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All hail the queen

By Chris Lundy
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

"My knees buckled, my boyfriend was holding me up and my sisters were screaming and running on the floor." These are the words of the 2006 Homecoming Queen Terasha Johnson.

"I was overwhelmed and nervous at the same time," said Johnson. "But I knew I wanted to be queen."

Born in Decatur, Ala., Johnson is a senior art major and marketing minor. Her campus activities include Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., President of National Panhellenic Council, member of Potter's Guild, member of Art Alliance and Organizational Council delegate in respect to the NPHC and her sorority.

With graduation approaching soon, Johnson is focused on her career after college.

"I want to attend graduate school and teach either college or high school," said Johnson. "I want younger kids to get involved, and most high schools don't have a graphic design department. I want to inspire them to do graphic design the way my professors inspired me."

Though Johnson wants to inspire future college students,



Photo by Kevin Jeffers

Here come the Marching Southerners. The JSU band was the finale of the Homecoming Parade, held on the Square on Oct 20. The Gamecocks lost their Homecoming game later in the day 38-31 to Tennessee State.

Despite football's defeat, homecoming still a success

By Kevin Jeffers
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

Homecoming 2006 - what a week it was. With the theme ...

held throughout the week. Many JSU faculty and staff participated in a door-decorating contest. This was their chance to show their Cocky spirit, and we would like to

Kappa Alpha Order. Also marching in the parade were band competition winners Jacksonville High School and second place Pleasant Valley High School



Homecoming 2006 - what a week it was. With the theme ... well, there was no theme. That was okay, though.

The week was filled with numerous events and activities for students, including Karaoke in the Caf at Jack Hopper Dining Hall on Wednesday, which Bethany Harbison tells us about in "R-O-C-K in the C-A-F."

The next day, Thursday, was especially eventful. The SGA planned to host J-Day at the TMB and the bonfire/pep rally at night on Paul Carpenter Field. However, due to Mother Nature, outside activities were threatened by an onslaught of rain. As Summer Hunt and Nick Lehwald tell us in "The Fun Must Go On," the weather could not stop either event.

At the pep rally, our 2006 Homecoming Queen was announced. Chris Lundy interviewed Ms. Terasha Johnson on her crowning in this issue.

Several decoration contests were

in a door decorating contest. This was their chance to show their Cocky spirit, and we would like to congratulate University Housing and Graduate Studies on tying for best door decorations. Financial Aid received honorable mention.

The Wesley Foundation won the banner competition, followed by second place Pi Kappa order, and Phi Mu Alpha and the Ballerinas tied for third.

Everybody loves a parade, and Saturday morning was the annual JSU homecoming parade. Despite the less-than-fair conditions earlier in the week, Saturday was an absolutely beautiful day. Floats and cars sponsored by Greek organizations, the Writer's Club and even governor hopeful Lucy Baxley lined the streets of the Square in Jacksonville.

Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon were awarded first place in the float competition. Second place went to Zeta Tau Alpha and Pi Kappa Phi, and third place was awarded to Alpha Omicron Pi and

band competition winners Jacksonville High School and second place Pleasant Valley High School marching bands. The parade was capped off by JSU's own Marching Southerners.

At halftime of the football game, we announced the Outstanding Alumni Awards, and *The Chanticleer* would like to congratulate the following winners: Leah Fay Junkins, Alumna of the Year; E.G. Kelley, Jr., Alumnus of the Year; Dr. Rodney N. Friery, Outstanding JSU Faculty Member of the Year; Christopher D. Glover, Young Alumnus of the Year; and twin brothers Lt. Colonel Tim Sullivan and Lt. Colonel Mark Sullivan, winners of the Military Alumnus Awards.

Of course, all of this was a build-up to the main event: the football game against Tennessee State. While the outcome of the game was a disappointment for the Gamecocks, it did not stop students from thoroughly enjoying Homecoming 2006.



Photo by Kevin Jeffers

ABOVE: Cocky struts his stuff at the Parade.

BELOW: These ROTC guys were among the many fans supporting our Gamecocks during the game.



Photo by Natalie Roig



Photo by Natalie Roig

Quarterback Matt Hardin looks for one of his receivers.

Homecoming ends with a disappointing 38-31 loss

By Chris Lundy
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

After all the build-up, all the festivities and all the celebrations of homecoming week, it was finally time for some football.

Unfortunately for the fans, the outcome of the game could not be planned.

The Gamecocks fell short Saturday to the Tennessee State Tigers 38-31 in a scoring frenzy. The loss ended any hopes JSU had for an OVC title or a realistic chance at a Div. I-AA playoff berth.

Costly mistakes were made throughout the game, but the biggest ones came at the end as quarterback Matt Hardin threw 2 interceptions in the 4th quarter when JSU (3-4, 3-2 OVC) was behind.

The first was to Tennessee State line-backer Calvin Baker.

From there, the Tigers (4-3, 3-0 OVC) attempted to run out the clock, but JSU forced a punt. Hardin and the Gamecocks had one more shot to send the game to overtime.

Hardin successfully completed four of eight passes during the last drive to move JSU just inside the Tigers' red zone. With less than one minute remaining, JSU called a timeout to form a plan of attack.

Hardin looked to his left and attempted to hit wide receiver James Wilkerson, but instead he threw the ball into the hands of Tiger defensive back Aaron Strong. The Tigers ran out the last 21 seconds of the game and killed the homecoming spirit of the onlooking

Gamecock fans.

"We were in a winning situation the whole day," said head coach Jack Crowe. "We made too many mistakes down the line and it cost us."

The game started out promising as the Gamecocks forced Tennessee State into a three-and-out. JSU tried to get something started but was unable to put the momentum in their corner.

Punter Zach Walden was blocked by Tiger defensive back Reno Thompson which gave TSU field position inside the Gamecocks' red zone. Tiger Quarterback Antonio Heffner completed a 15-yard pass to wide receiver Chris Johnson, setting up a 4-yard touchdown run by Javarr Williams and leading to

See "Homecoming defeat" page 4

Though Johnson wants to inspire future college students, her inspiration starts at home with her family. In addition to being in attendance, her Uncle Timothy escorted her onto the field during Saturday's ceremony.

"I want to set an example for my family. My sister loved this weekend and wants to become a Delta, which made me feel great," she said.

Johnson sets an example for more than just her biological family. Her other sisters on campus are the Delta Sigma Theta sorority girls, who sponsored her during her run for queen.

"I love my sisters. They helped me campaign and got other people to help campaign. People I didn't even know had my name on the back of their cars.

"I wouldn't be as involved if it wasn't for my sorority. I'm already a people person, but the sorority made me even more personable."

While the rally was going on, the ladies on the court were in the back waiting impatiently.

"Everyone was in the courtesy room standing up, but I was sitting down," she said.

"My boyfriend was talking to me telling me that it's going to be OK. I wanted to talk about something else, like the weather."

When the winning announcement came to those in attendance at Pete Mathews Coliseum, the Delta members were doing their sorority call and running on the court to cheer for Johnson.

"My sisters started singing one of our sweetheart songs to me. It was one of my most memorable experience here at JSU."

Finding the time to be as involved as Johnson is stressing for young adults. Johnson's charisma, personality and dedication earned her this year's 2006 Homecoming Queen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Order of Omega: Applications are in the Office of Student Life and are due by Nov. 9. **Contact:** Allison Land, Allison_land@comcast.net.

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

JSU Ambassadors: Halloween Party in the Roundhouse on Monday, Oct. 30, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Everyone is invited. Free food, and costumes are optional. Don't forget about our meeting tonight at 5 p.m. **Contact:** Chad Hoffman, jsu8368k@jsu.edu

SGA: Halloween Movie Night on the Quad. We will be showing the Devil's Rejects on Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. **Contact:** sgadop@jsu.edu

Ultimate Frisbee: We will be having practice Friday, Oct. 27 at Germania Springs under the lights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Everyone is welcome. **Contact:** Bryan Santos, skaboy1717@gmail.com

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CAMPUS CRIME

9/27
Jermod Hill reported lost property at Dixon Hall.

9/28
Heather Hillman reported harassing communications at Spackman Hall.
George Lord reported criminal mischief at Paul Carpenter Village.

9/29
Pamela Findley reported fraudulent use of a credit/debit card at Bibb Graves.
Marisha Jones was arrested for obscene communications at Paterson Hall.

9/30
George Lord reported criminal littering at the TMB parking lot.

10/2
Jeffery Waldrop reported a burglary at Crow Hall.
Jaleesa Elston reported theft of property in the lobby of Logan Hall.
Le Anne Cornelius reported harassing communications.

The fun must go on

By Summer Hunt
The Chanticleer Copy Editor and Nick Lehwald
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

Come rain or shine, students at Jacksonville State University still manage to have a good time, especially during their homecoming.

Thursday, Oct. 19 was J-Day at Jacksonville State University followed by the pep rally and bonfire that evening.

Sponsored by the SGA, J-Day was full of all sorts of fun things for students to do.

"I think the Dance, Dance Revolution and laser tag were the biggest attractions," said J-Day committee head Jonathan Taylor said. "We were going to have live music, but it got shut down due to the rain."

Large red-and-white tents set up on the TMB lawn helped to shield the students from the bulk of the rain. In addition to laser tag and DDR, there was a football obstacle course and a mechanical bull for students to ride.

There were also plenty of food and drinks to go around at J-Day, including cotton candy, popcorn, hamburgers and the ever-popular hot dogs.

"The hot dogs ran out," said Taylor.

The evening's scheduled bonfire and pep rally turned into just a pep rally. The bonfire had to be canceled due to the nonstop rain throughout the day. That didn't keep anyone from having a good time, though, or from getting psyched for Saturday's game.

Forced into the Pete Mathews Coliseum on the basketball court, the festivities started off with the JSU fight song performed by the Marching Southerners.

All the while, the cheerleaders got the crowd pumped up with cheers, back-flips and pyramids. The Marching Ballerinas also added their own flair to the festivities.

After the sorority roll call, the Southerners and the cheerleaders moved back onto the court to get the assembled crowd of Greeks, independents and organizations pumped up and ready for the announcement of the 2006 Homecoming Queen.

First was the welcoming address given by SGA President Mardracus Russell. He greeted all the students and thanked them for coming out. Afterwards, President Meehan joined Russell on the floor to announce the homecoming court.

The rally ended with Tereasha Johnson's crowning of Homecoming Queen.

This can is your can, this can is my can...

By Summer Hunt
The Chanticleer Copy Editor

On Wednesday, Oct. 18., Sodexo, Jacksonville State University's dining services, participated in Cans Across America, a nation-wide event held for charity.

This year the event was different in that Sodexo was trying to break the Guinness World Record.

"It was an effort to see how many

"The current record is 156, 889.34 pounds of canned food," said Smith.

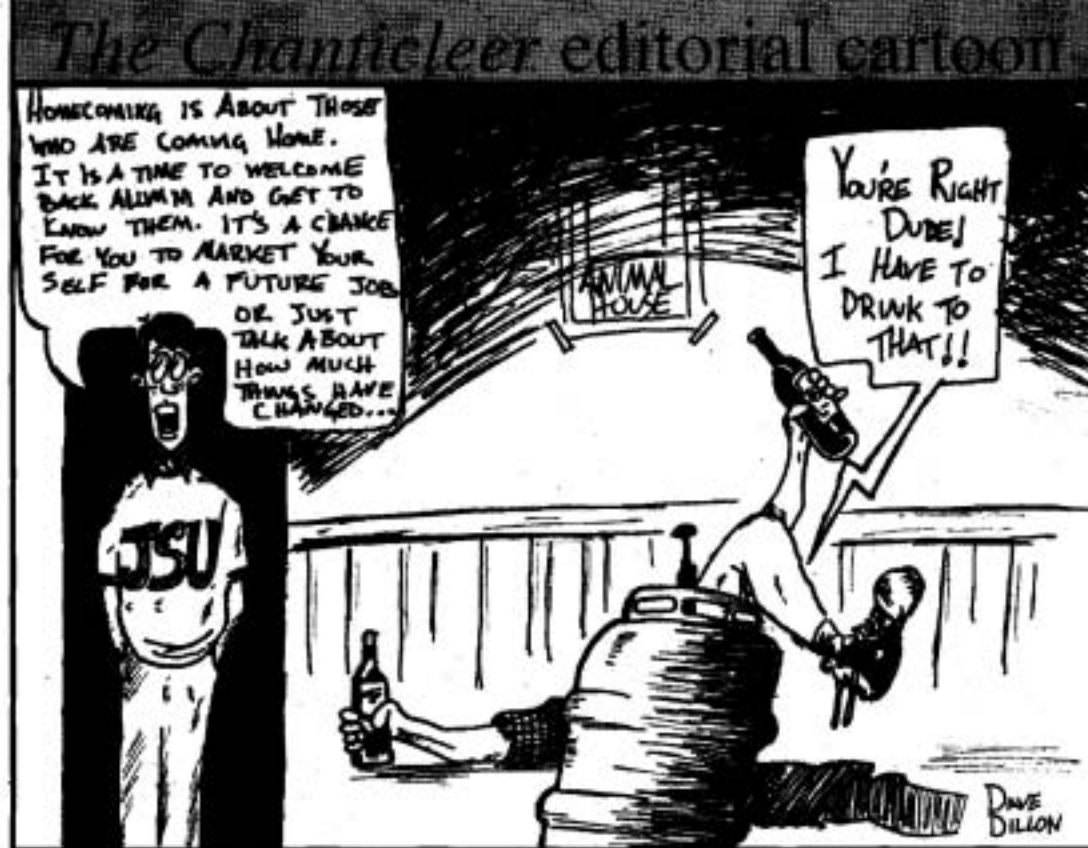
JSU was among 400 campuses that participated in the event. If all 400 Sodexo campuses would just donate 500 pounds of food, the goal of surpassing the record for most cans of food at a single 24-hour event would be reached. JSU's total amount of food collected was 1,039 pounds.

Campus Dining Services made a

lowed by Freshman Forum with 223 cans.

Additional organizations that donated were Delta Zeta, JSU Ambassadors, Circle K, Alpha Phi Alpha and the Math and Computer Science Building.

"On behalf of JSU Sodexo, we appreciate everyone who participated," said Smith. "We look forward to the program getting better."



R-O-C-K in the C-A-F

By Bethany Harbison
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

Jack Hopper Dining Hall was packed last Wednesday, Oct. 18 as students and faculty gathered in anticipation of this year's "Karaoke in the Caf," a favorite Homecoming event.

Jeff Cash, a Building Services employee, has been singing since he was six years old and has participated in "Karaoke in the Cafe" for the past several years. This year, he wowed the crowd with his rendition of "I Believe" by Brooks & Dunn.

"It speaks to me and follows my own beliefs," said Cash when describing his song choice.

Other participants, such as freshman Mitchell Moffett, are not only new to JSU but to karaoke as well. Moffett said that he has been singing for the past four years, but this was his first try at karaoke.

"My friends were daring me to sing," said Moffett.

The dozens of other spectators that filled the tables of the dining hall were not too shy to cheer and catcall the performers.

Some audience members,

such as JSU Counseling and Career Services faculty members Adam D. Green and Norma Gunter, admitted to flocking to "Karaoke in the Caf" year after year.

"We've been coming as long as they've been doing this," said Gunter.

"I wouldn't miss Karaoke in the Caf," said Green.

When asked if he had ever performed for the event, however, Green could only laugh.

"No, I just like to cheer everybody else on," he replied.

Halloween safety tips

By Kim Davis
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

- Carry a flashlight.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Obey traffic signals and watch for pedestrians.
- Never trick-or-treat alone. Go as a group with two or more people.
- Plan your entire route and make sure someone knows where you are.

of Logan Hall.
Le Anne Cornelius reported harassing communications.

10/3
Nathan Merritt reported unlawful breaking/entering of a vehicle in Martin Hall parking lot.

10/4
Jerry Hilderbrand reported unlawful breaking/entering of a vehicle in Daugette Hall parking lot.
Allen Gilbert reported theft of property at Paul Snow Stadium.

10/5
Aya Tsukinari reported theft of lost property on the sidewalk of Forney Drive.

10/6
Joseph Jackson reported theft of property in the lobby of Daugette Hall.

10/12
Christina Santivasci was arrested for DUI.
Kimberly Wells reported a burglary at Mason Hall.
Johnny Ferguson Jr. reported unlawful breaking/entering of a vehicle at Crow Hall.

10/13
Tabitha Mize reported theft of property at Self Hall.

10/15
Melody Lopez reported unlawful breaking/entering of a vehicle at Self Hall parking lot.
William Pace reported unlawful breaking/entering of a vehicle at Coffee Circle.

10/16
Jonathan Naylor reported unlawful breaking/entering of a vehicle in Self Hall parking lot.
Daniel Mathangani reported two burglaries at Daugette Hall.

Len Jenkins reported a burglary at Daugette Hall.
Steven Abel was arrested for parole violation.
Delmetrius Bishop was arrested for possession of stolen property.

10/17
Nathaneil Thomas was arrested for burglary.

10/18
Patrick Barry was arrested for DUI.

10/20
Christopher Rice was arrested for criminal trespassing.

10/21
James Jones was arrested for possession of marijuana.

10/22
James Byham reported a burglary at Daugette Hall.
Lauren Rush reported theft of property at the Pi Kappa Phi House.

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.

that Logan Hall was trying to break the Guinness World Record.

"It was an effort to see how many cans we can collect in the 24-hour period," said JSU's Sodexo Marketing Manager Britney Smith. "It's for our charity event, Stop Hunger."

This year the event was different in that Sodexo was trying to break the Guinness World Record for the amount of most canned food collected in a single event during a 24-hour period.

JSU Film Society Presents: *Flags of our Fathers*

By Kevin Jeffers
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

We get it already. The veterans of World War II were and forever will be heroes. As Steven Spielberg and Tom Brokaw have told us time and time again, they are the greatest generation. So forgive us Hollywood for not batting an eyelash anymore; you're preaching to the choir.

However, Clint Eastwood's *Flags of Our Fathers* is different. It's a movie about a photograph. Still reading?

It just so happens to be one of the most famous photographs of all time: the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima.

The structure of this film is what makes it unique. Bloody *Saving Private Ryan*-esque battle scenes are casually intertwined between recollections from 80-plus-year-old veterans, then from 20-plus-year-old veterans, then from a 30-plus-year-old son of a veteran, all telling the same story.

Basically, that story is what we all think of when we see the photograph is wrong.

The implication given

from those soldiers struggling to lift up that flag is victory: this is when and where we won the Great War. While the Battle at Iwo Jima was a victory and a huge turning point for the U.S. in Japan, the photograph of the men raising that flag was taken on a down day of the battle. It was the 5th day of 36 days of fighting, to be precise.

Not to mention, the photo in question is actually the raising of a replacement flag for the first one raised by six other men. That did not stop the photo from being printed in virtually every publication at home over the coming days.

The photo made the surviving three men in it famous. Our government used this inspiring piece and the men in it for a furious political campaign aimed at America to buy war bonds and beg for its financial backing.

It cannot be denied America's spirit was lifted or the photo would not be as famous as it still is today. The picture united us, gave us hope, and now it has a movie made about it. I mean come on, a movie about a picture; it better have been

preciate everyone who participated, said Smith. "We look forward to the program getting better."

Smith also said that she would like to issue a special thanks to Emily Williams and Terry Casey of Student Activities, Dr. Tim Roberts of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

All food collected will be donated to the United Way.

Housekeeping brought the most canned goods with 461 cans, fol-

an important one.

Already a living legend at the age of 76, this is the 26th film Eastwood has directed in his career. His recent directorial work (*Flags*, along with the Oscar-winning *Mystic River* and *Million Dollar Baby*) only furthers his position as one of America's greatest directors, so much to the point that the connotation of his own name is shifting from "spaghetti-western badass" to "film auteur." Basically, Dirty Harry has a soft side.

The direction of this film is flawless, as we have come to expect from Eastwood. The problems with this film lie with the script. In particular, Ryan Phillippe's character is extremely under-written. The narration, while unique to the structure, is scattered and confusing.

The end of the film drags on, which is not uncommon in good movies, but it is a problem when we got the point in the first 30 minutes. This is still a good film, though, with a good history lesson if nothing else. And Eastwood makes it beautiful at the same time.

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Day in the Life: Cobie Carlisle

JSU Women's Basketball

By Toni Merriss

The Chanticleer
Features Editor



It's the start of your senior year, and this season could possibly be the last chance you have to play collegiate basketball. You have no idea that during the first game of the season, your whole world is about to come crashing down.

Welcome to senior communication major Cobie Carlisle's life. Originally from Lima, Ohio, Carlisle came to JSU after carefully weighing all her options.

"I had quite a few colleges looking at me and offering me different scholarships, but it was different when Coach [Dave] Dagostino talked to me about JSU. He really helped me through the whole recruiting process; it was more like a friend advising me, which instantly put me at ease," said Carlisle. "I had no idea what I was doing, and if you listen to what everyone tells you, you will get so confused. Coach Dagostino was one of the main reasons I came here."

It is no wonder that so many colleges were hot on Carlisle's trail - her resume reads like a basketball dream, starting with her high school career highlights: All-Ohio first team selection, Ohio Northwest Player of the Year, starting guard in the Ohio-Indiana All-Star game, a Miss Ohio Basketball nominee, and she is the all-time leading scorer at Lima High School with over 1,000 points.

Carlisle continued climbing her ladder of success as she packed her bags and signed her scholarship offer contracting her to Jacksonville State for the 2002-2003 school year. She began her collegiate career on the right foot, sport-

ing jersey #13, and started all 28 games of her freshman season while scoring in the double figures five times. Carlisle's sophomore year was more of the same, playing in 28 games with three double-doubles and scoring a season high 16 points in four games. Her junior year, she started 23 games while posting a career high 17 points against both Morehead State and Tennessee Tech. All this led up to her senior year as she was expecting once again to improve her skills on the basketball court.

Until: "We were on a fastbreak, and my best friend and teammate, Courtney Slaughter #23, bounce-passed me the ball, I jump-stopped, and my left knee kind of went somewhere while the rest of

my leg did not," Carlisle remembered.

"After getting my MRI results back couple weeks later, I found out I had torn my anterior cruciate ligament (ACL)."

A torn ACL can be a very serious injury because the cruciate ligament in the knee criss-crosses, connecting the thigh bone to the shin bone. When torn, it unravels like a braided rope and does not heal on its own.

Recovering from such an injury takes a lot of hard work and a lot of heart. Treatment can greatly assist in alleviating some of the aches and pains that go hand in hand with playing sports.

"I ice my leg like none other now. It is a pattern: ice my knee, heat it, stretch it and then it begins all over again," said Carlisle. "It hurts worse now than when I did it. I guess it is best described as a continuous ache."

Although basketball season has not officially begun, the Lady Gamecocks are already working hard to get prepared for the upcoming season. With a new coach on the sidelines this year, many changes are to be expected in the coming weeks.

"Our team is young right now. It is a new season with a new coach, but I think we will be okay," said Carlisle.

Right now they are practicing six days a week with Wednesdays off. They start

off with treatment and then move on to either scrimmages or various defense and offense drills.

"Coach Geyer is really big on fundamentals and conditioning. So if you turn the ball over, you run," said Carlisle.

A couple of these drills are making 60 points in one minute, 25 seconds and a four on five drill to learn to rotate with the ball.

Working together as a team is a large part of most sports and basketball is no exception. "Our team relationship is still working itself out. I think it will build as we go through both good times and bad . . . together. That is the key, though - that we do it all together," explained Carlisle. "I think that we are going to have a lot of good players working toward the common goal this year. I think Tonya [McKinney], Courtney [Slaughter], and Ashley [Boykin] are going to do well, they have a certain swagger about them. For sure Ashley Clay has to stand out, it is her senior year. But really I believe that everyone is going to stand out in their own way. Someone is going to stop the ball, someone is going to make a big defensive play and someone else is going to hit a big shot. It is all about the teamwork."



File Photo

Senior Cobie Carlisle had to sit out her senior year due to a torn ACL.



File Photo

Carlisle shows her skills on the court.

QUESTION
OF THE
WEEK:

WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DRESS
UP AS FOR
HALLOWEEN?



Rashida Boykin
Freshman

Ashley Clay
Sophomore



Ashley Boykin
Senior

Ashley Boykin
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Friday Night Frights: Sloss Furnace

By Nick Lehwald

The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

It is a cold Sunday night, the day after homecoming. I've been sent out one last time to test my nerves against the many terrors this state has to offer, but this time it's different. As I approach the ticket booth, I'm actually scared. This week is the final house I have to go to, except it's only a haunt because of the spirits that dwell within its tunnels and pipes.

I connived and convinced my

Sloss Furnace has a rich yet dark history. For nearly one hundred years, men worked around the clock stoking the furnaces to produce the steel that was crucial to building of America during the industrial revolution. In the beginning of the 20th century, a foreman named James "Slag" Wormwood was in charge of the night shift, and it is reported that at least 47 workers lost their lives to the molten metal during his reign. Countless others suffered a variety of serious injuries during their tenure

the devil out of his pants.

After the furnaces, we venture into the tunnel that is reported to be the most haunted area of the entire furnace complex. Now since there were at least 35 other people slowly making their way up and down the slippery staircases, it isn't all that frightening. Especially if you take away the ghouls in their black cloaks jumping from shadowy corners. I have to hold on to the stranger in front of me just to make sure I stay on the walkway and don't stumble

around for one last look at the furnace from hell. Suddenly, I feel someone standing uncomfortably close to me. I turn nervously, and I'm face-to-face with Michael (Myers, not my friend), yet again. But this time it's different. I've just left the bowels of hell, and this tall man in a mask is no match compared to what I've just been through. Without jumping or cringing in fear, I brush right past him, giving him a taste of my shoulder, and I walk out to my car. I'm glad this is the end of my ter-

3-D glasses and led into the maze. It's psychedelic, to say the least. It is absolutely necessary to go through with the glasses on to get the full experience. There are clowns, evil clowns, everywhere. And I will swear even though no one else saw him that I am positive that Jigsaw from the Saw movies was present to lend a hand in this mind-bending acid trip of a terror trap. Through the double vortexes designed to throw our inner-ears into a temper tantrum, we are roughly ejected into reality

to go to, except it's only a haunt because of the spirits that dwell within its tunnels and pipes.

I connived and convinced my friend Mike to come with me because I genuinely didn't want to do this one alone. Not to mention the fact that he's in ROTC, so he can take the lead. Plus I figured it would be good combat experience, fighting demons and spirits and such.

So here we are in the staging area under the highway, watching and waiting for our group to be called. There's a t-shirt vendor on one side of us and food vendors on the other. The movie *The Mummy* is being shown by the entrance, very scary. Suddenly, I feel someone standing very close behind me. I turn around and jump back, literally feet in the air. It's Michael Myers, staring hungrily at the back of my neck and clutching a bloody kitchen knife. Screw waiting for my group to be called, I'm going into the haunt where it's safe. My buddy Mike and I head down the dimly lit corridor to the gate keeper and prepare to enter the nightmare that is Sloss Fright Furnace.

workers lost their lives to the molten metal during his reign. Countless others suffered a variety of serious injuries during their tenure at the furnace due to mishaps and "accidents."

In October of 1906, Wormwood is reported to have "lost his footing" while on a catwalk above the largest blast furnace, plummeting to his death in a vat of melted iron ore. No remains of his body were ever found. Almost every year since that day, there have been reports of strange activity and paranormal sightings. Since the beginning of the millennium, several television crews have been sent in to investigate the possibility of true paranormal activity. Nearly every investigation that has taken place at the furnace concludes there this is a virtual hodgepodge of active and angry paranormal activity. Last year while doing an investigation for the TV show "Airline," one of the investigators was found to be spontaneously spurting blood from a cut on his hand that appeared seemingly out of nowhere. When they cleaned him up, however, no cuts were visible anywhere on either of his hands.

Once again, here we are, about to enter one of most haunted sites in Alabama. It's half a mile of twisting and climbing, running and screaming, bone-jarring soul-scaring journey that only ends when the ghosts say it does. The first half of the furnace is a self-guided tour of the old iron working rooms and around the furnaces, all the while being assaulted at random intervals by ghouls and demons wielding metal working tools with no regard to the lives of the living. Sparks fly in our faces, flames leap from the walls and smoke clouds our vision as we stumble through the darkened platforms that even in their heyday would have scared

ing from stranger corners. I have to hold on to the stranger in front of me just to make sure I stay on the walkway and don't stumble into the pools of water that run on either side. As we climb out of the tunnel, we are then handed

a terror trap. Through the double vortexes designed to throw our inner-ears into a temper tantrum, we are roughly ejected into reality and freedom from the furnace.

As I breathe a sigh of relief, I walk down the path, stop and turn

or cringing in fear, I brush right past him, giving him a taste of my shoulder, and I walk out to my car. I'm glad this is the end of my terror reviews, but like any good horror movie, I know there will be a sequel. See you next year, folks.



Steven W...

...the Out Film
...from Kent



Jarrell M...
...Oliver D...
...Fresh...
...Sophomores

"We are going to the
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And the streak continues...

From Staff Reports
FRIDAY...

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Another balanced attack propelled the Jacksonville State volleyball team to its 10th-straight sweep on Friday night, when the Gamecocks downed Southeast Missouri in Ohio Valley Conference action.

The Gamecocks had four players with double-digit kills and three with 10 or more digs to down the Redhawks (10-13, 4-5 OVC), 3-0 (30-18, 30-22, 30-13), JSU's 10th win in a row and 19th straight against OVC foes. The win gives the Gamecocks their best start in school history at 15-4 (9-0 OVC), besting the 14-4 start to the 2004 season.

"This was another balanced performance for our team," JSU head coach Rick Nold said. "When we are playing well, it means several people are stepping up and contributing for us, and that has been the case in the last several matches."

Junior Abbey Breit led all players with 13 kills on a .429 attack percentage and paced an offense that hit .349 on the match. She added 13 digs to wrap up her sixth-straight double-double and 12th of the season. Freshman Brittney Whitten picked up a match-high 17 digs and knocked down 12 kills for her ninth double-double of the year.

Senior Jessica Starck added 11 digs to a defensive effort that held the Redhawks

to an .080 team attack percentage. Senior Emily Withers used 46 assists to set up an offense that saw senior middle blockers Joi Watts and Shari Weyer contribute 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

Watts, a Montevallo, Ala., native hit the double-digit kills plateau for the second time in her career and the second time in the last three matches.

SATURDAY...

CHARLESTON, Ill. – Senior Shari Weyer knocked down 13 kills on a .355 attack percentage and senior Jessica Starck recorded a match-high 19 digs to lead the Jacksonville State volleyball team to a sweep at Eastern Illinois on Saturday night.

The Gamecocks (16-4, 10-0 Ohio Valley Conference) rolled to a 3-0 (30-22, 30-21, 30-19) win over the Panthers (6-15, 1-9 OVC), JSU's 20th in a row over OVC foes and its 11th consecutive sweep.

"I thought Shari did a good job of using her athleticism tonight," JSU head coach Rick Nold said. "She had a really good match. Also, I thought Jessica had a great night, especially with her passing. They are a really good serving team, and Jessica took them out of their game."

Junior Abbey Breit led all players with 19 kills on a .271 attack percentage to pace a JSU offense that hit .316 as a team. Freshman Brittney Whitten had eight kills

on a .412 attack percentage, while junior Rebekah Nichols added eight of her own.

Starck led four JSU players with double-digit digs on a defense that held EIU to a .148 attack percentage as a team. Whitten and junior Abbey Vierling each had 12 digs, while senior Emily Withers added 11 to go along with her 53 assists.

The Gamecocks return to action on Wednesday, when they travel to Birmingham to face in-state rival Samford at 7 p.m.



File Photo

Freshman outside hitter Brittney Whitten has made a tremendous impact for the Gamecocks this season as they remain undefeated in the OVC.

Shootin' blanks

By Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

The Jax State Rifle team must pull the mirror out and take a look at themselves before they take a step further.

They took a devastating blow this past weekend by dropping back to back matches to Kentucky.

On Saturday, they lost to the Wildcats by a mere two points, 4634-4632. As the meet wrapped up, the Wildcats began to celebrate as the Gamecocks were scrambling to find two points, and host Ole Miss rounded the field out at third.

Michael Dickinson won the air rifle title by firing a 591, while teammate Joseph Hall tied with Kentucky's TJ Harris shooting a 588.

Dickinson is shooting above average in air rifle, while remaining on his average in smallbore. His aggregate of 1164 on Saturday was just two points behind that of teammate Joseph.

"Coming into this season from last year, I wasn't expecting to shoot above average," stated Dickinson. "For some reason, I am now shooting air rifle scores that I can compete with on the national level."

While those two returning members are leading the team, freshmen Jon Hall and Phillip Huckaby are not far behind.

Jon and Huckaby tied by firing a 585 in air and then shooting 567 and 565 in smallbore.

Joseph tied for second firing a 578, while Dickinson followed with a 573.

"Collectively, the team had a bad day," stated graduate assistant and former Gamecock James Hall. "For a loss to come this early in the season is good; however, we must kick it in gear and get going before the OVC Tournament and NCAA Tournament gets here."

Against Kentucky on Sunday, Joseph tied for second with a score of 581, followed with a third place finish by Dickinson (580).

Jon improved his score by eight (574), and Huckaby stayed consistent with a 565, giving the team an aggregate of 2302.

Kentucky was 17 points ahead, and the red and white knew they had to shoot well in their best gun to have a shot at winning.

Dickinson and Jon tied for first, firing 592. They were followed by Huckaby (584) and Joseph (576).

Dickinson's aggregate of 1172 was seven points better than Kentucky's Andrew Roland (1166), and he claimed first in the match.

JSU ended the match firing a 4646; twelve points behind Kentucky's 4658.

"Kentucky is not a team to shake a stick at," states Dickinson. "We must focus on smallbore, and if those scores do not come up, we will not be contending for the NCAA title in March."

The Gamecocks will prepare themselves for their first home match of the season when they host OVC rival Tennessee Tech this weekend at Rowe Hall.

homecoming defeat (from page 1)

an early 7-0 lead. The Gamecocks were not phased by the early lead. Later in the quarter, cornerback Craig Agee intercepted a pass from Heffner. An illegal procedure call pushed the Gamecocks back 5 yards, but that did not stop JSU. Hardin looked down field and caught Wilkerson down the middle of the field who took the ball 70 yards for a JSU touchdown. After a Hallford PAT, the Gamecocks were tied 7-7 going into the first quarter.

The Tigers started the second quarter scoring from their ongoing drive at the end of the first quarter, which put them ahead 14-7. The Gamecocks struck back when the special teams faked what would have been a 41-yard field goal and con-

Hallford to put JSU ahead 17-14. The Gamecocks stopped another TSU drive, which set up another touchdown by senior running back Clay Green. The Tigers scored on their final drive, putting the halftime score at 24-21 in favor of the Gamecocks.

The third quarter was not the highlight for the Gamecocks. Tennessee State stopped JSU on their opening drive of the second half and put themselves in good field position. Heffner completed three passes while Williams ran in for a 13-yard touchdown, putting them up 28-24. Both teams attempted to put more points on the board, but the 28-24 score would stand going into the final quarter or the match.

The ongoing drive for the

connected with Wilkerson for a 9-yard pass, which was just short of the first down. The Gamecocks decided to go for it, and got the first down on a 2-yard run by Green. After a few more rushes by Green, Hardin connected with safety Kenny Walker for a 39-yard touchdown pass to tie the game.

Tennessee State did not back down. After an attempted reverse by the Tigers, Heffner connected with wide receiver Chris Johnson for a 63-yard touchdown pass. Benson converted the PAT to put TSU up 38-31. Hardin was intercepted twice by the Tigers to end the game and shattering the playoff hopes for JSU.

Although Hardin threw two interceptions, he went 15-29 through the air for 261 yards.

The games can be heard on the Gamecock Football Network, 92J, with commentary by Matt Coulter and Ed Lett.



Erica West (center) receives a \$1000 check from Jamie Ponder (left) manager of Red Pepper Trading Company and Staff Sergeant Ricky Jenkins from the Alabama National Guard. Freshman soccer player West kicked a 30-yard field goal at the Jacksonville-Murray State football game to win \$1000.

struck back when the special teams faked what would have been a 41-yard field goal and converted a 24-yard touchdown run by Taurean Rhetta. The JSU defense stopped the Tigers from driving down the field, giving possession to the Gamecocks. A combination of runs and passes from Hardin, Wilkerson and sophomore Daniel Jackson setup a 21-yard field goal for

the final quarter of the match. The ongoing drive for the Tigers at the end of the third quarter ended in a field goal by TSU kicker Eric Benson to start the fourth quarter, putting them up by a touchdown 31-24. The Gamecocks started at their own 47-yard line to open up their first drive of the fourth quarter. On third down, Hardin

Although Hardin threw two interceptions, he went 15-29 through the air for 261 yards. Green ran for 86 yards on 24 carries, scoring one of the touchdowns for the Gamecocks. Jacksonville State heads to Cookeville, Tenn. to take on the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech. They return to Paul Snow Stadium November 11 to host in state rival Samford at 11 a.m.



Photo by Natalie Roig

Wide receiver Taurean Rhetta runs for a touchdown Saturday against TSU.

soccer player West kicked at 30-yard field goal at the Jacksonville-Murray State football game to win \$1000.

Soccer drops one of two in roller coaster weekend, out of playoffs

By Evan Wilkins
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

It was Senior Night at the JSU soccer field Friday, and the JSU soccer team turned in one dominating performance.

The Gamecocks (5-11-2, 3-4-1 OVC) scored one goal in each half and used outstanding offensive and defensive performances to upset Southeast Missouri State (7-7-1, 4-3-1 OVC) 2-0 to keep their playoff hopes alive. It was a must-win situation for JSU.

"It was definitely our best game of the season," said Christina Balint, one of two seniors honored Friday night. "We could all just feel it in the air that we were going to win, and it really brought us together as a team."

The scoring started in the 21st minute when Kristi Pereira gathered a rebound from a shot sent into the box by teammate Lauren Deppe. She then drove a shot from 15 yards out that beat SEMO goalkeeper Lindsay Pickering and gave JSU a 1-0 lead.

"We came out knowing

that we have to win both games this weekend," said Pereira. "Our seniors are really important to us."

JSU led 1-0 at halftime, despite being out-shot by SEMO 6-3. Daniela Malta almost gave the Gamecocks a 2-0 lead before the half, after driving a shot from 25 yards out. Pickering managed to save the shot, and the score remained 1-0.

The Gamecocks came out strong again in the second half, constantly attacking the SEMO defense. They scored again in the 71st minute when Erica West managed to rebound the ball into the net after a mad scramble for a shot that went off the crossbar.

The defense took over from there, stopping every SEMO attack and allowing JSU to maintain the 2-0 lead throughout the rest of the game.

"It was an all or nothing game," said Malta, the other senior honored Friday night. "We came out to play for a win and did not want to settle for a tie."

Goalkeepers Elizabeth

Selasky and Kate Kelley each played a half for JSU, combining for five saves and preserving the team's third shutout of the season.

In a less than one-minute span on Sunday, JSU saw its playoff hopes dashed in a heartbreaking loss to Eastern Illinois.

The Panthers (6-6-5, 4-1-4 OVC) scored two goals in only 19 seconds to earn a 2-0 win over the Gamecocks (5-12-2, 3-5-1, OVC). The loss eliminated JSU from playoff contention.

"It could have been 30 seconds them, or 30 seconds us," said Coach Julie Davis. "They (EIU) did a good job at taking advantage of their offensive opportunities. We're a young team, and we've developed over the season tremendously, and I think they can go away with that feeling."

The two teams traded many opportunities throughout the first half, with Eastern Illinois outshooting JSU 6-5. However, both defenses stayed tough, and the score remained 0-0 going into halftime.

The score stayed that way

up until the 74th minute when EIU's Trisha Walter received a pass from teammate Kellie Floyd and one-timed it into the net past JSU goalkeeper Kelley.

Unfortunately, EIU was not done yet. Only 19 seconds later, Floyd then found Pam Melinauskas who sent the ball into the net.

"It's really disappointing, especially for our seniors," said Kelley. "We all wanted to come out and play really well for them."

The outcome of the game could not take away the fact that JSU applied much pressure to the EIU defense. They out-shot the Panthers 15-14, with four of the shots being on-goal. In the end, however, they were not able to find the back of the net.

JSU ends the season in a tie with UT-Martin for the sixth and final playoff spot. However, the Skyhawks hold the tiebreaker against JSU and will be awarded the playoff berth.



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