SGA hosts Welcome Week

By DeShunn Johnson
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

It's that time again. Streets are overcrowded with students eager to start this new school year, it's nearly impossible to get a good parking space and the bookstores are crowded with people trying to determine which book they have to get and which they can get by without.

This last week was filled with events to welcome the new and old to campus.

Last Thursday, Aug. 29, a Welcome Back cookout was held on the Gamecock Field. Almost every organization on campus had booths set for recruiting any freshmen they might have missed during preview days and orientations. Of course, the field was crowded with students who wanted to get free food and release some tension before classes started.

“I wanted to see some new faces, eat some barbecue and hang out with my friends,” said Junior Brandon Foster.

“The first reason is food, because I really enjoy Southern food. The second, is because I wanted to join the organizations,” said Freshmen Lindsey White.

“In fact, I just signed up for STAT Club and I am also interested in the College Republicans.”

Classes started on Wednesday, Aug. 30, and once again the Theron Montgomery Building was filled with banks fighting to get accounts from prospective students.

That night, the Student Government Association hosted an old fashioned drive-in movie. Students filled the parking lot of the Coliseum while watching Mission Impossible 3.

Thursday, Aug. 31, students got “fired up” with a pep rally for JSU’s first football game on Saturday against Furman.

Crocodile tears

By Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer News Editor

“The Crocodile Hunter” Steve Irwin died of a stingray wound on Sept. 4 while filming a scene for a new documentary series in Australia’s Great Barrier Reef.

Reports show that Irwin was off being at the wrong place at the wrong time,” said Cline.

Stingrays are normally non-aggressive fish, and their stings are not usually life-threatening.

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...and stingrays, too

Matt Coulter: Tradition, Family, Pride
was computer labs are to be
By Reagan Williams

Reports show that Irwin was
stabbed by the barb of a stingray
after attempting to swim above the
fish. The tail pierced Irwin in the
chest and reportedly left a hole in
his heart.

The fact that Irwin was in shallow
water with a camera crew may have
registered as a threat to the stingray
even though the animal was not
intentionally provoked, said biology
professor George Cline.

“I hate to say it, but it is a matter
According to Cline, this was the
third instance of a death due to a
stingray in Australia. There have
only been 17 stingray fatalities in
the world.

Since about half of all stingrays
live in shallow water, most
encounters with humans occur after
the stingray has been stepped upon.

The “stingray shuffle” is used
to scare away stingrays that may
be hidden by sand. By shuffling
your feet instead of picking them
up, you might be able to scare a
stingray away before hurting it or

Services for JSU women and children

By DeShunn Johnson

Women and Children services, or WIC, have an office
located on Jacksonville State
University’s campus. WIC is a supple-
mmental nutrition program for
women who are breastfeeding or

within six months of giving birth
and children under the age of five.

The Lurleen B. Wallace nursing
building houses a division of the
program provided by the Alabama
Health Department.

To be eligible, women must be
within the poverty guidelines and
have a nutrition risk. A plausible

nutrition risk would be low hemo-
globin, being overweight or
underweight, a history of pregnancy
complications, or an inadequate
diet.

“Prevention is much better than
having a problem,” said Nutrition
Director for Public Health Area
Six and Registered Dietician Cin-

dy Templeton.

The program offers a paper
check redeemable for certain food
items such as milk, cheese, eggs
and juice. Four paper checks are
allotted per month and are indi-
vidual tailored to each family’s

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WT...Facebook?

By DeShumm Johnson

A lot of you are probably
wondering why you can't access
Facebook and

MySpace networking
sites in computer labs across

campus.

According to Academic
Computing Services web-
site, Facebook and MySpace
was banned from because
“computer labs are to be
used for academic purposes
as priorities”.

This begs the question:
what are considered “acade-

mic priorities”?

According to the Terms
and Conditions for use of
JSU Net, the server that the
university lets students
use to access the internet,

students are expected to abide
certain rules. These in-
clude: “Do not
swear, use vul-
garities or
any inap-
propriate
language. Illegal activities
are strictly forbidden. Do
not reveal your personal ad-
dresses or phone numbers.”

These terms are applied
to using your JSU e-mail
account, and to register for


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This summer, a Facebook

seminar was held online
to explain the attraction of
Facebook and MySpace to

faculty members, adminis-
tration, and staff.

This seminar focused on
how to maintain personal
information that can be
accessed without the permis-
sion of the individual. Some
students on Facebook post
personal information such
as addresses, phone num-
bbers, and even class sched-
ules.

According to Dr. Restau-
ri, the Director of Distance
Learning, another issue that
the seminar addressed is
the presentation of the in-
stitution reputation through
pictures and discussions of
activities [non-conclusive]
to the primary purpose of
the University - learning.

There is no screening of
what materials are allowed
on Facebook. In order to ac-
cess the site you must dis-
play your university. This
could lead to displaying uni-
versities in a negative light.

The Office of Distance
Learning hopes that with the
education of Facebook, stu-
dents will be equipped with
the skills to protect their pri-
cy. “We are working to
best prepare our educators
on how to assist students
with these tools,” said Dr. Restau-
ri.
Watch out, Uranus is next: A New Planet!

By Summer Hunt
The Chanticleer Copy Editor

Ending a long-term relationship is never easy. This old saying remains true while discussing the International Astronomical Union’s decision to end Pluto’s 76 year “romance” with the solar system.

For years, members of the IAU have struggled to define what really makes a planet different from everything else in the universe. At the 26th General Assembly of the IAU in Prague, Czech Republic, members outlined six new resolutions, including one defining what is a “planet.”

According to the new rules that can be found on the IAU’s website, a “classical planet” must not only orbit the sun and have enough mass to form a “nearly round” shape, but it must also “clear the neighborhood around its orbit.” This means one planet’s orbit can not dip into another planet’s.

The ninth rock from the Sun almost made the cut, but it appears to be just a little too close to Neptune for comfort. Pluto’s orbit overlaps that of its cosmic neighbor, Neptune.

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However, if the IAU had made the decision to call Pluto a “classical planet”, several new objects would come into question about becoming a planet.

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“Now it’s one-ninth easier to pass my class!”

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Criminal mischief was reported at Patterson Hall.

Aug. 31
A false fire alarm was rendered at Patterson Hall.

Sept. 2
Distribution of a controlled substance was reported at Crow Hall.

James Earl Sims was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to sell in the Crow Hall parking lot.

Sept. 5
Unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle in which a stereo was taken was reported at Crow Hall.

This is the last time Pluto will be first.

WIC from page 1
needs.

“Statistics show that the WIC program does work,” said Templeton.

The nursing department has remodeled a room and pays for two phone and Internet lines for the program to stay in business on JSU’s campus.

“We want them in our office,” said Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Sarah Latham.

The office is located in room 252 in the Wallace building. Appointments do need to be made in advance, which can be done by calling 256-237-7523. The representatives are at JSU on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Coulter from page 1

Coulter's broadcast experience doesn't end there, however. He has served as play-by-play broadcaster for the World Football League's Birmingham Fire and the Canadian Football League's Birmingham Barracudas. Before taking the job at JSU, Coulter gave color commentary, and periodically substituted as play-by-play analyst for both basketball and football at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

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Coulter on his first broadcast: "Ed Lett was in mid-season form, and I was still in spring practice," joked Coulter; "I did not bring my 'A' game. In my opinion, I did not have a very good broadcast. I owe Jacksonville State more, and they will get it against SEMO. I would give myself a C-minus, and I'd give Ed an A."

Coulter may have had an "off-night", but his first broadcast was a success. It went over the airwaves on the Gamecock Sports Network, and so began a new era in Gamecocks football broadcasts.

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Joining Coulter in the booth will be former JSU quarterback Ed Lett. Lett owns almost every tradition at Jacksonville State except the one I've experienced anywhere else. That's from the heart. That is absolutely from the heart.”

You know you wanna play.

Monday, September 11
7 p.m.
Leone Cole Auditorium
viewer discretion is advised
I like when you look at a painting and see more than what you originally thought was there."

The Mayer Menagerie

By Toni Merris
The Chanticleer Features Editor

When art major Judy Mayer began painting "Where the Coosa River Bends", a mural now hanging in Birmingham, she had no idea of the size of the project she was about to take on.

The mural, done in acrylics, took her over a year to complete, and is a collaboration of two farms that hold special places not only in Mayer's heart but also in the hearts of her entire family.

The first, Riverbend Farm, is Mayer's family farm that she was raised on. It is no longer in operation as a dairy farm; the land is now used for young calves' grazing.

The second, Wright Dairy Farm, is owned by Mayer's brother, David. They are the only farm in Alabama to milk their own cows, bottle and pasteurize their own milk, and sell their products on their own farm.

Carla Manning, Mayer's niece, was the one who asked her to paint the mural so that she could have it mounted on the walls of her ice cream shop, Wright Dairy Ice Cream.

"David (my brother) has a shop on the farm where he sells milk, butter, ice cream etc. but this is the first store off the farm for Wright Dairy," Mayer said.

Certain traits were taken from each of the farms for the mural's overall concept. From Riverbend Farm images such as Mayer's 85-year-old father, Milton, in his tractor were included. The original milk barn, and "Lake Momma", named after Carla Manning, were included. From Wright Dairy Farm, the cows were included.

"If I had known at the time that this was the largest painting that any JSU student had ever done, I might have been overwhelmed or lost my nerve, so it is probably a lot better for everyone that I didn't know," she said.

Due to the shop's small doorways, Mayer was unable to complete the mural in one piece. She painted the mural at JSU in the art department of Hammond Hall.

She was forced to use several different panels, each weighing 150 lbs., and connect them together after completion at Wright Dairy Ice Cream. Once connected, the mural was 26 feet in length and 8 feet in height.

The cows born on Wright Dairy Farm are transported to Riverbend Farm to graze and mature before being sent back to Wright Dairy Farm to be milked. Most of the cows on the farm are Holsteins, but a problem with their genetics is that they do not have sweat glands. So when it gets hot out, the cows do not want to eat. They only want to go lay down in the shade. This can affect the quality of the cows milk.

Wright Farms found a solution for this problem by importing a different type of cow, the Senepol, who do possess sweat glands. They will continue eating even when the scorching Alabama heat
Mayer's 85 year-old father, Milton, in his tractor were included. The original milk barn, and "Lake Momma", named after Mayer's mother, Ruth, also ended up in the painting.

"I like when you look at a painting and see more than what you originally thought was there," said Mayer.

The idea of a project like this would intimidate most people in size alone, but Mayer never really even thought about it.

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Actual cows that reside at Wright Dairy Farm were included because they are such a large part of the family's livelihood.

An important detail about Wright Dairy is that their cattle are mainly grass-fed, which results in a higher quality of milk.

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For a personal look at "Where the Coosa River Bends" you can visit Wright Dairy Ice Cream, located in Birmingham on Hwy 280, or for more information on Wright Dairy Farm you can go to their website at www.wrightdairy.com.

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**Intra-wha?**

By Chris Yow

*The Chanticleer Senior Reporter*

Hurry! Get to Stephenson Hall, now!

Today is the last day to sign up to play intramural sports in the pre-season. And you do not want to miss out on this opportunity. If you're not familiar with intramural activities, then you really need to check them out. The offices of recreational sports are located in Stephenson, and that's where you need to start. Go sign up, today. Don't have a team to play for? That's not a problem. There's a free agent draft at the beginning of the year.

Football and bowling are the fall sports. Football is separated into four divisions. Fraternity and Men's Independent, along with Sorority and Women's Independent.

Now, I play intramural football for the Baptist Campus Ministries, and we have not been the best the organization has ever had, but I still have fun playing the game that I have loved my entire life.

Maybe you played high school football and you miss it terribly like I do. Maybe you didn't play high school sports, but you have always enjoyed the sports. Or maybe you just want to have the opportunity to throw, run, or catch the football on the turf of Paul Snow Stadium just like your Gamecocks do each Saturday.

Whatever the reason, intramural sports are enjoyable for everyone. Especially if you win, and get to beat Samford!
Deja vu all over again

Last-minute TD earns Furman the win

From Staff Reports

GREENVILLE, SC - Brantley with just:28 left as Furman claimed a 17-13 win over Jacksonville State in the season-opener for both teams at Paladin Stadium on Saturday.

It was the second-straight season the Paladins (1-0) scored on their final possession to earn a win over Jax State(0-1).

"It was a tough, hard fought football game," said JSU head coach Jack Crowe following the game. "You have to give credit to Furman. They made the plays on that final drive to earn the win."

"I'm still very, very proud of this football team," added the seventh year head coach. "I feel like this has the potential to be the best defensive football team we've had since I've been coaching here."

It looked like the Gamecocks would pull off an upset over the No. 5 ranked Paladins after sophomore Gavin Hallford kicked a 29-yard field goal with 3:07 left to give JSU a 13-10 lead. JSU had marched 60 yards in 13 plays for the go-ahead score, but Furman wasn't quite ready to give up.

The Paladins took the ensuing kick and began driving down the field. Eight more plays later, Sorrells connected with Kendall in the right side of the endzone for the game winning touchdown.

Jerome Felton led the Furman rushing attack with 88 yards, while Gipson finished with 64 yards. Jacksonville State took a 3-0 lead with 4:07 left in the second quarter after Hallford kicked a 37-yard field goal. It was the only points in the first half as the Gamecocks held the lead at the half.

Furman scored to open the third quarter after Felton scored on a two-yard run to cap a seven-play, 70-yard drive. Scott Becker added the point after as Jacksonville State took a 10-7 lead with 8:23 left in the third quarter.

Furman then forced a Gamecock punt and marched it deep into JSU territory.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Becker attempted a 23-yard field goal to tie the game at 10-10 that sailed wide right.

Three plays later, Furman's Austin Holmes intercepted a Matt Hardin pass and returned it to the JSU 22 yard line. Becker then kicked a 34-yard field goal with 9:26 left in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 10-10.

In his first career start, Hardin finished 9-for-17 for 108 yards, but he did toss two interceptions. Josh Moten had 53 yards on four receptions to lead the receivers. Clay Green led the Gamecocks with 80 yards on 19 carries.

Jacksonville State is open next week and returns to action in the

Soccer loses twice at invitational

From Staff Reports

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Jacksonville State soccer team dropped a 3-1 decision to Western Kentucky in the first round of the Middle Tennessee State Invitational on Friday.

The Hilltoppers (1-2-0) got a pair of goals from Kristi Cocchiarella and pulled away with two goals in a 14-minutes stretch in the first half. The Gamecocks (0-3-0) got their lone goal from Jessica Scerbo in the 13th minute, a direct kick from inside the box off a Courtney Moore assist. WKU outshot the Gamecocks, 12-9.

Elizabeth Selasky was in goal for JSU for the entire 90 minutes and recorded three saves. Meredith Goodson was the winning goalkeeper for WKU after picking up three saves of her own in 90 minutes in goal.

JSU will conclude the tournament on Sunday at 3 p.m., when they face the host Blue Raiders.

GAME 2

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Blue Raiders jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first half and out shot the Gamecocks 24-6 in the match, including a 17-1 advantage in the first half, to earn the win.

MTSU took the early lead at the 10:45 mark after Holly Grogan scored on an assist from Kala Morgan and then the Blue Raiders pushed the lead to 2-0 after Mary Zapapas scored in the 26th minute. Jennifer Threlkeld then scored at the 34:08 mark and the 47:20 mark to give the Blue Raiders a 4-0 lead.

The Gamecocks (0-4) got their lone goal from Daniela Malta at the 66:10 mark after beating the goal keeper one-on-one. Malta and Tiffany Julien were each named to the all-tournament squad.

Elizabeth Selasky played 45:25 at goal keeper and recorded five saves, while Kate Kelly also earned five saves in 44:35 of playing time.

The Gamecocks return
Paladins took the QB Matt Hardin ensuing kickoff and returned it to the 50-yard line. Cedrick Gibson rushed for 15 yards on the first play and then tacked on left in the quarter. The Gamecock defense answered and gave JSU the lead after LeMarcus Rowell picked up a Furman fumble and returned it 34 yards for a Jax State touchdown. Hallford kicked yards on 19 carries. Jacksonville State is open next week and returns to action in the Ohio Valley Conference opener on Sept. 16 vs Southeast Missouri State. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium.

**Cross-Country underway**

From Staff Reports

JACKSONVILLE - Led by an individual title on the men's side by Ryan McKay, the Jacksonville State cross country teams turned in a pair of second-place finishes in the JSU Cross Country Season Opener on Saturday morning.

McKay, a junior from Calgary, Alberta, finished the 5K race in 14:58.1, just ahead of JSU sophomore Jeff Rhodes, who finished second in the 28-runner field with a time of 15:15.1.

The men finished with 44 points, behind only Kennesaw State, who won both the men's three-team race and the women's two-mile, four-team race.

Lesley Binning finished second in the women's event with a time of 11:56.9, just four seconds behind KSU's Erin Sutton, who won the event with a 11:52.1 mark. Watson's time of 12:49.7 was good enough for sixth place, while Sarah Caine finished ninth with a time of 12:58.5. Rounding out the field for JSU was Megan Zairek (13:23.4) in 11th, Latosha Taliaferro (13:44.9) in 16th place, Shelbee Roberts (13:53.0) in 18th place and Mackenzie Hayes (14:21.7) in 20th.

Butler's career-best 16:33.0 was good enough for 10th place, while Stephen Calvert (17:07.6) finished 16th and Chris Moore (18:12.5) came in 23rd to round out the field for the Gamecock men.

JSU returns to action on Saturday, when they travel to Huntsville, Ala., to compete in the University of Alabama-Huntsville Charger Invitational.
OMAHA, Neb. - The Jacksonville State volleyball team suffered its first loss of the season on Friday night at the hands of Creighton in the first round of the Creighton Bluejay Invitational in Omaha's Qwest Center.

The Gamecocks (4-1) took the host Bluejays (4-0) to five games before falling 3-2 (30-19, 31-33, 30-21, 27-20, 15-12), ending JSU's four-match win streak and the best start in school history. The loss was just the second for the Gamecocks in their last 16 matches dating back to 2005.

Junior Rebekah Nichols continued her impressive play for the Gamecocks, finishing second on the team with 15 kills. The Oxford, Ala., native committed just three errors in 29 attacks for a .414 attack percentage.

Junior Abbey Breit led all players with 21 kills. Senior Emily Withers set up the offense with 43 assists, while senior Jessica Starck led the defense with a match-high 21 digs.

The Gamecocks struggled through game one, committing 13 errors and recording just eight kills on 37 attacks before falling 30-19. The loss in game one kota State claimed a 3-2 (24-30, 30-23, 27-30, 30-9, 18-16) win Jax State's final match of the weekend.

JSU started the season with a four-match win streak that included a win over #12 Louisville, but the three-straight losses mark the Gamecocks' longest skid since early in 2005.

"With the exception of the Louisville match, we have been playing up and down," JSU head coach Rick Nold said. "When you play good teams like we did this weekend, they are going to expose your weaknesses. We scheduled this way for a reason, so we could find what our weaknesses are early.

Now we know what they are, so we have to go home, make adjustments and respond."

Junior Abbey Breit recorded a combined 42 kills on the day after picking up 18 against Iowa and 24 versus North Dakota State. Freshman Brittney Whitten was another one of three Gamecocks with double digit kills in both matches with 10 and 18, respectively, while senior Shari Weyer had 11 versus Iowa and 16 against NDSU.

Defensively, senior Jessica Starck led the way for the Gamecocks. The Louisville, Ky., native recorded 26 digs in the North Dakota State match after getting 22 against Iowa. Senior Emily Withers also had a strong day defensively with 17 digs versus Iowa and 13 against
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Jax State trailed late in game two, 21-15, but rallied to win eight of the next 10 points to pull into a 23-23 tie. Neither team led by more than one until a three-point rally by JSU gave the Gamecocks the 33-31 win, tying the match a one game apiece.

In the third game, the Bluejays scored seven of the first nine points and never looked back before taking the game, 30-21, and pulling within one game of winning the match.

In game four, the Gamecocks led by as many as four and never trailed enroute to the 30-27 win. JSU hit .273 in the game and held Creighton to a 188 clip to send the match to a deciding game five.

In the final game, Jax State trailed 8-4 before a 3-0 run cut the deficit to one. The Gamecocks would claim their first lead of the game at 11-10, forcing a Creighton timeout. The Bluejays scored five of the next six points to escape with the 15-12 win.

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GAME 2

OMAHA, Neb. - The Jacksonville State volleyball team dropped a pair of matches on Saturday on the final day of the Creighton Bluejay Invitational to finish 0-3 over the weekend.

The Gamecocks (4-3) fell, 3-0 (30-26, 30-26, 30-22), to Iowa in the first match of the day before North Dakota State. Which game had the highest number of errors? Game one had the highest number of errors, with 13 errors committed by the Gamecocks.

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