a distance," said Jesse Kennedy, an education major who attended Friday's concert. "When I was seven, I stuck my head inside of a tuba, and a high school band member blew into it. I thought I was dying. This music's nice, though."

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# "The Greatest Show on Dirt" OPINION

## St. Louis Cardinals vs. Detroit Tigers

By E.O. Smith  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

It was a World Series of many firsts. It was the first time that two rookie pitchers started a game in the series against each other. It was the first time that a pitching staff had made four errors in a World Series. It was also a new record for Major League Baseball having the oldest pitcher to ever win a World Series game by Kenny Rogers in game two of the series.

The Tigers had what many would say was an easy road to the World Series because of the way they walked through the post-season, winning seven consecutive games. But that showed to not be the best way, because after winning the American League Championship Series (ALCS) they had a week off before game one. The Tigers believed that to be the best thing for them because that break gave their team some necessary rest and the chance to set up all the pitching match-ups to their advantage.

The way it looked, Detroit was in the driver's seat going into the World Series. They had a well-rested pitching staff, home field advantage to open the series and a batting order that was on fire. But people underestimated the young pitching staff of the Cardinals and the experienced expertise of their batting order. Many people don't realize how much the of having older guys on the team tends to help the younger guys in the pressure situations. For example, the Cardinals new closer, Wainwright, filled in for Isringhausen and took everything that he had learned from Isringhausen throughout the year and had to apply it in one of the biggest, if not the biggest, games of his young life. It makes you feel good that you have proven your ability to an older teammate and even gained his respect.

Game one of the World Series showed two

rookies, Justin Verlander and Anthony Reyes, going head-to-head. At one point in the game, Reyes was untouchable, retiring 17 consecutive Tigers in a row. At the same time, Verlander was struggling to keep the ball in the park. Both of the Cardinals big guns Albert Pujols and Scott Rolen homered-off Verlander to lead the Cardinals to a 7-2 victory in Detroit.

In game two, Detroit fought back with a vengeance behind the strong left arm of Kenny Rogers. Rogers extended his scoreless streak to 27 innings in the post-season, holding St. Louis to no runs on two hits. The offense for Detroit was produced by Craig Monroe's solo blast in the first inning and RBIs by Carlos Guillen and Sean Casey. Detroit went on to win 3-1.

At game three in St. Louis, the Cardinals gave their fans something to cheer about by holding Detroit scoreless on their way to a 5-0 victory behind former Cy Young winner Chris Carpenter on the mound. Jim Edmonds added the big blow in the fourth to put the Cardinals up, and they never looked back. A few Detroit blunders on the mound helped the Cards seal the deal.

In game four, the Cardinals were in for a dog-fight. Trailing 3-0, the Cards battled back behind the smoking hot bat of David Eckstein, who had four hits in the game. Not to mention possibly the three biggest doubles of his life. The Cards again capitalized on the defensive mistakes made on the mound for Detroit and rallied for a 5-4 victory, pushing the Cardinals ahead in the series three games to one.

In game five, the Cards were on the brink of the World Series title, but Detroit wasn't going down without a fight. Behind the sure-batted David Eckstein and the strong right arm of Jeff Weaver, the Cards stormed their way to the title. St. Louis capitalized on yet another error by the Detroit pitching staff and pushed them over the

hump to become world champions for the first time in 20 years.

I believe St. Louis won the World Series for many reasons. I found that even though some of the games went down to the end, you could sense confidence in both dugouts. The difference was that St. Louis stayed calm and continued to make plays, where Detroit got nervous, made errors and began to try and play above their ability. Baseball is a game where the harder you try, the worse you tend to do. But the more relaxed you stay and let your natural ability take over, the better chance you have of performing in those pressure situations.

In my opinion, St. Louis performed better in those pressure situations because they spent the last month of the regular season fighting to stay in first place, and then they also fought their way through the entire post-season. This caused them to get into what some would call a little bit of a "comfort level" and lost the nerves that usually come in those types of situations.

Although Detroit fought to make it into the post-season, once they made it, they pretty much just walked through it. I mean, they didn't have any real pressure games that they had to win, and with a young team, you need some of those character-building games just to see what your team is made of. When the World Series came down to so many close games, it's easy to understand why which team ended up on top.

St. Louis walked into the World Series confident and like they had been there before, but Detroit walked in a little cocky, thinking they deserved to be there. I believe that the media helped the Tigers to feel this way because all the media said was, "the Tigers this, the Tigers that."

St. Louis showed that confidence seems to work a little better in pressure situations than cockiness does. Detroit was the hotter of the

two teams going into the World Series, but the week off seemed to be dreadful for the Tigers because that long break cooled down those bats that walked them through the post-season. Yes, their pitching staff was well-rested, but when you can't score runs and you make errors giving the other team, runs it doesn't matter how well your pitchers throw.

St. Louis came into the World Series with a little break, riding the excitement from beating the Mets in seven games in the National League Championship Series (NLCS). The Cardinals came into the World Series with a little bit of a chip on their shoulders, lasting from the 2004 World Series where they got swept by the Boston Red Sox in four games. The Cardinals took advantage of everything the Tigers gave them, such as the eight errors, made by the Tigers defense, including four by their pitching staff. These errors turned into eight unearned runs for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals took home the World Series title despite the lack of the big power-hitter Albert Pujols producing the way he has in the past. Pujols was 3-for-15 in the series with only two RBIs. The Cardinals rallied behind the MVP of the World Series David Eckstein who went 8-for-22 in the series and 6-for-9 with four RBIs in games four and five.

I believe the Cards took what they had and went with it, from their young pitching staff to the most unlikely of guys stepping up in big situations, and they ran with it all the way to the World Series title.

The Cardinals celebrated their first World Series Championship in 20 years, with a large sea of red in the stands, while the Tigers went back to Detroit wondering what just happened as their picture perfect season disappeared.

## Politics, from page 1

too close to call before Election Night.

The Alabama Supreme Court races are being watched closely by observers all over the nation. The judicial campaign attracting the most attention is that for Chief Justice, between incumbent Drayton Nabers (R) and Sue Bell Cobb (D).

Cobb has more experience on the bench and a strong

voters lean on Tuesday.

The race for Attorney General sees incumbent Republican Troy King, in his first campaign for the job, against Mobile County District Attorney John Tyson (D). King was appointed to fill the remainder of Bill Pryor's term as AG when President Bush selected Pryor to move up to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta

Tom Shelton. Fite has the advantage of incumbency and high name-recognition within the district. Shelton, a former three-term state senator from Calhoun County, accuses Fite of being an "indecisive failure," and promises more action if he's elected.

Late in the campaign, Alabama Republican Party Chairwoman Twinkle Address Cavanaugh

been sheriff for the last eleven years, and says his experience is the best reason to retain him for another term. Challenger Campbell says the needs of Calhoun County are changing, and that a fresh voice may be needed to address the growing problem of drug abuse in the county.

Another pivotal race in Calhoun County sees

wants to use the money to digitize county records online; Salmon wants to save the funds in case of emergency.



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incumbent Drayton Nabers (R) and Sue Bell Cobb (D).

Cobb has more experience on the bench and a strong judicial background. Nabers is less experienced in the court, having been appointed out of his previous job as state finance director. This was after Roy Moore's term when Moore was ousted from the Supreme Court in 2003.

"The secret to this race may be in funding," said Powell. Nabers has the backing of the business community, Cobb is supported by trial lawyers. This one is also too close to call, and it will be interesting to see which way

term as AG when President Bush selected Pryor to move up to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta in 2004. King is a relatively inexperienced campaigner, but is fairly popular and has been good at raising money.

"Tyson lacks statewide recognition," said Powell, "But if he launches one last effort this week, he could make it a very close call Election Night."

The Fates may be smiling on King, but as of press time, the race is simply too close to call.

Now to House District 40, which pits incumbent Democrat Lea Fite against Republican

Late in the campaign, Alabama Republican Party Chairwoman Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh caused some waves with a controversial comment tying Fite to gay candidate Patricia Todd of Jefferson County. Both Todd and Fite agreed one had nothing to do with the other and Fite rode out the potential storm unscathed. Conventional wisdom holds that Fite is safe in his legislative seat.

Two men are running for Calhoun County Sheriff next week: Democratic incumbent Larry Amerson and Republican Jason Campbell. Amerson has

problem of drug abuse in the county.

Another pivotal race in Calhoun County sees Republican George Salmon against Democrat Alice Martin. Martin has far outspent her GOP opponent, some \$25,000 to Salmon's \$3,500, according to the Anniston Star.

Martin says her experience as an attorney gives her the edge, but voters are likely to weigh character as heavily, if not more so. Both candidates support construction of a mental health facility in the county. They differ on how to spend a \$143,000 discretionary fund—Martin

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# Day in the Life: Alice Martin

## JSU Adjunct Professor & Probate Judge Candidate

By Toni Merriss  
The Chanticleer  
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If anyone would have told Alice Martin that she would be running for Calhoun County Probate Judge at this time last year, she probably would have laughed at the thought.

Martin, a political science graduate of JSU and adjunct professor in the criminal justice department, has enthusiastically embraced the idea and would really like to help improve Calhoun County as a whole.

"Once I realized that Judge Murray would be retiring, the idea was presented to me by many of my colleagues and several of the folks in the probate court because I was really interested in it, I love it, and I am already over there a lot," said Martin.

As if she was not already active enough in the community with teaching part-time at JSU, assisting Gadsden State Community College in the paralegal program, serving on the Calhoun County Bar Association Executive Committee and holding the position of partner in the law firm of Gregory N. Norton, she would now like to make her already busy schedule just a little bit busier with probate judge.



Photo Courtesy of Alice Martin

"I wanted my picture to be a little different than the usual lawyer in a business suit," said Martin on her campaign photo.

The job of the Calhoun County Probate Judge is definitely not an easy one. They are responsible for interpreting and applying statutory laws in Alabama, handling a caseload with as many as 350 trials/hearings a year, preventing appeals by making sound legal decisions and ruling on evidentiary matters during the trial without seeking outside

advice. Actually what Martin's responsibilities are each day because they seem to change from one day to the next, so it is a good thing she carries such a thick planner with her to remind herself exactly what she has to do and when she has to do it.

"Well, last Friday was a non-teaching day for me, so I had some other things to see to," said Martin. Her first appointment of the day was a mental commitment hearing held promptly at 8 a.m. In a commitment hearing, Martin represents the alleged mental patient in front of the probate judge, and the purpose of the hearing is to determine if the person is a threat to himself or others due to their mental illness. This is just one of the various types of cases Martin has handled in probate court.

Next up on the agenda was a guest spot with Pastor Michael Cox on his radio show, "Coffee with the Pastor." He extended an invitation to any candidate running for public office to come and present their platforms on-air.

Then came lunch - but wait - it was actually another function, so it was not relaxation time yet. Martin was a guest at the Board of Realtors luncheon, but right after she had to rush off to a meeting with a client. Oh yes, she also handles juvenile delinquency and dependency cases.

After meeting with a local radio station sales rep and seeing another client, Martin attended a Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Club sponsored criminal justice alumni get-together.

"I was really impressed with STAT Club and the program they put on. I got to see some old students and hear about what great things they have been doing since graduation. It was an excellent event," said Martin.

Before heading home, Martin and her husband Greg drove around and straightened up any campaign signs that had shifted due to the unruly wind. Finally, it was time to call it a day.

An example of how quickly the responsibilities can shift for Martin is a day when she teaches class here at JSU.

The day starts bright and early with heading into her law office on Noble Street. After returning any calls, she makes copies and gets things ready for her class.

Guest speakers come in and talk to the students. We have had speakers like Danny LaPlante from the Juvenile Probation Office, and Josh Lane lectured on appellate work," said Martin.

Once class is over, she heads back to her office but usually grabs a quick bite to eat in the car. On this particular day, she sneaks in a little more paperwork time before attending a Delta Kappa Gamma (teachers') meeting at the County Board of Education building as a guest speaker. She chose the topic of "thanking teachers" to speak about.

"I got the idea from all the billboards you see around now. I really felt like it was my opportunity to thank the folks that have been there for me through the years," said Martin.

The function she attended that evening was to honor breast cancer survivors. Once there, Martin assisted good friend and former boss, Dr. Angela Martin ("no relation, even though we tell people all the time we are sisters," laughed Martin), in raising funds for the Martin Foundation. The Martin Foundation offers help to high school students in need of scholarships.

"I just want to make it clear that I am just her assistant. Everything the Martin Foundation has accomplished is because of Dr. Martin. It is definitely her foundation. I just help her out where I can," confessed Martin.

It must be truly exhausting being Alice Martin, although she seems to really enjoy all of her activities and obligations.

One thing that Martin is sure that she could not do without during this hectic time in her life is her friends and family's support. "My husband is so

comes with me. Both my mother and my mother-in-law have also been there for me through all of this. The one downfall of being so busy is that my house is a mess right now," said Martin sheepishly. "Even before all this, my husband and I were very active and on-the-go all the time. But if it is volleyball season, he tries to be at as many of my stepdaughter's games as possible. Cassandra is a junior at Alexandria High School, and he just loves supporting her. He is just great!"



Photo Courtesy of Alice Martin

Alice Martin and her husband Gregory Norton.

Another type of family that Martin has had a lot of support from is the JSU family.

"I have had such wonderful support from this university.

There have been some SGA members who have actively participated in my campaign, it has been such a humbling experience," remembered Martin.

Speaking of SGA helping out... does her campaign button look familiar to anyone?

"I actually designed my buttons after SGA Vice President Moody Duff's campaign buttons. I saw them during the elections and thought they were really sharp. I made a few minor changes, but I loved the design and that it could be worn everyday by both men and women," said Martin.

Due to her love of teaching and her strong ties to the university, Martin would like to continue teaching at JSU, even if she is elected probate judge.

"If I get the position, I will do my best to work out some kind of a schedule with the department. Even if I have to teach at night, I will do it. I love JSU and the students," said Martin. "Both my husband and I are alumni from JSU and we are extremely proud to have graduated from such a wonderful university. I would recommend coming to JSU to anyone and everyone. It is an experience you cannot get anywhere else."

For more information on Alice Martin and her campaign call (256) 237-7555



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anyone and everyone. It is an experience you cannot get anywhere else." For more information on Alice Martin and her campaign call (256) 237-7555 or visit her web site [www.martinforprobatejudge.com](http://www.martinforprobatejudge.com).

# JSU Alumni make Sarrell Regional Dental Center Work

By Toni Merriss  
The Chanticleer  
Features Editor



Once upon a time, in a town not so far away, a non-profit company was dedicated to helping underprivileged children with nowhere to go to get their dental needs met. This company, working solely with reimbursements from Medicaid, was debt free and in only two-and-a-half years had gone from the smallest provider in Alabama to the largest.

Does this sound like a real fairy tale? Well, thankfully for thousands of children across the state, they are a real live operating company located in Anniston, Alabama. When the Sarrell Regional Dental Center for Public Health, Inc. first started out, they had one large factor working against them:

according to the yellow pages, there were 47 dental clinics in the surrounding areas already. The main factor that made them stick out in a fluoride sea of tongue depressors was the fact that their services are completely free to children on Medicaid.

In this kid-friendly atmosphere with fun and entertaining

paintings on the walls (with words in both English and Spanish), a visitor can really get the point that this company cares about helping people. With a completely paperless operation and an always increasing number of patients, this fast-paced, high-productivity company is definitely not the place for employees or interns that would just like to hang back and relax. "This is not a job someone can come to and sit around; we pride ourselves on giving students doing their internships here a taste of



Photo Courtesy of Sarrell

From left to right Back Row: Brandee Moore- JSU intern, Burt Arthur- JSU graduate-Director of Operations, Detric James- JSU graduate, Shari Riley- JSU graduate, Jessica Firestone- JSU intern Brandi Mangum- JSU graduate- Director of Marketing, From left to right- Front Row: Erin Swanson- JSU graduate- HR Manager, Katy White- JSU student, Jennifer O'Dell- JSU intern, Marlen Whitmore- JSU student- Insurance Administrator, Cristina Almanza- JSU student, Shanelle Howell- JSU intern

'the real deal.' If they excel here and it is what they would like to do, we love to keep them here even after graduation," said company CEO and JSU alumni Jeff Parker. Parker, who is also currently

a professor here at JSU, has quite an impressive resume when it comes to heading profitable companies. He has worked for General Foods Corporation, ConAgra and Sara Lee Corporation, just to name a few. Speaking of JSU alumni, all of the administration for Sarrell can be credited to our fine university. Brandi Mangum, the Director of Marketing for Sarrell and a 2003 JSU graduate, feels very strongly about JSU's influence on where Sarrell is today. "Our job

is basically changing children's lives, and it is JSU alumni and interns that have helped us to accomplish this. Without them, we probably would not be where we are right now," said Mangum. Sarrell is always looking for new interns and the way that it has gone in the past, the intern usually stays on board, if they are good enough, of course. "We hire the best and the brightest, which normally means they are from JSU. Our interns are given responsibility with accountability," said Parker. If it turns out that Sarrell is not the place for the intern, Parker tries to do everything in his power to help them find a job that is for them. "If you

are good, get down here," said Parker. Sarrell does the best they can for their patients and staff. So

in this fairy tale, Parker and his staff are the real "tooth fairies" or dental fairies, if you will.

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# Blown away

## JSU Rifle stays undefeated in the OVC

By Chad Hoffman  
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

The Jacksonville State University rifle team won in convincing fashion this past weekend as they blew by OVC foe Tennessee Tech, 4,637 to 4,572.

This was the Gamecocks first home match of the season and proved to be yet another learning experience.

"We not only learned more about ourselves as individuals, but we learned more about the team as a whole," stated freshman Jonathan Hall. "We cannot continue to have these 'learning experiences' if we expect to get any better. We have to know what we as a team are striving for in the end."

JSU won both smallbore and air rifle, and they also placed the top five in the air competition.

Junior Michael Dickinson, a native of Ozark, Ala., took the air rifle title by firing a 590, just two points ahead of teammate Joseph Hall. Audrey McMillian and Phillip Huckaby tied for third with a 583 finish and Jonathan Hall rounded out the top five shooting a 582.

The Gamecocks are shooting below average at this point in the season. They are averaging a 4640.57, six points lower than their average going into last weekend.

"We are slipping as a team," said Dickinson. "Whether it is in one gun or both, we are lower than what we need to be and it is not getting better."

Junior Joseph Hall claimed the title in smallbore with a 589 finish. Dickinson followed him by firing a 576, good enough for third place.

"The season is still early, but we have to shoot better and not stay the same or get worse," stated Dickinson. "We are being watched by every team that we compete against from here on out. We have to get better."

Although the Gamecocks dropped two matches last weekend, this win keeps them undefeated in the OVC.

They will take two weeks off from competing but will continue to train vigorously for their upcoming competition.

They will face off against the University of Alaska in Murray, Ky., on Nov. 12.

# SPORTS

## Volleyball fights to remain on top

By Chris Lundy  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Junior outside hitter Abbey Breit led the Gamecocks in double-digit kills as they defeated Tennessee Tech 3-0 (30-22, 30-25, 30-17) Saturday, Oct. 28, to remain undefeated in the conference.

After shutting down Samford on Wednesday, Oct. 25, Jacksonville State (18-4, 12-0 OVC) kept their composure against a tough Tennessee Tech (9-15, 6-6 OVC).

Thanks to Breit's 15 kills, senior middle blocker Shari Weyer's 13 kills and junior outside hitter Rebekah Nichols' 11 kills, the Gamecocks showed the true definition of teamwork to take care of the Golden Eagles.

"The energy level was down, but they brought it back up," said volleyball head coach Rick Nold. "Offensively, we looked to Abbey, Rebekah and Shari to get us out of that hole."

The three power hitters did just that. Along with freshman Brittney Whitten and senior Joi Watts, the Gamecocks put up 54 kills and held the Golden Eagles to 32 kills. Senior setter Emily Withers led the team with 48 of the team's 51 assists.

Tennessee Tech setter Katherine Lang led her team with 26 of the 30 assists.

Game one set the tone for the rest of the afternoon. Both teams had trouble starting out, but the Gamecocks put forth the effort to beat the Eagles. JSU put up 16 kills and held Tennessee Tech to 10 kills to get the victory.

JSU continued their winning streak in game two. The Gamecocks were down by five, and the Golden Eagles were eight points away from stopping the streak.

With some quick errors and some powerful hitting by Nichols, Jacksonville State came back to win by five and keep their streak intact. The Gamecocks stepped up their defense, holding the Eagles to 13 total kills while hitting 19 kills.

"They needed a game like that," said Nold. "They haven't been challenged as of late, and in order to be ready for the tournament you have to dig out of holes like that."

JSU's energy level was in high gear for game three. Coming back from halftime, the Gamecocks held the Golden Eagles to only 9 kills while hitting 19 offensively.

Tenn. Tech was unable to stop Jacksonville State during the final match, losing by 13 points.

"Game two gave us a scare," said Nichols. "But we got more involved, more emotional and stepped up our blocking."

The Gamecocks look to continue their winning tradition as they head to UT-Martin on Friday and Murray State over the upcoming weekend. They return to Pete Mathews Coliseum Nov. 10 and 11 to take on Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

## Defense leads Gamecocks in OT win

From Staff Reports

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Junior Matt Hardin connected on a 17-yard pass to Taurean Rhetta in overtime as Jacksonville State (4-4, 4-2 OVC) claimed a 17-10 win over Tennessee Tech (2-6, 2-3) in an Ohio Valley Conference game on Saturday.

"I can't say enough about the effort from our kids today," said JSU head coach Jack Crowe following the Gamecocks first-ever overtime win. "We kept fighting and fighting for the entire game and were able to pull it out in the end."

Tennessee Tech tied the game at 10-10 with 4:31 left in the fourth quarter after Derek

White scored on a six-yard run and Nate Johnson kicked the point after.

The Gamecocks took the ensuing kickoff and drove down to the TTU 26 yard line and Gavin Hallford attempted a 43-yard field goal into a strong and gusty wind, but his attempt was just short as time expired in regulation.

Jax State went on offense first and Hardin completed a 12-yard pass to Rhetta down to the TTU 13. Clay Green then was hit for a 4-yard loss back to the 17 yard line before Hardin connected with Rhetta for the game winning touchdown.

The Gamecock defense then answered the call, and JSU's

Devin Phillips stopped Tech's Brent McNeal on fourth down.

Tennessee Tech took a 3-0 lead after Nate Johnson kicked a career-long 36-yard field goal with 14:13 left in the second quarter.

The Gamecocks battled back to tie the game late in the second quarter after Rhetta broke through and blocked his third punt of the season deep inside Golden Eagle territory.

Four plays later, Hallford kicked a 29-yard field goal with 2:16 left in the second quarter to tie the game at 3-3 at the half.

Jax State took a 10-3 lead with 1:42 left in the third quarter after the Gamecocks went

74 yards in 11 plays. Green scored on a 1-yard run and Hallford kicked the point after to give JSU the lead.

Hardin finished the game 13-for-22 for 164 yards and one touchdown, while Rhetta finished with five catches for 81 yards to lead the Gamecocks. Green finished the game with 70 yards on 28 carries and one touchdown.

Tennessee Tech was led by quarterback Lee Sweeney, who finished 11-for-27 with one interception for 117 yards.

The Gamecocks return to action next Saturday at UT-Chattanooga. Kickoff is set for 5 p.m.

## Gamecock Baseball hosts Parents Weekend

By Chris Lundy  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

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The Gamecock Baseball team hosted a Baseball Parents Weekend for the player's parents and guests.

The weekend consisted of two preview games Friday and Saturday. Following Saturday's game, families and guests gathered at the Gamecock Center to participate in a post-game dinner with a speech by baseball head coach Jim Case.

"We wanted our parents to have an idea of what kind of team we have," said baseball assistant coach Steve Gillispie. "A lot of them we haven't seen since the prior season or the recruiting process, so it was an opportunity to get them back on campus again."

The players were split up into three groups during the games. The players rotated while two pitchers stood at the

ground. Once a group of players reached their three outs, more players came out to bat while another set went on the field for defense.

The parents and guests watched from the stands of Rudy Abbott Field to cheer on the team.

As the new players fought hard to earn their respect on the field, they also had the pleasure of introducing their parents to the team.

"We wanted families to get reacquainted and get a chance for the new parents to meet the parents of the returning players," said Gillispie. "With that, it's helped the players form a bond and increases the fan base for home games and away games."

The Gamecocks have improved their tactics over the fall due to new strength and conditioning coach Wes Brasill.

"The guys have responded to his

personality," said Gillispie. "It's also helped from a professional standpoint in that the instruction is better and other trainers can pay attention to detail and technique."

The fall practice and preview provided insight and hope for new players as well as returning players. The Gamecocks have set high standards for themselves in hopes to live up to last season tournament championship run.

"They've set a goal that regionals is not the main goal," said Gillispie. "It's to win one and build from that, and with that being the expectation, it ups the expectation in all areas and increases productivity."

The 2007 season for the Gamecocks will be underway in mid-February. Until then, the Gamecocks will continue to prepare for another championship run through the Ohio Valley Conference.

# Cross country in the middle of the pack over weekend

By Matt Morgan  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The men and women's cross country teams competed in the Ohio Valley Conference Championship this past weekend in Clarksville, Tenn.

Out of a field of 10 teams in the OVC, the JSU men tied Austin Peay for sixth place in the 8K race.

Jeff Rhodes finished first for the Gamecocks, placing eighth overall in the race with a time of 25:47. He was followed closely by Ryan McKay, who placed ninth with a time of 25:51.

It was the first time Rhodes captured the top spot for the Gamecocks.

"I had a very good race. I raced well and was very

pleased with my finish."

Also scoring for the Gamecocks were Jason Butler in twenty-third place with a time of 27:22, Steven Calvert in fifty-first place with a time of 28:27 and Chris Moore in fifty-eighth place with a time of 29:18. Rhodes and McKay both earned All-OVC second team honors.

On the women's side, the Gamecocks competed in a 5K race on a field of 11 teams and also came home with a sixth place finish.

Lesley Binning finished first for the gamecocks in twenty-third place with a time of 19:53 and Sarah Caine followed up second for the team with twenty-eighth place and a time of 20:14.

Other scorers for the Lady Gamecocks included Olivia Watson in thirty-first place at 20:19 Megan Ziarek in thirty-fifth place at 20:29, and Latosha Taliaferro in thirty-seventh place at 20:35.

"It's awesome to see [that we] ran so close to each other during the race," Binning said. "Looking at the results, we all finished within one minute of each other and that's one of the first times we've done that."

Shelbee Roberts and Mackenzie Hayes also competed for the gamecocks with fiftieth and fifty-ninth place finishes with times of 21:17 and 21:41.

Coach Steve Ray, who coaches both the men's and women's teams, believes

that the Gamecocks are right where they should be.

"The guys were picked to take seventh this race and came out one spot ahead of the predictions. The girls ran great and finished just where we expected. In the OVC, there are five teams better than us and five teams worse than us. We are looking forward to next year with some new runners coming in to add to the talent we have right now."

The racing Gamecocks will be competing at the regional cross country meet on Nov. 12, in Nashville, Tenn. For official results concerning the OVC Championship, visit [www.ovcsports.com](http://www.ovcsports.com).

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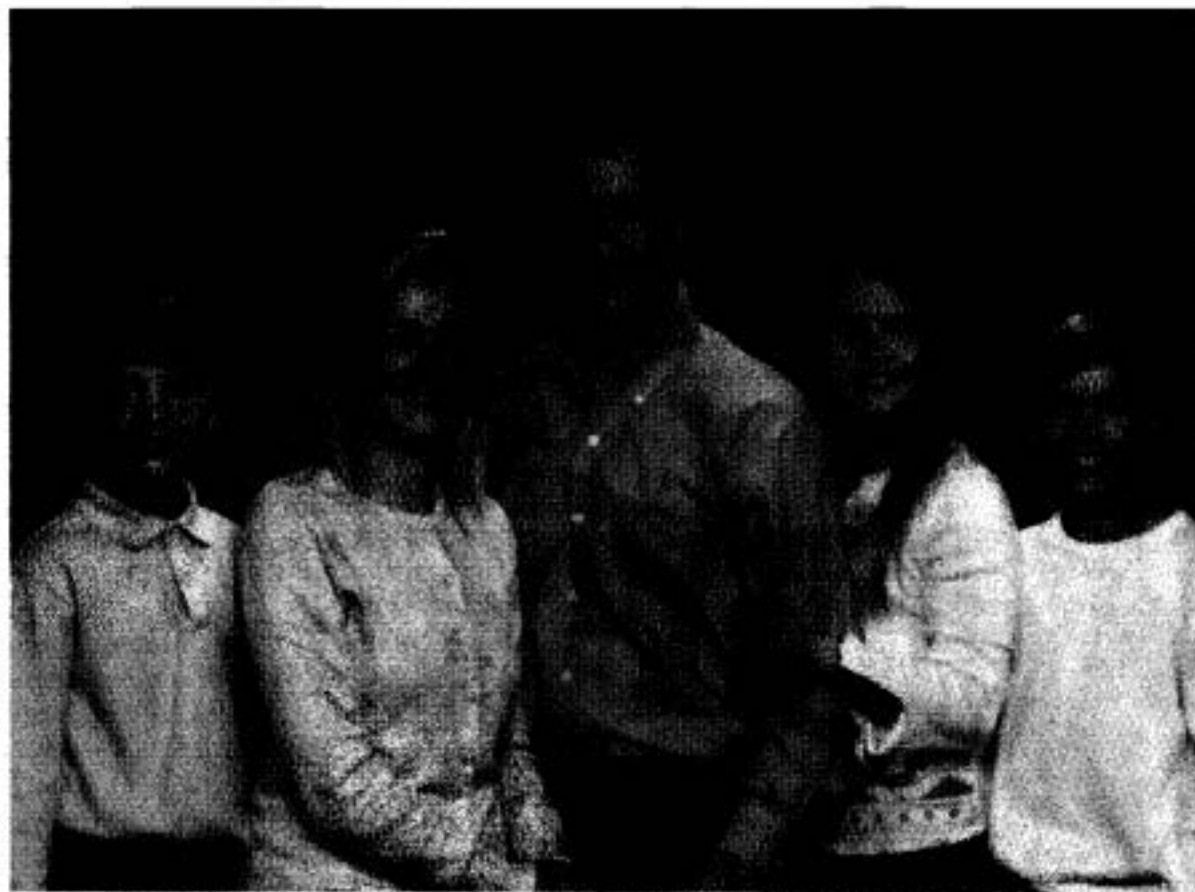
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