The JSU Gamecocks (1-1, 1-0) held the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks (2-1, 0-1) to 163 total offensive yards, winning in home opener fashion 38-7 in front of 13,862 fans.

"I think we had an outstanding defensive effort," said Head Coach Jack Crowe. "I think anytime you hold someone under 200 yards of total offense represents something."

The Gamecocks put up 473 yards of total offense, running for 303 and passing for 170. Running back Clay Green rushed for 120 yards on 17 carries, putting his consecutive streak at nine for 100-yard games in Ohio Valley Conference play.

Quarterback Matt Hardin completed 10 of 15 passes for 155 yards and threw one interception.

"I thought it was a good game," said Hardin. "Having the week off to prepare definitely helped us."

The opening drive set the tone for the Gamecocks. After Green's 48-yard kickoff return to the JSU 47, Hardin connected with junior wide receiver Taureen Rhette for 33 yards. Later in the drive, Green scored the first offensive touchdown of the season with a 9-yard run.

Later in the quarter, SEMO tested the JSU defense. A personal foul against the Gamecocks moved the Redhawks to the JSU 44-yard line. Southeast quarterback Kevin Ballatore completed a 22-yard pass to his teammate Oge Oge. The defense prevailed as Gamecock linebacker Willie Swain sacked Ballatore for a loss of 6 yards. SEMO kicker Colin Schermann missed a 43-yard field goal to keep the shutout going for JSU.

The Gamecocks led 14-0 going into the second quarter. A punt return by cornerback Craig Agee put the Gamecocks in SEMO territory, but an illegal block in the back put them back to their own 12-yard line. The penalty did not phase JSU as they moved the ball down the field for a first-and-goal on SEMO's 6-yard line. The drive came to an end when Redhawk cornerback Rome Rucker intercepted the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. SEMO failed to convert on the interception and punted to JSU. Kicker Gavin Hallford made a 25-yard field goal with over four minutes left to put JSU ahead 17-0, and the Gamecocks took that lead into halftime.

The third quarter started rough for the Gamecocks. The Redhawks went on a drive and were able to get the ball to the JSU 29-yard line. However, an illegal procedure penalty caused SEMO to punt again. During the play, Agee injured his hamstring, so freshman Josh Cain came to fill in. Cain received the ball and then fumbled, turning the ball over to Southeast. The Redhawks moved the ball but not close enough for them to score. Schermann attempted and missed a 51-yard field goal, giving possession back to the Gamecocks.

Jacksonville State started their 34-yard line. After a 20-yard leaping catch by Keller Speaks, Green ran the ball 48 yards to the end zone to put JSU up 24-0.

The Gamecocks pulled the first string and introduced freshmen Shea Allen, Shawn Green and Brody Thomas heading into the 4th quarter. (Shawn) Green rushed for one touchdown, while Thomas rushed for another.

The Gamecocks will play at UT-Martin on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. The game can be heard on the Gamecock Football Network, WLJS 91.9 FM. They will return home on Oct. 5 to take on the Murray State Racers. Game time is set for 5 p.m.
JSU promotes healthy living

By Kevin Jeffers
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

“Safe sex is great!” said freshman Daniel Aldredge at the Health Fair. Aldredge was one of many students to attend the event sponsored by JSU Peer Educators and Counseling and Career Services on Tuesday.

“We had students waiting to come in at 10:00,” said Linda Shelton, a Peer Educator advisor.

The Health Fair was held in the TMB Auditorium from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, which was also National Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day.

“Basically we’re giving the students an overview of all the health services available to them in the area,” said Robert Mills from the Student Health Center.

“This is the fourth year we’ve been doing this. We do it every fall, and it’s grown quite a bit,” said Todd Prater, a Peer Educator advisor. “We have general health information for students. We have a lot going on.”

Among the 14 different health organizations represented at the fair was the West Anniston Foundation, who offered free diabetes checks and obesity screenings.

“We screen for diabetes throughout Calhoun County,” said Kristi Hollinquest of the West Anniston Foundation. “We prick the finger check for obesity, and take their BMI (Body Mass Index) to see if they’re at risk for developing diabetes through obesity.”

Tom Robertson, HIV/AIDS Education Coordinator for the Calhoun County Department of Health, gave students information on HIV/AIDS, breast reduction, the dangers of smoking and bio-terrorism.

“You’ve got Monsanto, you’ve got the incinerator, you’ve got Fort McClellan Homeland Security that does live nerve agents,” said Robertson. “You’re also in the flight path between Birmingham and Atlanta; what happens if something hits? It’s good for us to be aware of that.”

“If they evacuated us into a shelter right now, and there are 17 cases of potted meat, can you really open them in the dark?” said Robertson. “These key chains here have pop-tops on them for the cans. We take those things for granted in an emergency.”

Along with these key chains and the many brochures and educational information given away at the Health Department table, there were more key chains with “pockets” for guys to put condoms or money in. These were quickly disappearing off the table.

“Guys are always complaining they don’t have pockets. Say you’re playing tennis, going swimming, going to the beach, you don’t have pockets on you for these types of things. You don’t really think about that,” said Robertson.

Also giving free screenings at the Health Fair were Calhoun County Mental Health Center (free depression screenings), Sarrell Regional Dental Center and AIM (AIDS In Minorities) of Birmingham, the last of which were giving free HIV and syphilis screenings.

“They’re normally a little late, but then they’ll stay late,” said Shelton. “They’ll stay probably until about 4:00. This will be their third [Health Fair] that they’ve attended. We have a good relationship with them. The students will know within a couple of days the results of their tests.”

Such results can take up to two weeks through the Calhoun County Health Department. “This is the first time that Sarrell has come and given free dental checks,” said Shelton. “We have mental health screenings, NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness); we’re drawing more and more agencies each year. We’re very, very excited about it. This is actually the first year we have provided food for the students.”

Also with tables at the Health Fair were the Jacksonville Hospital, JSU Student Health Center and the JSU Wellness Center.

Preview, Family and Band Day success for all

By Chris Lundy
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The heat did not stop Saturday’s festivities from being a success. Almost all clubs and organizations were in attendance for Family Day, Preview Day and Band Day before Saturday’s first home football game.

“It was very humid,” said sophomore Mallory Brown, an Elementary Education major. “Other than that, it was a great day.”

Entertainment included the JSU Jazz Band and the JSU Gospel Choir. Inflatable play places such as slides, pirate ships and bumper cars were provided for children. While the Greeks were passing out pom-poms, kids were getting their faces painted by some crafty JSU student artists. The weekend affair was encouraging for students, faculty and staff while also being very entertaining for families and friends.

“The departments worked really well together this weekend,” said SGA President Mardracus Russell. “I want to personally thank everyone for a successful Family Day, Preview Day and Band Day.”

Having three events in one day at basically the same time can be hectic. However, students and staff at Jacksonville State came together to support each other and to cheer on their football team in the home opener. With a prosperous and productive weekend like Saturday, current students can expect to see some familiar faces next year, especially in the Marching Southerners.

“We had about 495 kids and 156 parents attend our Band Day,” said Southerners Director Ken Bodiford. “I think this was one of our most successful Band Days, and having Preview Day and Family Day mixed in really made an impression on those kids. They left here feeling good about themselves and Jacksonville State University.”

The only tough part about the weekend was determining exactly how many people attended Saturday’s festivities.

“It’s really hard to determine numbers when you have three events going on at one time,” said JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan. “I can say the lunches sold were the most ever at an event of this capacity.”

After all the fun was followed by a great win from the Gamecock football team, families left JSU with a great impression of how the students, faculty and staff can come together to support Gamecock athletics.
The Chanticleer editorial cartoon

By Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer News Editor

"I wrote about what interested me and what interested my students," said History and Foreign Languages Department Head Harvey Jackson.

Jackson's latest book Inside Alabama: A Personal History of My State was given the Alabama Historical Association's Clinton Jackson Coley Book Award. "[The award] was given by my peers, people who are in the history profession, and for them to say that you are not half bad is exciting," said Jackson.

He began his writing when he decided to redo his Alabama history class. The University of Alabama contacted him on writing a book and it grew from there.

The book covers prehistory up until Gov. Bob Riley's first election.

The book is 320 pages and is used as a textbook at JSU, Auburn University and some junior colleges.

By Dave Dillon

No student parking

By Kayla Barnes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Parking at Jacksonville State University is and most likely always will be an issue. Unfortunately for students who live at Dixon and Crow or attend classes at Self Hall, parking has are a little upset at finding their parking spots taken when they arrive at classes. "[Parking] campus-wide is okay, but Self Hall at 8 [a.m.] is largely impossible," said Brandon Hollingsworth, a communication major. "Something definitely has to be done to rectify the situa- [close by]," she said. "I'm a girl, and I know the statistics. I refuse to park behind Self Hall because it is dangerous late at night. I got a ticket for parking in a teacher's spot because there was nowhere else to park."

Chief Terrance Schneider, the Director of Public Safety night], you have to move it by 7 a.m. We do have classes and we must abide by the coloring."

If students do have safety concerns walking around late at night, JSU and the UPD have had an escort service for the last several years. The service number is
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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the rights to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

Sept. 12
Amanda Obern was arrested for the possession of marijuana at Logan Hall.

Sept. 13
Casey Newman was arrested for theft from a public building at Salls Hall.

Theft of property was reported by Charles McCoy at the International House.

Robin Sayre reported the possession of forged documents and identity theft at the TMB.

Sept. 15
Sarah Koziowski was arrested for driving under the influence of liquor at Mountain and Goodlett Streets.

Agnie Gidley reported reckless endangerment and harassment at the Pain Hall parking lot.

Sept. 17
Trysha Thompson reported harassment.

Reginald Stewart reported harassing communications at Campus Inn Apartments.

Sept. 18
Wesley Ogletree was arrested for disorderly conduct and criminal trespassing in Logan Hall parking lot.

Theft of property from the JSU scrapyard was reported by Don Richardson.

### Senate Minutes

**By Reagan Williams**

*The Chanticleer News Editor*

The Student Government Association had their second meeting of the year on Monday at which all senators were sworn into office.

Student bill 5 was tabled again since the appointee was not in attendance.

Claudia Cauthen was appointed as the Elecclians Committee Head in student bill 19.

New business were bills 25 through 28 and student resolution one.

Rebecca Hopkins and Denise Steward were removed from their senate positions in bills 25 and 26, respectively.

Student bill 27 appointed Lucas Hackney as a senator.

Brittney Johnson was selected for senator in student bill 28.

Student resolution 1 was authored by Senator Tyronne Smiley and sponsored by the Residence Life and Facilities Committee.

The resolution will be given to several school officials, including President Meekin, and it requests that all residence halls be equipped with wireless internet connections.

Justice Rachel Poe asked for an amendment on 307.12 to the SGA Code of Laws. The statute currently states that senators are only allowed two absences from senate meetings with two tardies counting as one absence. The Student Judiciary Council would like the current policy to stand but add that two missed committee meetings should calculate to one absence. Poe also added that if you sign up to work an event but do not show, that should also count as one absence.

President Mardracs Russell announced that there is an internship available through the Washington Internship Institute. It is open to all majors to experience how the national government is run.

Vice President of the Student Senate Moody Duff III publicized that there are two open senate seats available. Applications are in the Office of Student Life, room 402 TMB.

Campus Safety Committee head noted that a resolution is in the making to have hanging parking decals instead of stickers and to get a parking deck in front of Merrill building.

MADE Committee Head announced that 175 pints were raised during the blood drive.

During the Student Body Report, it was announced that on Trustee Circle, between Bibb Graves and the Theron Montgomery Building. UPS and Fed-Ex trucks block the view of oncoming traffic. A student asked if a few parking places could be reserved for them to avoid accidents.

Several safety concerns were brought up during discussion; lights are out in front of Penn House Apartments, there is speeding at Curtis Hall, and people are driving the wrong way in the Sparkman Hall parking lot.

Parliamentarian Falen Cox suggested that there be a billboard to let students know what the SGA is doing around campus and a comment box.

Chie: Terrance Schneider, the Director of Public Safety at the University Police, said that the UPD has increased security and that this situation is only temporary.

“When the art annex is built, [it] will open up more parking spots,” said Schneider. “Some Self Hall classes have been rescheduled to other halls, but if you park your car at Self [at JSU] it will be in under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-2055.
By Jaclyn Cosper
The Chanticleer Ad Director

Constitution Day was Monday in the Gold Room at Bibb Graves. It was an opportunity to view a copy of our nation’s most important document.

The presentation began with a welcome from Dr. Lori Owens, Assistant Professor of the Political Science and Public Administration Department.

In attendance were JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan, members of the Political Science Department, the faculty of the Financial Aid Department and numerous students.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Meehan, a former JSU History minor. He began by commenting that our nation would not be the way it is today without our constitution.

One of Dr. Meehan’s favorite memories about the secret constitutional convention involved a sun design that was carved on the headrest of George Washington’s chair.

Benjamin Franklin, who was the oldest member of the convention, said that he often looked at the carving and wondered if the sun was rising or setting. Franklin made his acknowledgement known and said that he was sure the sun was rising.

Meehan also recalled that at the end of the convention, numerous people were patiently waiting to hear about their new government.

A woman sought out Franklin and asked him if they had given the people a monarchy or a republic. Franklin replied, “a republic, if you can keep it.”

Meehan commented that he would think our founding fathers would be proud of where we are today and where we are headed. We all must remember if it were not for this document, our constitution, we would not have what we all take for granted today.

By Toni Merriss
The Chanticleer Features Editor

All over Jacksonville State, students can see ROTC cadets in their BDUs doing various military activities. From the early morning PT jog to rappelling down the tower, ROTC cadets are always on the move.

What students do not see are the special training opportunities that are extended to stand-out cadets in college ROTC programs across the nation.

In Basic Airborne Course, or BAC, cadets are sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, for three weeks to train in how to use a parachute as a means of combat deployment. This past summer, four JSU cadets had the privilege to attend this prestigious program.

MS II Michael Dickins was one of the four. “I felt very fortunate to be selected to go,” he said. “They do not choose IIs very often so it was a big deal for me to be there. Many people want to go to this camp but never get the chance.”

During the first week of BAC, the focus is on ground training. Cadets are taught the proper way to land when jumping out of the C-17 airplane.

“We practiced falling a lot that first week. We practiced just falling on the ground, then we went higher and practiced falling from a platform. Your body takes a beating when you fall that much,” said MS IV Rusty Palmore, who also attended the course in a different cycle (cycles are like semesters).

The second week consists of cadets learning how to exit a plane properly. When that section has been completed, cadets are able to parachute from a tower 250 feet off the ground.

The third and final week is when cadets finally get the chance to jump out of the plane.

“It’s a huge rush. The first time was not that bad. The second time I hit the ground hard, so on the third jump I was kind of nervous, but it all ended up being my best jump,” Palmore said.

Usually cadets get to make five jumps. Two are non-combat (they do not carry equipment), two are combat (with full combat gear) and the fifth and final jump is a night jump.

“I enjoyed the night jump a lot. We couldn’t really see that much except the silhouettes of the other jumpers. I think that was one of my favorites,” said Dickinson.

Basic Airborne Course parachute jumpers.

Another training is Air Assault School, or AAS, located in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. AAS teaches cadets the basics of aircraft recognition, sling load operations and rappelling. Only two JSU cadets got the chance to attend this course during the summer.

“AAS was a challenging camp, both mentally and physically,” MS IV Reginald Stewart said. “We had to complete a 12 mile ruck march in under three hours before we completed the school,” he added.

The lessons taught at AAS are extremely important in the military field. “If something was not done properly, it could be very dangerous to other personnel,” said Stewart.

Although not considered “fun” like BAC, AAS can also assist cadets when they receive their branch assignments. Only ten percent of the cadets nationally are selected to participate in CPFT camps, so to be included at all is a privilege.

Since many people are not familiar with military acronyms, here are some more common ones decoded.

ROTC Reserve Officer Training Corps
BDUs- Battle Dress Uniform
MS I-Military Science cadet in their first year (freshman)
MS II-Military Science cadet in their second year (sophomore)
MS III-Military Science cadet in their third year (junior)
MS IV-Military Science cadet in their fourth and final year (senior)
PT- Physical Training for military personnel.
greatly assist anyone planning
an afternoon ride at
The club, which began
after the constitution, we would not have what we all
take for granted today.

By Nick Lewald
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A new club has rolled onto campus: the Jacksonville State Cycling Club. The club, which began last year, has become a booming success. With over 30 members, including many faculty and staff, this gathering of bike enthusiasts has become the highlight of the week of many members’ week.

The club is open to anyone with a bike, and they host rides Monday through Friday at various times during the day. Monday, Wednesday and Friday is the early-bird ride, which meets at 6:30 a.m. and finishes up around 8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays there is an afternoon ride at 4:45 p.m.

“Everyone has a lot of fun on these rides,” said Club President Ryan Youngblood. “We usually do at least 10-mile loops, but some people choose to keep riding. We’re pretty laid back here. Once a month we’ll do a time trial and see who can get the fastest time on a 17-mile course.”

So far, Tom Price is in first place with a time of 48.59 minutes.

The Cycling Club meets at the Ladiga Trail kiosk next to Park Place apartments.

“We also do an annual race up to the Mountain Street Tower. We try and ride all the way up Mountain Street until we reach the fence at the top. Last year, only four people made it all the way to the top. Needless to say, the ride down is a lot more fun,” said Professor Carmine DiBiase.

With no dues and frequent meeting times, the Cycling Club is expecting a surge in new members this year.

“Just look at how many more bikes there are this year than in years before,” said DiBiase. “Everyone is riding.”

For more information on meeting times and locations, check out the cycling clubs website at http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/JSCycling. Or send an email to Ryan Youngblood at zurich74@tds.net or Carmine DiBiase at cdibiase@jsu.edu.

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Day in the Life:

Gamecock Cheerleader

By Toni Merriss
The Chanticleer Features Editor

When you combine the freshly cut grass, the newly painted sidelines, and the sweat that seems to perfume the air you realize it's that special time of year: football season.

During those sacred months so much emphasis goes into the actual football team that many fans forget about those people yelling their hearts out on the sidelines, that's right, the cheerleaders.

Although women did not become involved in organized cheerleading until the 1920s, cheerleading dates back to 1898, when it was first formed at the University of Minnesota.

Of course, back in those times, no one could have predicted what this "unofficial" sport would become in later years.

"At Jacksonville State we take pride in being a Gamecock," said cheerleading co-captain, junior Chad Hoffman. "We always try to get the crowd involved, and get them excited about whatever sport we are there for. It is our job as cheerleaders to support all university sports, and we try to do the best we can," he added.

This is Hoffman's third year cheering for the gamecocks and his passion for both his school and the sport is quite obvious.

Quite a lot of prep goes into the routines performed at sporting functions. At JSU, the cheerleaders only practice for a few hours two days a week. But during these practices, they have to go over everything they might do at a game.

"We warm up and practice not only the cheers but also our tumbling," Hoffman said.

Game day is always an exciting day in college football. The cheerleaders are encouraged to eat a good breakfast, full of carbohydrates, to ensure they have energy for the entire game. A few hours before game time, the cheerleaders go around and tailgate with friends and family, always showing their school spirit.

Once at the stadium, they begin stretching and warming up.

They start with individual stunts, next is pyramids, followed by basket tosses.

"Baskets can be dangerous for both the guys and girls. The girl is getting tossed around but if the guy is not using the proper technique, either one of them or both of them can get hurt," Hoffman said.

They end their warm ups with tumbling, which helps when they have to do them in the end zone after the team scores 21 or more points.

When the score is below 21 the guys do push ups with a girls foot on their back.

These are a standing tradition here at Jacksonville State.

Another time honored tradition is the "Cock Walk", where the cheerleaders cheer and chant to get the team ready to come on the field. The band starts playing the fight song and then the squad is in front of thousands of fans (13,862 during the first home game to be exact.)

"This is an amazing feeling that only I as a JSU cheerleader can experience," adds Hoffman.

Once the game starts, the cheerleaders are yelling and screaming during every minute of it.

"Sometimes it can get frustrating when the fans will not yell with us. It can help a player's performance sometimes when they hear everyone cheering for them," Hoffman said.

There is always a chance for athletes to be injured at any time, but for cheerleaders, there can be extreme consequences for even the slightest misstep.

For example, in March 2006, Southern Illinois University cheerleader, Kristi Yamaoka, lost her balance during a human pyramid. Falling 15 feet onto her head, she chipped her vertebrate, bruised a lung, and sustained a concussion.

Yamaoka exhibited a true "cheerleading spirit" by continuing to cheer her team on even as she was carried off the court in both a neck and back brace.

Due to injuries such as this, safety has become a big concern this year. "We get a lot of negative light because of injuries but we all go into this sport knowing the various possibilities," said Hoffman.

In general, cheerleaders receive a lot of recognition as one of the most important school groups to promote enthusiastic, positive attitudes and school spirit within schools and the campus communities.

"Cheering can be both physically and mentally demanding," finished Hoffman, "but, it is what we do each and every day. We are the Gamecock Cheerleaders and we love Gamecock Athletics!"
The JSU cheerleaders show their back tucks in the endzone.

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Gamecocks tie Panthers, look ahead to OVC play

By Kevin Jeffers
Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Gamecock soccer team took their last step toward conference play Tuesday night, battling the Georgia State University Panthers to a 0-0 tie.

JSU's defense was unrelenting to the onslaught of Georgia State's offense, stopping a total of 12 shots on goal.

"This was the best defensive game we've probably played all year," said head coach Julie Davis. "I think it was a very positive start to entering into the conference."

The Gamecocks (1-7-1) played their final non-conference game against the Panthers, still leaving hope for an Ohio Valley Conference title despite their subpar record so far this season.

"I think one goal was going to win this game once it got started," said Davis.

Standout senior Christina Balint, who scored a hat trick in JSU's 6-0 win over Alabama State on Sept. 8, was limited to only one shot on goal. It was one of only five shots on goal for the Gamecocks.

Despite the lack of offense, the defense, backed all night by Lauren Deppe and Elsa Kurlychek, continually dumped off offensive chances by the Panthers.

The first half highlights for the Gamecocks came from junior goalkeeper Elizabeth Selasky, who made several diving saves. She finished with a total of seven. Sophomore Kate Kelly took over in the second half and stayed in goal for JSU through both overtimes, stopping a total of four shots.

The Panthers came closest to scoring in the game. In the second half, one of their shots sailed over the goalkeeper's head and hit off the crossbar. The ball took a lucky bounce for JSU and frickled away from the goal before a Panther player could capitalize on the rebound, and the game remained scoreless.

The two 10-minute overtime periods were uneventful, and the Gamecocks took their first tie of the season.

This was Coach Davis' first game against Georgia State, a former rival from JSU's days in the Atlantic Sun Conference. The Gamecocks are now 0-12-3 all-time against the Panthers.

"We've come together a lot," said Davis. "We've had a very, very tough schedule so far. Auburn's ranked 16th in the country. Kennesaw State, South Carolina and Samford are all ranked regionally. We've had a very tough schedule for such a young team.

"The experiences and lessons they've learned showed tonight in a positive way. They know now what is expected of them. They're learning each game how to compete, how to solve problems, and how to work together offensively and defensively. Trust was really shown tonight."

The Gamecocks travel to Clarksville, Tennessee to face Austin Peay and open up OVC play. Coach Davis has an optimistic outlook heading into conference play.

"Even with a 0-0 tie they've accomplished an awful lot after a tough season," said Davis. "I think today was a very good showing that we could be ready for conference play."

JSU ranked in top 25

From Staff Reports

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — After an impressive 38-7 win over Southeast Missouri State last Saturday, Jacksonville State moves into the No. 25 spot in this week's The Sports Network I-AA top 25, which was released on Monday.

New Hampshire holds the No. 1 ranking for the second-straight week, followed by Appalachian State, Cal Poly, Furman and Montana.

"We're pleased anytime we gain national attention," said JSU head coach Jack Crowe. "We play at UTM this week and we're very respectful of who we're playing."
JSU Rifle claims win in shoulder-to-shoulder match with Tennessee Tech

From Staff Reports

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. – JSU’s rifle team started the 2006 season off on the right foot with solid performances by a pair of freshmen in Air Rifle that helped to secure a victory in a shoulder to shoulder match with OVC rival Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

The Gamecocks claimed the victory in the match by outscoring the Golden Eagles, 4614-4534. Freshmen Phil Huckaby and Matt Mackenzie set the tone for JSU in air rifle with Huckaby shooting a match-high score of 590 and Mackenzie posting a 586.

Joseph Hall was the high shooter in the smallbore event. The junior from Carrollton, Ga., led all shooters with a score of 584.

“I’d have to say that I’m pleased so far,” JSU head coach Ron Frost said. “With this many freshmen, I expected a surprise or two, but no one has disappointed me. We do have some work to do, there is no question about that. However, I feel very confident that JSU will provide the other top teams out there some serious competition this season.”

Jacksonville State will be in competition again on Oct. 7, in Memphis, Tenn., in the Memphis Invitational.

It marks the 15th time the Gamecocks have been ranked in The Sports Network poll since joining the Ohio Valley Conference in 2003. JSU was last ranked on Sept. 5, 2005, at No. 21.

The Gamecocks, one of three Ohio Valley Conference teams ranked in the Top 25, travel to face Tennessee-Martin on Saturday. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. at Hardy Grady Stadium.
Breit named OVC volleyball POTW for third time in four weeks

From Staff Reports

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – Jacksonville State junior Abbey Breit has been named the Ohio Valley Conference’s Offensive Player of the Week for the third time in four weeks, the league office announced on Monday.

Breit, a 5-10 outside hitter/middle blocker from Louisville, Ky., has received the honor in all but one week it has been given away this season. The Gamecocks (6-4, 0-0 OVC) were off the week she didn’t win.

“Abbey had a monster weekend after a long break,” JSU head coach Rick Nold said. “She continues to play well for us, but the way our entire team has been playing has been opening up several opportunities for Abbey, and she has been capitalizing on them. We need to continue to improve as we start conference play this week.”

Her best match of the weekend may have come in a three-game sweep of Oakland on Saturday, when she tallied 18 kills, an average of six per game, on just 29 attacks for an impressive .483 attack percentage. She recorded 14 blocks on the weekend, including six each against SLU and Loyola. She also led the team in digs for the week with 50.

Breit earned the honor in each of the first two weeks of the season, before JSU took 13 days off before the Loyola Invitational. So far in 2006, she has been named to the All-Tournament Team in the Louisville Hampton Inn Downtown Classic, the Creighton Bluejay Invitational and the Loyola tournament. She was named MVP of the Louisville tourney, a feat that helped her earn National Player of the Week accolades from Collegiate Volleyball Update.

The 2005 OVC Offensive Player of the Year had one of the best weekends in her career last week at the Loyola Invitational in Chicago to earn all-tournament honors. She set a career high with 30 kills on a .359 attack percentage in a win over Saint Louis on Friday, only to best that with 32 kills in a loss to host Loyola-Chicago on Saturday.

The Gamecocks return to the floor at 7 p.m. on Friday, when they open OVC play at Tennessee State, co-champions from the 2005 regular season, in Nashville. They will then face Austin Peay in Clarksville, Tenn., at 2 p.m. on Saturday. They return home on Wednesday, when they host rival Samford at 7 p.m.

Gamecocks return to court, edge out Saint Louis, 3-2

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JSU Volleyball splits on final day of Loyola invite

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CHICAGO - In its first match in 13 days, the Jacksonville State volleyball team used a solid defensive effort and a career-high 30-kill night from junior Abbey Breit to edge Saint Louis, 3-0, in the first round of the Loyola-Chicago Invitational.

Breit, already a two-time OVC Offensive Player of the Week, had a big defensive night, as well. The Louisville, Ky., native recorded 22 digs, just one shy of freshman Brittney Whitten's match-high 23.

Senior Emily Withers pitched in 13 digs but set up the Gamecock offense with 67 assists. Senior Jessica Starck and junior Abbey Vierling added 16 and 13 digs, respectively.

Junior Rebekah Nichols recorded 18 kills on 35 attacks for a .343 percentage, while senior Shari Weyer contributed 12 kills.

The Gamecocks will conclude play in the tournament on Saturday with two matches. They will face host Loyola-Chicago at 12 p.m. before taking on Oakland at 5 p.m.

Defensively, Breit led four JSU players with 10 or more digs with 19, while senior Jessica Starck picked up 18. Whitten and junior Abbey Vierling each