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 trying 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.

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. 1-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 linebacker Kalvin 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

Homecoming ends with a disappointing 38-31 loss

Photo by Kevin Jeffers

Photo by Natalie Roig

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Quarterback Matt Hardin looks for one of his receivers.

Above: Cocky struts his stuff at the Parade.

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

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

"I want to set an example for my family. My sister loved this weekend and wanted 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 didn't even know had my name on the back of their cars."

"I wouldn't be as involved 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 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 sweet 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.
The fun must go on

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

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 Terasha Johnson’s crowning of Homecoming Queen.

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 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 andcatcall 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.

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 cans of food we could donate in one day,” said Smith.

Sodexo donated 500 pounds of food to the JSU Food Pantry.

To break the record, Sodexo had to donate 3,000 pounds of food.

“Getting this to the pantries was an incredible achievement,” said Smith.

Sodexo was awarded a plaque to display in their dining hall.

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.
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 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 is still 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 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 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 Phillipe’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.
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 North-west 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 her scholarship offer contracting her to Jacksonville State for the 2002-2003 school year. She began her collegiate career on the right foot, sporting 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 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 Gey-er 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."
to go to, except it's only a haunt because of the spirits that dwell within its tunnels and pipes.

I convined 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, waiting 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.

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 workers to their deaths.

In October of 1906, Wormord is reported to have "lost his footing" while on a catwalk above the largest blast furnace, plummeting to his death in a vat of molten iron. 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 is this 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.

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 workers to their deaths.

The Sloss Furnace Factory was the site of numerous deaths.
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 Abby Beard 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 her sixth-straight double-double and 12th of the season.

Freshman Brittany 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 Jodi 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 Abby Beard led all players with 19 kills on a .271 attack percentage to pace a JSU offense that hit .316 as a team.

Freshman Brittany 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.

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The Gamecocks were not phased by the early lead. Later in the quarter, quarterback Craig Agee intercepted a pass from Helfner. 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 half-four touchdown, 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 connected with Wilkerson for a 9-yard pass, which was just short of the RSU touchdown. 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 score.

Tennessee State did not back down. After an attempted reverse by the Tigers, Helfner 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.

Shootin' blanks

"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 Hackaby 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 Hackaby (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.

"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 Hackaby are not far behind.

Jon and Hackaby tied for firing a 585 in air and then shooting 567 and 565 in smallbore.

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

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

Erica West One Thousand Dollars

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 at 30-yard field goal at the Jacksville-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 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.

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.