After a last minute loss to the 2005-2006 reigning champion Murray State Racers, The Gamecocks look to come out even stronger than last year’s team, and get back to the playoffs.

The 69-64 lost left a sour taste in the mouths of returning seniors Courtney Bradley, Harold Crow and Nick Smith. The Gamecocks, who finished with an overall record of 16-13 and a 12-8 conference record, has a new look and some new faces that bring all smiles to head coach Mike LaPlante. Talking with LaPlante, he has high hopes for the Gamecocks as they enter the 2006-2007 basketball season.

Chris Lundy (CL): Compare last season’s roster to this season’s roster.

Coach Mike LaPlante (ML): I think the 06-07 version of the Gamecocks are going to have their work cut out for them. I think they're going to have some big holes to fill. We lost six transition to this level. We are going to rely on those returning players especially at the beginning of the season. Until they develop, transition and adjust to this level, we're going to heavily rely on the Courtney Bradley’s and the Dorien Brown’s until the new guys get their feet wet as we get into these preseason practices.

CL: What does that say for those JUCO guys, having the experience, and having the leadership from their, previous teams help out the freshmen and also the senior leaders.

ML: It was imperative because right into that spot and carry on the scoring production that B.J. gave us from that position. So, we’re going to look to those two here out of the gate.

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I think they’re going to have some big holes to fill. We lost six seniors, and three of them were starters. (Walker) Russell was an all conference player. (Anthony) Wilson was a four year player and (B.J.) Spencer was our second leading scorer and one of the top shooters in the league. It’s going to be interesting as to see who can fill those voids and rely on the Courtney Bradley’s and the Dorian Brown’s until the new guys get their feet wet.

CL: How are the new players adjusting to the new style and how do you see them progressing through the season?

ML: Right now, this is the preseason conditioning. We only get to see them a couple of hours a week for strictly basketball. So far, the team has had a ML: It was imperative because of what we were losing to attract players that I think would fit in our system. Losing Russell, we still have DeAndre Bray and we brought in Will Ginn, so they’ll be going for that spot. I feel we like we were able to identify and attract the type of people for those right spots.

From a junior college standpoint, the freshmen and also the senior leaders.

ML: Absolutely. Ginn was a second team all-American in the JUCO ranks. He led the country in assists, so he’s very similar to what Russell can do. Russell was a top assist guy in the country coming out of the JUCO ranks. Ginn is a proven winner and I think the he will do well.

Another JUCO player is Erik Adams. He was one of the top ten scorers in the nation in the JUCO ranks. He’s a guy that has shown that he can score the basketball. It’s different because Spencer was an exclusive three-point shooter. Adams can score inside and out, and he’s a little bigger than B.J. He’ll be a different type of scorer and I think he will have the ability to fit

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The Gamecocks finished 6th in the conference with a 9-11 record and an overall 11-17 record.

Top it off, coach Dave D'Alessandro resigned after only coaching JSU for two seasons. How does a team rebuild from a devastating season that looked promising?

Enter Becky Geyer.

Geyer comes to Jacksonville State University after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Central Florida. Before going to the Golden Knights, Geyer led the Division III Trinity University Tigers to a 229-107 record over a span of 13 seasons.

“I’m a very fundamental coach,” said Geyer.

“From day one, we’ve been working on pivoting and jump shots and wearing dribble glasses.”

These drills, along with talented young ladies, helped Geyer and the Tigers win the Division III title in 2003 and a Sweet 16 appearance in 2005.

Geyer was also named the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2003.

“It has been an adjustment for me, the assistant coaches and the players,” said Geyer. “But we have already seen an adjustment in our style.”

Across the board, the adjustments come at a time when the Gamecocks return eight players, including starters LaTonya McKinney and Courtney Slaughter. In addition to their scoring ability, guard Ashley Boykin brings off the bench presence and dangerous three-point shooting range.

“We’re helping them find things in their game and teach them drills they didn’t know,” said Geyer. “Eventually, it’s going to make them better, individual players.”

Geyer brought in three new assistant coaches to help her with her system, hoping the coaches will help the players understand the system.

Brand D’Alessandro comes from Trinity after spending six years with Geyer.

“He knows exactly what we’re going to do and what to expect,” said Geyer. “And we’re so fortunate to get Jamie Kellerman.”

Kellerman enters her first season as a JSU assistant coach, bringing her playing experience from Marshall University. Gerlonda Hardin brings her experience in from Austin Peay.

“Both of them are young people who just finished their graduate work,” said Geyer. “They are up and coming and I think we have a great staff.”

The Gamecocks still have time to prepare for the new season before the opening game against Kennesaw State on Nov. 10. JSU will return for their home opener against Birmingham Southern on the 13th and then host Georgia Southern on the 15th. The Gamecocks will play nine non-conference games before opening OVC play against instate rival Samford at Pete Mathews Coliseum on Dec. 7.

With a new coach, new drills, new assistant coaches and seven new freshmen fighting for playing time, the Gamecocks look to tip off the Becky Geyer Era in a positive fashion.
Chris Lundy (CL): I think that before you get to know someone as a person, you have to get to know someone as a person. So, real quick, just tell me about you and your family life.

Becky Geyer (BG): I have a son, Clifford, who is 5 and in kindergarten, and we love it here. I grew up in a town of about 1200 people and I've been in cities for the last 14 years where there where over a million people. So, it's a refreshing change.

CL: It's more of a home town setting here.

BG: I like the small town atmosphere where people look out for each another, and you don't have to worry about walking to your car at night. I really like it here and my son loves it. In Orlando, every second I had to have him close to me. I still keep him close here, but I don't feel so threatened because it's a with a family, friendly environment.

CL: What were some of your previous accolades as a player and coach? Did you play any other sports growing up?

BG: I spent 13 years at Trinity University in San Antonio, and there were kids who became doctors and lawyers. What is interesting is a lot of them may still finish with their degree in their major, but a lot them wanted to be a coach. I do have a lot of young people I have coached who are now coaches.

CL: What is it like when they call you?

BG: It's so cool. I like to use crazy stories, especially with my dog. We have a chau-terrier mix, Scrappi, and she likes to run around the table we have in the living room. I'm chasing her, trying to catch her and finally I give up. I sit on the couch and she comes up and lays her head on my lap. So, I just teach them that you have to have patience or you're going to drive yourself crazy.

CL: Some athletes try to do it in high school. If a student plays football, he might do track and field in the spring just for the conditioning and to stay in shape.

BG: Right. And hopefully they don't overlap. Those two sports you mentioned are good combinations. But, volleyball and softball is tough and you can't find students who can do both anymore. Basketball is now a year round event.

CL: How long have you been interested in coaching and teaching students?

BG: I always knew what I wanted to do. From the very beginning, I never changed. I knew this was what I wanted to do and I went out and did it. I think that's unusual because the average student changes their major about four or five times. I've always wanted to be a coach and I love it. It's what I know. The thing I enjoy most about the coaching is the teaching.

CL: At times, you get to be a parent type figure. On the court, it's the coach. Off the court, it's getting to know the players on a one-on-one basis.

BG: It's that part I like. We try to teach them to be young, responsible adults. Basketball is just a tool through the journey of life. It's only a small part as opposed to the big picture. The beauty of it is you get to teach the kids about life through the game of basketball.

CL: And a lot of coaches enjoy that aspect of the coaching. Do a lot of your student choose to pursue the basketball profession instead of choosing their decided major?

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CL: What was some of your other achievements? I know you are a three sport athlete these days.

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G2K, continued.

Smith is a fifth-year senior, so you look for that guy with his experience and his ability. I'm hoping he can bring us some good leadership and be a contributor from the start.

CL: What are your freshmen bringing to the table? Talk about them individually.

ML: One freshman who was a sit out for us last year is Reggie Shellwood. I think he will be an impact player. Since he's had a chance to be here, he understands our program. He's physical specimen and already has the body to compete at this level.

Jeremy Harris is another guy we had sitting out last year. He was the 4A player of the year coming out of Saks High School. He's another guy who has earned our system. He's done the strength and conditioning necessary, so I look for him to compete for minutes.

We have some other guys, including Erwin Staten out of Huntsville. He's about 6'4 1/2 to 6'5 and a guard who's a very good shooter and passer. He has a good fit on the game.

We have Tracy Thomas out of Chicago. This kid can really score. He'll put a lot of pressure early on some teams. He can really shoot the ball and has the knock to score. His conditioning is going well. He just needs to get stronger.

And then there's another guy in Jake Worley who is a good, all around steady guy and fit for the game. The fans will appeal more to him like they did with Brad Peters last year. He has a good understanding of how to play.

CL: From everything I've read, they have the basketball team picked around third or fourth. But, like you said the polls mean nothing and that's true. Most of the polls for football in our conference had Eastern Kentucky picked first and look at our team did.

ML: You know last year they picked us 10th, and we finished fourth. I've seen in magazines that we've been picked anywhere from third to eighth. But the league is so balanced so it toss up. The preseason polls make for good conversation.

CL: Looking at the schedule for this year, everybody is talking about UMass coming to the coliseum. What does that say about the JSU basketball program playing a Final Four contender?

ML: When you get to the Final Four, that's a big step for your program. They are major teams that could be a preseason top contender. It's a quality program. With us being a young, Division I program, someone like that coming to our campus is a good step for our program. I think it'll be great for our fans to see us and enjoy our success. We've played Alabama, Kentucky, Auburn, but at their arenas. So for us to bring a team of stature to come here gives our players a chance to experience the home court advantage they don't often get.

It also makes you feel like if you're in the middle of finals. That will be right before Christmas. Both of those teams are testers for us.

CL: What are your overall expectations for this team and for the season?

ML: I really think this season will be great for the OVC. I would think looking at the rosters and schedule, that Samford would be the preseason top pick. After that, the league is so balanced. I think that's balanced. I think that a 15-5 record could get someone into the tournament. But, I'm excited for our guys, our program and our fans, and I expect to have a very productive season.
Queens and ... Queens?

Homecoming pageant contestants "shake their stuff" in the opening number.

Top Ten now... Top Eleven

Several "ladies" seek the title of Bachelor Beauty on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Beauties vie for the crown
The JSU 2006 Homecoming Pageant came and went this year as smoothly as planned. Except that eleven instead of ten finalists were chosen out of the field of 32—and the wrong eleventh name was read.

The pageant, sponsored by the SGA, was held on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at the Leone Cole Auditorium. Well over 500 people attended the event, which was held to narrow a field of 32 prospective Homecoming Queens down to ten. The first surprise of the evening came with the announcement of the fact that there were eleven instead of ten finalists.

"There was a tie," said Lynn Burgess, one of the five judges for the Pageant. "That does happen from time to time, but not very often."

After ten of the finalists were announced, the anticipation grew as to who the eleventh finalist would be. Andy Green, master of ceremonies along with Misty Cassell, announced the eleventh name was Jessica Firestone. After receiving her flowers for her achievement, Firestone was in for an immediate surprise.

"I'm sorry, I'm so sorry. The name was read incorrectly," said Green, correcting the mistake. "The eleventh finalist is actually Jessica Gandy."

The crowd erupted with a mixture of boos, and confusion. But it was Firestone who handled the situation with most grace.

"When he called my name I was surprised," Firestone said with a broad smile befitting of a pageant contestant. "But when he said there was a mistake I had a feeling it was me."

When later reached for comment Green explained the situation.

"It was just an error on my part," said Green. "I didn't mean to cause any heartache or harm."

After the mix-up, the eleven finalists were in place. Among them was senior Terasha Johnson.

"I'm excited," said Johnson. "This is my senior year and it's just a great opportunity to represent my sorority (Delta Sigma Theta) and the rest of the student body."

Along with Johnson and Gandy, the other nine finalists were Kristy Bell, Stacy Hansen, Tiffany Haulk, Angela Iciano, Samantha MaGee, Nikki McLean, Nanci Morales, Holly Murdock, and Summer Watts.

The ceremony consisted of an opening parade of the contestants, where the 32 contestants performed and opened dancing to the Scissor Sisters' hit "I Don't Feel Like Dancing."

"I heard a lot of positive feedback about the dance," said Vice President of Student Senate Moody Duff III, "and the set decorations were very elegant."

The opening number was followed by the evening gown competition, during which each contestant randomly drew a different question to answer before the crowd.

After this portion of the pageant, the finalists were selected by a panel of five judges. One of them, Burgess, explained the criteria the judges used in selecting the finalists.

"What we look for primarily [is the contestants'] GPA, academics are very important," said Burgess.

"Also how they balance their academics with their extracurricular activities. That's the judging. Of course, when they get on the stage, we look at how they handle themselves and their appearances. And the interviews were a big factor too."

The next phase of the selection for the Homecoming Queen will take place on Thursday, Oct. 12, when students vote for five finalists from the field of eleven. The voting will take place throughout the morning and the afternoon on the third floor of the TMB.

After the five finalists are chosen, the announcement of this year's Homecoming Queen will take place on Thursday, Oct. 19, the week of Homecoming, at the Bonfire/Pep Rally at Paul Carpenter Field at 8 p.m.

"I came here to support my organization (SGA) and to have fun," said David Jennings, who went by the alias Daisy Lane Montgomery. "Plus, it's for a good cause."

Second runner-up was Dee Rax. First runner-up was Champagne Shagwell, Kyle Hicks. "I think the guys are sexy," said Joey Haynes. "It was interesting," said MC Tim King. "I think I have to go disinfect myself now," after he was "hit-on" by several of the participants.

During the intermissions, door prizes were awarded, and Alpha Kappa Psi performed a stepshow that was just as popular with the audience as the pageant itself.

"I was really excited about having Kappa Alpha Psi do the stepshow," said Alpha Xi Delta member and event planner Rachel Gordon.

The formal wear portion also included an onstage question. Most of the contestants opted for the traditional world peace answer.

"Since Cory's in the pageant, it feels weird kissing him when he is decked out in all the make-up," said Desiree Garcia, girlfriend of Cory Creel, or Mustang Sally, as he was for the night.

All Mustang Sally could say was, "I want a recount," semi-sarcastically.

"I would like to tell all women, I'm sorry. I feel your pain now," said Daisy Lane Montgomery.
PRO: PRO is meeting on Monday, Oct. 16 at 1 p.m. in the back of The Mimosa office in Self Hall to coordinate the communication alumni brunch. Attendance is highly stressed. Contact: Jacely, 256-404-2590.

Sociology Club: WISE, AFSA, SAFE and NAACP: There will be a voter registration drive on Oct. 16-21. Tables will be located throughout the week in the TMB, Jack Hopper Dining Hall and Stone Center. We don't care how you vote, just vote! Contact: Alexis, lexylouise2@aol.com.

Sociology Club: The Sociology Club is having a special guest speaker from the Jacksonville News Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 4:30 p.m. in Brewer Hall room 328. Jimmy Creed will be talking about 24 hour news and how it has affected American life. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact: Alexis, lexylouise2@aol.com.

Spring Concert: Please cut-out, fill-out and return the survey on page nine to the Office of Student Life by Oct. 19. Contact: Olivia, 256-482-5491.

SGA: Homecoming Court elections will be today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Homecoming Queen elections will be Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both will be on the third floor of the TMB. Bring your student ID. There will be a Karaoke in the Cafe on Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. J-Day will be Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the TMB lawn. Contact: Shavon, sgadop@jsu.edu.

Why I hate Kim Jong-II

By Nick Lehwald
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Now for the record, before I begin my rant, I would like to say that I am not an expert on this subject. I know almost nothing about North Korea besides the fact that it's communist, the guy in charge, Kim Jong-II, is short (5'2) and that nuclear bombs are not good for your health.

I mean, I had to google his name just to get it right for this article. But like any good American college student, I have an opinion. And like any true American, I want to tell you my opinion.

For those of you who don't know, Kim Jong-II is the dictator of North Korea. His official title is "Chairman of the National Defense Commission, Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, and General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea."

First off, Kim has never spent one day of his life in military service. I bet the only bullet he's ever fired is the one that hit him in the foot when he detonated that nuke last week. George Bush has more military experience than he does, and that's saying something.

Secondly, his father was president of the country since the 1960's, and he only got into politics because his father got him appointed to several key posts throughout his life.

In 1969, he was appointed, probably by his father, the deputy director of Propaganda and Agitation Department. I wonder what he did there?!

Probably just sitting around and said, "North Korea Rocks a lot."

And you think American propaganda is bad. The North Koreans have an entire department of their government dedicated entirely to brainwashing their citizens and picking fights with people. (cough South Korea cough)

But enough about Shorty McShort, time to talk about North Korea.

Did you know that Kim Jong-II is not the president? His father, Kim Il-Sung, is still president.

Oh yeah, another thing about that: Kim Il-Sung died in 1994. The current President of North Korea DIED IN 1994! His official title is "Eternal President of the Republic."

I'm wondering if they dig him up every time they need his signature.

Kim Jong-II is only the chairman of the nation. Think of him like the chairman of the board for a major corporation. A corporation that happens to have a population of 23 million people, some nuclear bombs and owns about 47,000 square miles of land.

This corporation also controls all the media, all trade, and the distribution of food throughout the nation. Because of this, there are massive food shortages throughout the country, since most of the food is dedicated to party officials and the military.

Did you know that during the famines of the 1990s, an estimated 2 million people died because they couldn't eat? Allow me to repeat that: Two MILLION people DIED in the 1990s because there wasn't enough food.

If that's not a humanitarian crisis, then by God, I want to know what is. Saddam Hussein was a terrible, insane man, but on his worst day, he didn't starve 2 million of his citizens. Amnesty International has accused North Korea for having the worst record of human rights violations in history.

Stalin has nothing on these people.

Burning the midnight oil

By Jared Sorensen
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"Four children were killed in Elizabethown, Ky."

"The Detroit Tigers beat the New York Yankees 8-3."

"A rainy weekend in the Northeast, should be sunny through Tuesday."

Has anyone watched the news lately? I stopped watching the news after all the news became "Three Kids Killed by Serial Killer," "Grandma Holds-up Quik-y-Mart" and my personal favorite, "Magic Squirrel Slaughters Bus Full of Children."

Killings, assaults, car-jackings, hate crimes, and scandals seem to be all that fills the news. Heaven forbid that there actually be some good that happens in the world. It used to be that the media, both written and on the airwaves, were full of things to be celebrated.

I know that there are a lot of people who have differing opinions on the "War on Terrorism." It is true that a lot of innocent people have died, both civilian and military on all sides.

In the beginning of the world wide conflict, every serviceman and woman that fell was named, and their picture was on CNN.

Of the many that have fallen, I can recall one by name, Pat Tillman. You might be able to recall this young man's name, as he was a safety for the Arizona Cardinals.

As a young freshman, I can remember sitting in the house of the fraternity I was pledging and watching TV with the brothers. I got called into the
As a young freshman, I can remember sitting in the house of the fraternity I was pledging and watching TV with the brothers. I got called into the lounge to hear about this story about some NFL athlete who enlisted in the Army, and was going to join Special Forces.

On the morning of April 24, 2004, I was getting

Is it really Columbus’ Day?

By Summer Hunt
The Chanticleer Copy Editor

Okay, finish this sentence: “In fourteen-hundred ninety-two, Columbus ...”

I hope you answered, “sailed the ocean blue.” If you didn’t, obviously you don’t remember everything you learned in elementary school.

Every year, Americans observe Columbus Day. According to the Library of Congress, the actual holiday is Oct. 12. On this day in 1492, land was sighted by one of the sailors manning one of Columbus' ships, the Pinta. The very next day, Columbus and his crew set out to explore the Bahamian island of Guanahani. This marked the end of a ten-week long journey that commenced in Palos, Spain.

Columbus Day was not actually designated in the United States as an official holiday until the 400-year anniversary. The first state to declare the day a legal holiday was Colorado in 1907, and New York followed suit in 1909. Columbus Day was authorized a federal holiday in 1971, observed on the second Monday of October.

However, there is a little bit of controversy surrounding Columbus Day and whether or not he actually discovered America. Some people say that you cannot discover a land that is already inhabited, as were the Americas.

Now deceased Judge Ronald Swearinger of the Los Angeles Superior Court maintained that Leif Erickson and his crew actually discovered America 500 years prior to Columbus.

“I am prepared to and do at this time emphatically declare that Columbus did not discover America,” he said in a speech he gave in 1989. “A Norwegian Viking by the name of Leif Erickson did and did so in the late 10th century.”

He said that instead, Columbus went looking for China “persuaded by some erratic trigonometry and some terrible calculus.”

According to Swearinger, Vikings used to tell fantastical stories about different places. Erickson heard one such “saga” about a “land far to the west that had been seen through a mist.” Encouraged by this and the need to break free of his father’s shadow, he set off in approximately 990 A.D. This is the date that has been passed down through Norse sagas.

So, who really discovered America? I guess we’ll never know.
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Cinderelly, Cinderelly

By Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer
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"Doing 'Thriller' in high heels is a feeling I'll always remember," said JSU student Coty Cockrell, who plays the evil stepmother Gingivitis in the Drama Department's Cinderella.

"You suffer for your art, you really do," continued Cockrell before putting on a pair of too-small pink and black tights.

There actually isn't a lot of suffering going on at the dress rehearsal for Cinderella. In fact, the cast seems positively enthused at participating in what seems to be the first-ever encore presentation of a JSU Drama production.

Cinderella first ran July 11-15. The show was geared toward the middle and high school students on summer break, since most of JSU's student population goes home during the summer months. However, the show was so popular that the department decided to do a second run this fall.

"This isn't your typical Cinderelly," said Eric Traynor, the director of the show. Traynor also wrote and composed the music for this version of Cinderella, which takes place in a trailer and a DiscoTech. "Even through it's a kid's show, [college students] will get a kick out of it, too."

"I think that's the biggest plus [out of doing the show again]. The college-aged kids are going to get it," said Cockrell. "They're going to see 'Thriller' and understand what's going on. It's not a Spongebob Squarepants kind of a show. It's multi-faceted. It's got something for everybody."

A few of the "somethings" this show has: two male students in women's clothing ("That's bad, when we have to ask two guys whose heels they are," said Blake Edwards, the Godmother-in-Training.), the aforementioned "Thriller" dance number, some very interesting singing numbers ("If you don't know how to sing in this show, we'll work with you," said Heather Norton, who plays the Fairy Godmother.), and a country line dance.

A few of the somebodies this show has includes Professor Steve Whitton of the English Department. Whitton (The Prince's Prompter) and Traynor have worked together before, both onstage and off.

"I taught him all he knows," said Whitton. "He did," replied Traynor. "Too bad I forgot it all." Another notable cast member is Kelly Summers (Cinderella). Summers actually graduated from JSU this past August, but returned for the fall run.

"It's feels like I've just been gone for a week," said Summers. "It's nice to come back and entertain the kids."

Most members didn't have a problem returning for the autumn production of the show.

"I was going over my lines and I remembered them - I think," said Norton of the break between the two runs. "It's feels like I've just been gone for a week," said Summers. "It's nice to come back and entertain the kids."

Cinderella opens Thursday, Oct. 12. Shows are at 7 p.m. on Oct. 12 and 13, and 2 p.m. on Oct. 14 and 15. All tickets are $5. For more information call 782-5648.

"Marvin's Room" delights in theater finalist

IF YOU SAVE A HERO WHAT DOES THAT MAKE YOU?

U.S. AIR FORCE CROSS INTO THE BLUE
Marvin's Room' delights both actors & audiences

By Bethany Harbinson
The Chanticleer Staff Writer.

"This play really questions the whole idea of caregivers. It also questions whether to go about our lives with logic or by heart," said actor Russell Reeps of "Marvin's Room," the first production of the JSU Drama Department this year.

"Marvin's Room" is a dark comedy that takes place in the present and tells the story of Bessie, a woman who has invested her life into caring for her bedridden father Marvin and elderly aunt Ruth. Conflict enters the plot when Bessie is diagnosed with leukemia and is forced to contact her estranged sister, Lee, to see if she or her sons, Hank and Charlie, are matches for a bone marrow transplant. Hank sets fire to his family's home when he was younger and resides in a mental institution. Not surprisingly he has a volatile relationship with his mother. However, Hank develops a close relationship with his Aunt Bessie when she seeks to soothe the lines of communication between his mother and him. As Bessie's health continues to decline, the question of who will take care of Marvin and Ruth after she is gone poses. Lee wants to place them in a nursing home because she refuses to "waste her life" as she feels her sister has. Bessie says that she would have changed nothing about the way she spent her life and is heartbroken at the thought.

A play full of clashes and personal drama, "Marvin's Room" ends with a lot of things up in the air. Not only is the fate of each character left to one's own imagination, but also the audience must draw their own conclusions about the integrity of each individual as well. No "bad guy" exists in "Marvin's Room"; instead, each character possesses their own unique strengths, weaknesses and quirks.

"This is the first play I have seen where the different characters have such a malicious conflict with one another," said freshman Floyd Jordan, one of two "Scrubs" who first greeted the audience and explained the rules of the theater.

"I like how it is about how life isn't always a great thing but that you can always find a bright side to it," said senior actress Beth Stanford, who played Ruth.

Though the cast was composed of many upperclassmen, Jordan was one of the few exceptions.

"Marvin's Room" is my first production to be involved in here at JSU, and I was really amazed to see how the process came about," said Jordan.

"It was a lot of laughs, but a lot of hardships. The cast has grown into their parts from day one. I'm very proud of this cast," said senior Daria Johnson, assistant stage manager.

Reeps attributed much of the play's success to the unity and chemistry that the cast members shared.

"We've gelled as a family and I think that is what made this play heartfelt and real-to-life," said Reeps.

Jan Rhodes, the box office and promotions manager and drama department secretary, said that "Marvin's Room" was chosen to benefit JSU's drama students, as are all JSU productions. She was also pleased with their efforts, even though they faced a busy weekend with the beginning of fall break for local school systems.

"The cast worked very hard to present the best they had to every audience, and [they] seemed very receptive and appreciative of their efforts," said Rhodes.

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Day in the Life: Josh Matthews
Battalion Commander of JSU ROTC

By Toni Merriss
The Chanticleer Features Editor

There are many choices in life to be made – but for some, the choices impact not only themselves but the entire nation. Throughout history, especially in a time of war the armed forces have looked to attract more volunteers.

For one person, this was not a hard decision to make at all.

Meet senior Josh Matthews, cadet Battalion Commander of the JSU Reserve Officer Training Corps (or ROTC).

Matthews, a criminal justice major with a security administration concentration, also serves as the Captain of the Ranger Challenge team for ROTC, which makes his already busy schedule a tad more hectic.

Coming to JSU four years ago was an easy choice for Matthews. He had initially looked into attending West Point, but after considering all the factors, such as having “a real college experience,” he decided to look at Jacksonville State.

“I had heard that JSU had the best ROTC program around and, it was not too far from home so it sounded really good. What really sold me though were the facilities that were offered to students in the program,” he explained.

So, coming to the conclusion that JSU was the best place for him, he packed up his things in Sardis, Al. and made the move.

Matthews was offered a four-year ROTC scholarship and upon his acceptance was thrust into the military lifestyle. (Well, a small taste of it)

From the beginning, Matthews excelled at ROTC. After his freshman year he was selected to attend Airborne School, in Ft. Benning, Ga. The next summer, continuing on the “fast track,” Matthews attended Air Assault school in Ft. Campbell, Ky.

It is a very prestigious honor to attend both of these camps while still in ROTC because there are active military personnel that never get the chance to go.

The summer between his junior and senior years, Matthews not only went to the Leadership Development & Assessment Course (LDAC) in Ft. Lewis, Wa. but also the Cadet Troop Lead Training (CTLT) in Ft. Polk, La.

Being the Battalion Commander is no easy job. A lot of heart and sweat goes into Matthews’ job that many people do not realize.

The week begins early on Mondays with physical training (PT) at 0600 (6 a.m.). The Ranger Team does PT with the rest of the battalion but they tend to step up the intensity a bit. The reason for this is that they have competitions throughout the year against other schools doing various activities but PT is a large part of their competitions.

Later in the day, Matthews attends a staff meeting with the other cadet officers and the cadre (the ROTC instructors) discussing the various activities that are planned for the coming weeks and months. At night, Matthews has quite a bit of paperwork to do preparing for Tuesday, his busiest day of the week.

Again, his day starts out with pt beginning at 0600 and ending at 0700 (7 a.m.). After PT, Matthews meets with the other MS IV’s (seniors) or the Ranger Team and makes sure everyone knows what is going on with their activities for the day.

Matthews grabs a quick shower at home before heading off to class for a few hours. He takes time for a lunch break before he has to be up at Rowe Hall (the ROTC building) for class.

At the end of class Matthews conducts yet another meeting (can anyone see a pattern?) with his MS IV classmates.

“Many of the meetings are actually run by my XO (Executive Officer), Rusty Palmore. My job is mostly planning everything with LTC “Chip” Hester and then delegating what needs to be done,” Matthews said. “If things are running smoothly then I know I did my job well, but if I am running around doing things at the last minute I did not."

The MS IVs are in charge of instructing the underclassmen in the Military Science labs that are held on Tuesdays. So Matthews first checks to make sure that everyone knows what is going on for the next week’s lab, then he checks on the lab that is scheduled for that day.

The ROTC labs vary in activity from week to week depending on it is need to be worked on. The first week of school the lab consisted of the cadet activation ceremony, which is where the Professor of Military Science (PMS), LTC Hester, passes the “baton” on to the incoming battalion commander, and the entire battalion takes a group photo.

Some of the other labs have been for drill & ceremony and land navigation.

Drill & ceremony is where the new cadets are trained in basic marching formations. Some of the older cadets are given leadership responsibilities, just to get them used to leading troops from the beginning.

Land navigation is pretty self explanatory. Cadets are instructed on how to reach certain set checkpoints in wooded areas.

For many cadets, like Matthews, ROTC is the first exposure to the military life. Although neither of his parents were in the military, both of his grandfathers were.

“I want to succeed, it is my duty to my country. I want to be the best at what I do. Right now, what I do is ROTC and Ranger Challenge. In a few months, it will change to the military,” Matthews said.

The military lifestyle can be especially hard on the family members left behind when someone is away on temporary duty (TDY) or deployed. “It makes it hard to form a family life but whoever you end up with has to understand that it is your life and what you signed up to do. I guess you just have to meet the right person to understand that sort of thing,” Matthews said.

Right now with the ongoing war the pressure is extremely great on those in the armed forces but Matthews feels very strongly about his chosen profession. “I remember on 9/11, I was a junior in high school, and I wished so badly that I was 18 so that I could enlist right then. If I could have, I would have done it,” Matthews shared.

Although glad that he waited and joined the ROTC program, he feels that strongly about defending our country.

Joining the ROTC program has allowed Matthews to experience many things that people not in the military will never get the chance to. “I love traveling all over and before I started in ROTC the only places I had been were Georgia and Florida. Since then, I have been to so many places. I probably would have never done that without ROTC,” Matthews finished with.
Friday Night Frights: The Atrox Factory

By Nick Lehwald
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

Here I go again. I've been sent off on assignment to Leads to go to another haunted house. I tried to go Sunday, but because of the Talladega traffic, I missed the show.
I did end up meeting Dick Warlock, the man who played Michael Myers in Halloween 2. I shook his hand, and he didn't cut it off. That made the trip down worth it.
So here I am, 7 p.m. Tuesday night, standing outside Atrox Haunted House, talking to my friend Deardra, whom I managed to convince to come with me after meeting her at the Hollis Crossroads Haunted Chicken House.

I've heard good things about this one and I really didn't want to go through it alone.

As we walk around the side of the warehouse that houses the 'haunt', you get an eerie feeling, like you're in the industrial side of town late at night and there's a gang on the corner trying to sell you heroin. That kind of feeling.

We find the entrance, and walk inside of this giant, sparsely-populated room that turns out to be staging area.

There's a big screen TV showing horror flicks, tonight it's "Hide and Creep," a rather amusing low budget zombie movie.

There is also a shooting gallery where you can shoot ghosts and ghouls of all kinds and a Papa Johns Pizza booth.

We approach the ticket booth and given our group tokens. We get the Blood group (gang) and are escorted into a giant cage with several other folks that will be given to the ghouls. After a few minutes, we are forced into the opening room where we're shown into the nightmare that was Atrox Haunted House.

After going through the 'haunt,' Deardra and I were standing in the staging room again, watching people gather in line for the next group to go in.

We paused and collected our thoughts. After a minute, I turned to her and said, "Is it just me, or did the chicken house scare you more?"

She paused for a second, turned to me and said, "Yeah, I was thinking the same thing."

Now don't get us wrong, there were scary parts in this one.

I had my head grabbed by some unseen menace reaching down from the wall in a dark hallway. That made me jump. And the man revving the chainsaw in my face, that was kind of uncomfortable. And the evil clowns trying to hit me in a foggy hallway made me duck, but that's probably just because I don't like clowns.

If I had to rate this place on a scale of 1 to 10, I'd probably have to give it a 6. That would primarily be for the special effects.

When I talked to Dick Warlock, he told me it was the "classiest place I've been to yet."

I can see what he means. It was classy, but to classy to be truly terrifying. The flashing lights everywhere, the animatronic ghouls, the hundreds of eviscerated bodies lying behind barriers and on doctor's tables, after the first few rooms it got old.

The special effects that were put into it were the stuff of movies, and were obviously done with professional care. But to try and make a professional Hollywood set while trying to scare the life out of people, it just doesn't work. Give me the low budget man in a mask any day. Save the special effects for Kings Dominion.

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Stupidity may be hazardous to your health

By Toni Merriss
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Okay, so everyone has seen them before and hopefully we are all on the same page as we ask, “what? who would do something like that?” No, I am not talking about the newest Jackass movie; I am referring to the stupid warning labels that are turning up everywhere we look.

From sleeping pills that caution against drowsiness to king-size mattresses that warn you not to swallow them, these dumb wastes of paper can be found anywhere now. This leads to my assumption that somewhere along the line, someone had to have tried doing each and every one of these acts that we, as the consumers, are now being warned against.

First, take Caesar Barber. He sued multiple fast-food chains because he said that they “made him obese.” Okay Caesar, was it really the fast-food restaurant or was it YOU who was buying the fast food? No one forced him to eat at McDonald’s, Burger King or KFC every day. Supposedly, he was an older single gentleman and he wasn’t a very good cook, so he was forced to eat out. I mean really! There are single men all over the world that eat out most of the week, and although it is not good for a person, you can’t really blame the restaurant. You are the one gaining the weight because you can’t figure out and chocolate bars were responsible for his diabetes. Sure Hans, your choice to consume them had absolutely nothing to do with it. The kicker in this story is that Brinkermann is actually a judge in Germany.

Okay perhaps the winner in this stupidity contest should be the brilliant mind that thought cruise control meant that it drove his RV for him. Seriously, this man believed it was the same thing as auto pilot so he slipped into the back to get himself a beer and take a bathroom break. Boy was he surprised when the RV ran off the road and he landed in a ditch. I just have to ask, “What were you thinking?”

So where is the light at the endless tunnel of useless warning labels and time consuming lawsuits? I don’t think anyone is really sure but in the mean-time, we have compiled a hilarious list of random warnings for you to amuse yourselves with. I guess if nothing else, they are good for a few laughs.

Warning: May cause side-stitches

1. Sleeping Pills - Caution: May make you drowsy.
2. Lighters - Contents flammable.
3. Dog shampoo - The contents of this bottle should not be fed to fish.
4. Stroller - Remove infant before folding for storage.
5. Curling iron - Not for internal use.
6. Microwave oven - Do not use for drying pets.
7. Child’s playhouse - Warning: This is not a toy.
8. Toilet bowl cleaning brush - Do not use orally.
9. King size mattress - Warning: Do not attempt to
10. Vacuum cleaner - Do not use to pick up anything that is currently burning.
12. Air Conditioner - Caution: Avoid dropping air conditioners out of windows.
13. Batman costume - Warning: Cape does not enable user to fly.
14. Matches - Caution: Contents may catch fire.
15. Push lawn mower - Warning: Do not attempt to remove blade while lawnmower is running.

Photo courtesy of Associated Press

Packaging in a new toaster causes me to wonder - who kept the cardboard in to make toast?

The Departed

By Kevin Jeffers
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

Stop me if you’ve heard this one before: Martin Scorsese directs a gangster film. Not exactly a confounding basis for a new film. And get this: it has Leonardo DeCaprio, only the third film in four years to match-up the all-star director/actor team.

While the previous two collaborations, Gangs of New York and The Aviator, were in their own rights great films, The Departed may be a new career high for both director and actor.

The great script, written by Kingdom of Heaven screenwriter William Monahan, serves as the foundation for what should go down with the other great Scorsese/gangster films of our time. However, to call it “Goodfellers meets Boston” would do an injustice to both film and director.

The film, if doomed for such comparison anyway, should be viewed more as what Scorsese and DiCaprio finally accomplish after coming so close to doing in their previous collaborations: creating an effortless, gritty, realistic feeling melding of two of cinema’s greatest talents.

Speaking of cinema’s top men, this film has them all. To name every one would be an exercise in futility, as it would probably take less time to name who is not lending his talents to this work. They are all on their career highs for both director and actor.

The setup for the film takes us through the task that is the Massachusetts State Police Department’s pursuit of infamous Boston Mob boss Frank Costello, played by the ubiquitous Jack Nicholson.

Costello has his informant on the inside, upstart young Sergeant Colin Sullivan, played by Matt Damon, who puts his natural Beantown dialect to good use in what is in exactly his best performance since his own Good Will Hunting. Sullivan plays both ends, tipping off Costello anytime the police are hot on his tail and reporting to his superiors in the department at the same time.

Captain Queenan and Sergeant Dignam (Martin Sheen and Mark Wahlberg) become aware that the Mob boss has someone on the inside of their force, so they employ the services of dejected police academy reject Billy Costigan, played with compelling fervor by DiCaprio, to go undercover and join the ranks of Costello’s crew.

As opposing double-agents, Sullivan and Costigan are constantly reporting to their separate bosses. Each is on a separate mission to find the other, though not knowing who they are looking for and all the while escaping and nearly missing each other at every turn.

Complicating matters is wise-cracking Sergeant Dignam (another supporting-role notch in the belt for the underrated Wahlberg) who never met a double-agent he didn’t like. Also throwing spokes in the tires of the separate missions is mutual love interest Madolyn (Vera Farmiga), who never met a double-agent she didn’t like.

The tangled mob vs. mole web unweaves until the film reaches disarray, but the puzzle comes together on its own volition and with no sense of hurriedness on Scorsese’s part. The payoffs are many, and the audience is left breathless when the pieces do come together. Scorsese would have it no other way.
1. Child's playhouse - This is not a toy.
2. Matches - Caution: Contents may catch fire.
3. King size mattress - Warning: Do not attempt to remove blade while lawnmower is running.
4. Push lawn mower - Warning: Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals.
5. Roll-a-Hose - Warning: May cause cancer in California.
6. Demazin infant drops - This formula may cause drowsiness, if affected do not operate heavy machinery or drive a vehicle.
7. Batteries - Do not swallow. C or D batteries may cause choking.
8. TV Dinner - Remove plastic wrap cover before eating.
10. Can of Insecticide - This spray is harmful to insects.
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JSU Football handles Murray State in conference fashion

By Kayla Barnes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Thursday night under the lights of Paul Snow Stadium, the Gamecocks were victorious as they beat the Murray State Racers 49-17.

Thursday night under the lights at Paul Snow Stadium, the Gamecocks (3-2, 3-1 OVC) hosted the Murray State Racers (1-5, 0-3 OVC). Murray State comes in looking for its first OVC win of the season. The stakes are high and anything could happen.

“We started the game with a strong intent and really took the momentum from the very beginning,” said head coach Jack Crowe. We sent a message that we were going to be consistent and I give that credit to the seniors.

The Gamecocks came out strong in the opening drive, moving the ball down the field. On the fifth play of the drive, Gavin Halford attempted a 46-yard field goal from Murray’s 29-yard line. Halford’s kick was wide left and possession was turned over to the Racers. The Gamecock defense shut down the Murray offense, holding the Racers to a 1-yard gain on their opening drive. JSU quarterback Matt Hardin connected with wide receiver Taureen Woods for a 30-yard touchdown pass on the opening play of the second drive, putting Gamecocks ahead 7-0.

After a fumble by Murray State, JSU’s Mike Johnson recovered on Murray’s 23-yard line. After a 5-yard penalty against Murray State for offsides, running back Clay Green rushed for a 16-yard touchdown, putting JSU ahead 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

On the second play of the second quarter, Green ran for his second score of the game, putting the Gamecocks ahead 21-0. Murray State put some points on the board when kicker Gary Crass kicked a 32-yard field goal, making the score 21-3. After Green’s third rushing touchdown of the game, Murray State retaliated when Racer quarterback Zach Barnard completed an 18-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Dante Woods to make the score 28-10. Toward the end of the first half, Hardin scored his first career rushing touchdown, running for 9 yards. The Gamecocks seemed unstoppable and untouchable with a halftime lead of 35 to 10.

After the half, Jacksonville State scored two more touchdowns, both coming in the third quarter. A 13-yard pass from Hardin to Rhetta put the Gamecocks ahead 42-10, and redshirt freshman fullback Brody Thomas rushed in for a 4-yard touchdown to put JSU up 49-10.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the Racers scored a touchdown when running back Josh Joseph rushed in for 3 yards. The Gamecocks held Murray State the rest of the game to hold on for a win.

Hardin threw for 154 yards, completing 12 of 18 passes with no interceptions. Green had a total for 111 yards rushing on 14 carries, and adding 33 yards in kick returns for a total of 144 yards all purpose yards.

The Gamecocks head to Starkville, Miss. to take on the Mississippi State Bulldogs on Oct. 14. Game time is set for 1:30 p.m. and can be heard on the Gamecock Football Network. Jacksonville State returns home on Oct. 21, battling the Tennessee State Tigers in a homecoming extravaganza.

By Chris Lundy
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

It was a hot, sunny October afternoon, but that did not stop the JSU soccer team from defeating the visiting Charleston Southern Buccaneers 2-1.

Two first half goals by standout senior Christina Balint propelled the Gamecocks (3-10-2, 1-3-1 OVC) to their second victory in three matches.

“Every game counts as far as getting consistent performances out of your players,” said head coach Julie Davis. “This wasn’t a big rival match, JSU played OVC-leading Samford right down to the wire."

“I’m very proud of this group,” Davis said. “They came out to play for a full 90 minutes and showed a lot of maturity, poise, and confidence. They showed improvement in areas, tactically, that we hadn’t seen yet."

Samford (9-3-1, 4-0-1 OVC) controlled the tempo during the first half, out-shooting JSU 6-2. JSU’s defense, keyed by a few good saves from

“I think our team, in general, just stepped up,” Kate Kelley said. “This was the first game where everyone stepped up and worked as a unit.”

The Gamecocks swing back into conference play this weekend when they play at Murray State on Friday. JSU then travels to Tennessee-Martin on Sunday. Both road games are crucial to the Gamecocks’ playoff chances. They do not return home until October 20th against Southeast Missouri State University.
in air, Jonathan took first shooting a 595, followed by Dickinson firing a lifetime best of 592. Huckaby dropped a point to 589 and Joseph dropped to a 580.

"Everyone is on the same page as far as knowing the goals that we need to accomplish," commented Huckaby, "but getting there is what needs to happen.

This weekend is filled with OVC matches for the team. On Saturday, they face off against Murray State and host Austin Peay in an air gun only match. They then travel to Kentucky for a tri-meet match against host Murray State and Tennessee Tech.

**JSU Volleyball stays on top**

*By Chris Lundy*

*The Chanticleer Sports Editor*

The Gamecock Volleyball team remains undefeated in the conference after sweeping the Austin Peay Lady Govs and the Tennessee State Tigers.

Led by junior Abbey Breit and senior Shari Weyer’s 16 kills apiece, the Gamecocks (12-4, 6-0 OVC) handled the Lady Govs (CHECK RE-

CORD) Friday night 3-0 (30-9, 30-21, 30-22).

"We came out strong," said head coach Rick Nold. "We really kept them off balance and serving."

Breit hit 8 of the team’s 18 kills in the first game while Austin Peay put up 8 total kills in the first game. The Gamecocks continued to capitalize, putting up 16 kills in the second game and holding the Lady Govs to 6 kills. JSU put up a game high 19 kills in the third game, bringing their total to 53 for the game. The Lady Govs were held to only 7 kills in the third game, bringing their final total to 16 for the game. Setter Emily Withers had a game high 37 assist while Tiana Maua had a team high 20 for the Tigers.

"They are a really tough team, but we jumped on them early and kept them off balance," said Breit. "It made it a lot easier for us to make the plays that we wanted to."

The Gamecocks look to remain undefeated as they host Eastern Kentucky on Friday at 7 p.m. and Morehead State on Saturday at 2 p.m. The Chanticleer Sports Editor

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**2006 Spring Concert Survey**

Directions: Please indicate top three music genre choices with a "1", "2", and "3". "1" will indicate your top choice. Also please indicate whether you would rather have one, more prominent performer or if you would rather have a show consisting of a few smaller performances.

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