

This could get you into so much trouble.
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Introducing MyJSU

By Chris Lundy

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Up in the rafters of the Jacksonville State University Hall of Fame hang prominent jerseys that have solidified this campus as a highly prestigious academic institution. Names such as Dr. Theron Montgomery and events such as "Pack the Pete" ring bells and make Cocky proud to strut his feathers around "the Snow."

Students can now watch as a new jersey is proudly lifted atop the ceiling. Stitched in the red and white are 19 letters that have had the pleasure and the honor of enrolling students such as William Meehan, Heather Whitestone and Randy Owen. Waving goodbye to the crowd with tears rolling down its cheek, the Student Access System rides off into the sunset.

With the fall semester approaching, it's time to pick a new system that has the ability to encompass all aspects of what JSU is about. Something that can keep the Gamecock name afloat and separate itself from the pack at the same time.

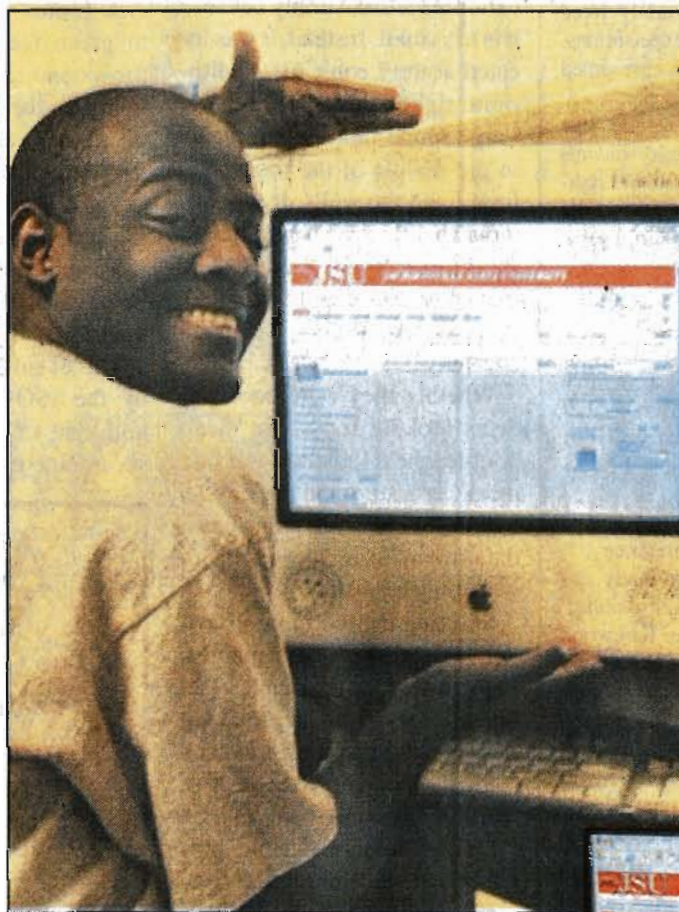
With the first pick in the draft, Jacksonville State University selects MyJSU. Not sure about the credentials that make the MyJSU system a solid candidate for a college of this magnitude? Here is some chicken soup from the Student Access System's soul.

With the new registration system, students, faculty and staff are welcomed with their name at the top, and promptly directed to the "home" tab. From this tab, all individuals are able to select from six other tabs, links that include Blackboard, grades and courses, or they can peruse the right side of the screen, which displays the current weather at the bottom or check their calendar at the top.

For people who can't get enough e-mail, two links are provided that are diagonal from one another. The GEM logo stands stationary on the bottom left while an envelope-like symbol is posted in the top right.

The next tab, "campus life," brings all the areas that students are concerned with or interested in under one roof. The lost souls can check the campus map, which is the first tab under the "JSU On-Campus" mark. The list goes on to provide links to various student areas such as university housing, student government and the Bookstore. Other links are provided to ensure that students are keeping track of what is planned by organizations, and that in turn keeps the students' agenda full of events to attend.

The JSU Gamecocks Sports website has provided a link under this tab as well, so the dedicated fan can attend



Photos by Jessica Summe

Above: Chris Lundy shows off the new system in the Self Hall Mac Lab.

Right: The MyJSU home page.

the next volleyball game to cheer on the back-to-back OVC tournament champions.

Still confused? Well look no further than the "tutorial" tab, which is a simple FAQ sheet. The questions are provided in blue, and anyone can scroll over the questions and click the link for more help.

The "students" tab brings back a familiar look. The "featured links" box is copied from the "home" screen, but is accompanied by the "my courses" box instead of announcements. Students can register for classes and check the status of other courses, much like the retired

Student Access System.

The "library" tab introduces nine boxes at the helm of the MyJSU user. From entering the catalog, checking out books or simply scrolling through the databases, the nine "library" tabs represent Houston Cole Library in a nutshell. Unfortunately, the tabs can't bring the books to you via email, so it is wise to go to Houston Cole Library and actually pick up the preferred reading.

Employees are not left out. The "employee" tab is strictly for the faculty and staff who keep this institution running on a daily basis. Forms are linked to provide travel accommodations and the administration can scroll through the policies, and procedures link to make sure of the logistics and operations of this institution. Professors can see who will be receiving their knowledge by checking the "registration" tab, and the "employment opportunities" link is placed in the middle of the page.

The MyJSU system has the ability to provide students, faculty and staff the necessary tools to grasp everything at their fingertips at a customized level. For



desires.

Under the last tab in MyJSU, properly titled "My Tab," students can add links to their favorite websites, making it easier for the math teacher to surf the net with a couple of clicks on the mouse and even easier for the English student to check their pictures on myspace.com. Everyone in the system stays informed with national news on MyJSU, thanks to links such as CNN and Google news, but can still be in touch with their hometown by adding

the local paper link to the "local news."

MyJSU also acts as a pain reliever. Parents no longer have to use swear words over the phone to find a student's financial aid information. Provided under the "registration" link in the "home" tab, students are able to find out which financial aid letters have been submitted and which forms need to be filled out.

"It's a great new way for students to register," said financial aid representative Stephanie Miller. "It's very interactive and user friendly."

MyJSU already has a fan club, but along with that come the critics.

Students who are members of the fan club already recognize that similar to the highly proclaimed Facebook, MyJSU's groups see the benefit of having a group of diverse students come together to meet and achieve goals in a social forum. Updates can be posted to let everyone in the group know about upcoming events and other things related to the group. However, the groups in MyJSU have to be approved based on the name and overall objective of why this group needs to be established.

Critics of the new system already see an error in the registration arena. For example, a student who is ready to register for a 200 level class but is still currently enrolled in the 100 level prerequisite will have some problems. MyJSU will not let a student register for the next class in a sequence even if they are currently taking the prerequisite course.

Although critics see this minor flaw, the fans of MyJSU will quickly turn the heads of the nonbelievers and have them putting on red and white war paint.

"We're really excited about how this system is going to benefit the students," stated Vickie Adams, director of financial aid. "It's about them, and we can serve them in a timely fashion. We're in a world where we want instant gratification, and with this in place, it's the first step in that direction."

The MyJSU opens students up to the Banner System, which allows students register for the fall 2007 semester: Students enrolling in May and summer classes will still use the Student Access System. The Banner System was introduced to students on Wednesday, Feb. 7 so they could become familiar with the new system.

With MyJSU now encompassed under one umbrella, the Student Access System can draw retirement checks from the money earned by the rookie. Of course, with any rookie in a new system, adjustments will have to be made, but MyJSU will have the seats in the classrooms filled with students eager to learn and up-to-date with their campus. Vote MyJSU for Rookie of the Year!

A writer speaks:

Gay Talese engages crowd at Ayers Lecture

By Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

On Tuesday, March 6, faculty, students and many others filled the main conference room of the Houston Cole Library to hear this year's Ayers lecturer, Gay Talese.

Regarded as one of the founders of "New Journalism," Talese spent several years at *The New York Times* before embarking on his current career of writing best-selling books.

President Bill Meehan welcomed Talese and the audience before H. Brandt Ayers launched into a lengthy and thorough introduction for Talese.

"He cares deeply about the human condition," said Ayers of Talese during his speech. Talese is known for his intimate handling of subjects for articles and novels, telling the personal sides of the story that others don't bother to look for.

"He doesn't do politics, he does people," Ayers said later on in his introduction. "Only someone like Gay can find the people who were passed by the parade and find something fascinating in them."

Talese then took the podium and spoke about his family and how his mother's career as a dress seller influenced his highly personal and effective style of interviewing.

"I would listen to the women who came in the store," said Talese. "And while they were shopping, they would talk about their lives - their husbands, their children. And I would listen to the women and go, 'wow, those are interesting stories.'"

Talese, a graduate of the University of Alabama, also explained how a native of Ocean City in southern New Jersey ended up in the Deep South. A customer of his father knew someone with the office of admissions, and when Talese didn't get into any local colleges, they sent him to Tuscaloosa.

"I graduated without honors from Ocean City High School," said Talese. "I didn't know what I wanted to do, but it had been proven that I wasn't good at very much." Even as a journalism student at Alabama, Talese admitted he still was "in the middle of the pack" when it came to writing and reporting.

Talese's lucky break came when a college friend sent him to "stop in and say hello" to his (very distant) cousin in New York City, who also happened to be the managing editor of *The New York Times*. Talese did visit the editor and wrangled an application during the process.

After being admitted to the Times, Talese (who had served in Alabama's ROTC program) was called to Fort Know, where he served as then Colonel Abraham's (later General Abraham) public information officer. When he returned to the Times, he quickly made sports reporter in 1956.

"Even as a sports writer," said Talese, "I still focused on the stories. I'm interested in the experience." Talese continued to write about "anything his curiosity led [him] to," and was on the site in Selma when "Bloody Sunday" occurred.

"It was one of the most dramatic, shameful, and significant events in news," said Talese.

Talese's articles about the event gained a lot of attention, and Talese was commended for his objective and insightful work. However, Talese soon left the Times afterward.

"I wanted to write more deeply," said Talese. "I'm just an old-fashioned reporter that likes to write about people."

Talese then wrote a slew of best-sellers, such as *The Kingdom and the Power*, which describes the rising of *The New York Times*, and *Honor Thy Father*, the inside story of a Mafia family.



Photos by Jessica Summe

Top: Burkhalter gets his books signed by Talese while others wait in line.

Bottom: President Meehan talks to bystanders while Talese signs his book.

Talese's latest work, *A Writer's Life*, was the focus of his speech at the Ayers Lecture.

After Talese's speech, a few questions were taken from the audience before a book-signing session was held.

People came from all over to hear Talese speak. A group of students from Stillman College in Tuscaloosa traveled to JSU for the event, and other visitors made themselves known when they brought books for Talese to sign.

"We have credit cards from Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky," said JSU student and bookstore employee Holley Embry, who was selling books at the event. "We're completely sold out of *The Kingdom and the Power*, and we're pretty much cleared out on everything else."

"It was awesome," said JSU student Eddie Burkhalter. "It was nice to see somebody from the old school talk about journalism."

No laughing matter

By Bethany Harbison
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

It is often said that all good things must come to an end, but in the case of Monday night's Comedy Extravaganza and DVD Release party, that end came far too soon for both performers and members of the audience.

Six stand-up comedians were scheduled to perform, but only three of them were able to grace the stage before two University Police Department officers ordered for the event to come to an early closing due to a lack of security.

"I was highly disappointed. I went to every possible means beforehand to have it not shut down, and it happened anyway," said communications major Marcus Cunningham.

Cunningham also said that when applying for the use of the TMB auditorium, he checked the box that he needed security to be provided. However, due to a miscommunication, security never arrived.

Cunningham and Toney Chestnut, who together founded Me & Cuz Incorporated, planned the event to promote their DVD, "Me & Cuz, Volumes 1 and 2," which features improvised skits of rap and R&B celebrities. Cunningham is also the founder of Mac Productions, and Chestnut the creator of TMC Entertainment. The two worked together to perform in, produce and direct their own comedy DVD.

To give the audience a taste of the film's comedy, Cunningham and Chestnut planned to alternate the comedians' performances with clips from the DVD.

Audience members were charged three dollars admission and were also given an opportunity to buy a copy of the DVD for five dollars. Most agreed that the night's comedy was more than worth it but were still disappointed that it was cut short.

"They put a lot of effort behind it, and it is very sad that UPD shut it down early," said graphic design major Jelisa Tanniehill.

To ensure that no audience member felt cheated, Cun-

ningham and Chestnut gave everyone the option to either get a refund of the admission charge or sign a list to be admitted for free into the next event.

Freshman Crystal Thomas, the first of the night's comedians to perform, was excited but anxious before her performance.

"I'm nervous before every show, because you always have that fear of people sitting there not laughing," said Thomas, whose first performed stand-up comedy at SGA's Open-Mike Night.

Thomas, a drama major who aspires to become an actress, sees events like these as great opportunities to turn her dreams into reality.

"I'm on my way to Hollywood!" said Thomas.

Thomas's act was followed by DVD clips and the stand-up comedy of "Big E" and Felicia Ellison.

Though the Comedy Extravaganza was cut short, plans are already in the works for future events from Cunningham and Chestnut. Another DVD Release Party is planned for next month in Birmingham. It will be similar to Monday night's event, but on a larger scale.

"That's the big one!" said Chestnut.

For more information about Me & Cuz, Incorporated or to purchase a copy of the DVD, contact Cunningham at (205) 876-3034 or Chestnut at (205) 276-4773.



Photos by Bethany Harbison

Above: A JSU student watches Crystal Thomas.



Left: Big E onstage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Used Book Sale: JSU Model Arab League Club is having a used book sale Friday, Mar. 9 in the lobby of Martin Hall. Prices will range from \$.50 to \$2.00.

Contact: Jason Sumner @ jsu6374k@jsu.edu

All-Faith Student Alliance: AFSA is sponsoring Peacefest on the TMB lawn Apr. 5 beginning at 12 noon. Local bands will be performing live and other events will be held such as a car maintenance workshop and open poetry mic.

Contact: Professor Hudspeth @ hudspeth@jsu.edu

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CAMPUS CRIME

March 1

Jasmine George reported fraudulent use of a credit/debit card at Grub Mart.

Valencia Lewis reported unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle in Fitzpatrick Hall.

March 6

Emmett Wilson reported fraudulent use of a credit/debit card in Pete Mathews

“Unmasking tomorrow’s leaders”

By Bridgette Powell
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

On Thursday, March 1, student delegates traveled to Montgomery to participate in the Collegiate Legislature Conference. Montgomery serves not only as the state capital and historical landmark but also as a city where great leaders are developed and revealed. Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. are among the many that have had a major impact on the great state of Alabama as well as the city of Montgomery.

But Congressman Artur Davis (Alabama 7th District Representative,) said it best as he spoke to college students from across the state at the Collegiate Legislature Conference: “[We’re] unmasking tomorrow’s leaders,” he said.

Jacksonville State did an outstanding job with revealing its future leaders. The JSU delegation consisted of top debaters. They had strong minds, strong opinions and the guts to speak their mind to go along with it.

For the delegates, the trip did not start off as planned. The severe weather conditions last Thursday caused the departure to be pushed back. But once there, the JSU delegation set out on a quest to learn from and impress their fellow delegates.

Delegates from the University of South Alabama, Auburn University-Montgomery, University of Alabama, Troy University, University of North Alabama, University of Montevallo, Ala-

bama State University and University of West Alabama also attended the conference.

The awards ceremony took place on the last day. JSU was among the many schools that took home awards. Terrance Windom received the “Outstanding Delegates Award” for JSU, while Sabrina Ussery received the “Outstanding Statesman Award.” Destini Mayberry and Sade McClaney were also voted officers for next year’s convention.

The weekend certainly lived up to the students’ expectations. There were great bills presented as well as a heated debate.

“It allowed me to see that there are other college students that are just as interested in politics and what is going on in the world today as I am,” said senator Falen Cox.

The weekend had a major impact the JSU delegation.

“I had a chance to meet a lot of positive people who are filled with energy,” said Moody Duff III. “I’ve learned that everyone has a different opinion. I had a great time.”

JSU was not the only school impacted by this conference.

“It was great. It really enhanced my leadership skills,” said delegate Duncan Kirkwood of Alabama State University. Kirkwood also said that he never thought he would take government past SGA, but now he is really considering it. JSU will definitely be back to next year’s Collegiate Legislature Conference with new faces as well as new ideas and opinions.



Photo courtesy Bridgette Powell

The JSU Delegates who went to Montgomery this past weekend for the Collegiate Legislature Conference.

Eating around the world

By Nick Lehwald
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

Last Saturday, the International Student Organization hosted their annual International Taster’s Fair. It was an event of global proportions.

The Fair, which the International Students have been putting on for the past several years, always draws a large crowd of hungry students, faculty and locals, and this year was certainly no exception.

The Fair was not at the International House, simply because it is too small. Instead, it was located at the Leon Cole Auditorium, right below the cafeteria. Large round tables were set up in the middle of the room, and food lined the walls. It was obvious that the ISO had prepared for a large crowd. Considering that over 300 people attended, it looks like the ISO planned correctly.

Whether they were poor students looking for a free meal, poor teachers looking for a free meal, or our local neighbors looking to try something new, the crowd was pleased with what they received.

Splitting the world into Eastern and Western hemispheres, each row of tasting tables (set up buffet style) had a broad variety of culture and class as each student showed off the best of their home country cooking.

On the Western side, the buffet began with a French-fried snack that was very scrumptious. Moving down the line were such countries as Serbia-Montenegro, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Belgium, Germany, Spain and others. All served up delicious dishes of food, including sausages (Germany), roast beef (Belgium), a rice dish (D.R. Congo) and a plethora of what can only be described as meats wrapped in various breads baked together into a mouth-watering orgy of flabbergasting flavor. Whatever the

baked-meat treats were, they were absolutely amazing. By the time anyone got to the end of the table, they either had a full plate or were juggling two full plates.

By the time anyone got to the second buffet, or the Eastern hemisphere, their stomachs were either full or close to it. Starting with the United States, the buffet moved through the world to countries like Japan, Morocco, Brazil and a host of others serving national delicacies. From fried chicken (USA) to green tea pudding (Japan), the second table was just as enticing as the first. While many people chose not to go with the American food (probably because they eat it every day), the rest of the countries had a run for their money as food was being snatched up extremely quickly.

The evening was capped off by the ISO talent show. The highlight of the event was the six-minute break dance routine

performed by four members of the Japanese student contingent. They received a standing ovation. Playing a remix of Linkin Park’s “In the End,” the four students broke it down better than anything this reporter had ever seen before. It was by far the best performance of the evening.

All in all, it was a great event that was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Even those that left early and did not see the break dancing enjoyed themselves. And if they didn’t, then at least they got to eat for free.

The International Taster’s Fair was a fitting finale to International Week, a collection of several events thrown by the International Students. The week started off with a soccer game on Sunday, Feb. 26, and continued with a silent auction, Vibe Dance Night and a Sidewalk Chalking event. (The World Photo Presentation on Thursday, March 1 was postponed due to the severe weather.)

ATTENTION

The Calhoun County Board of Registrars will be taking applications for voter registration on March 27, 2007 at the TMB Lobby from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. To register to vote in the State of Alabama, Calhoun County, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Reside in Calhoun County Alabama
- Be at least 18 years old on or before election day
- Not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony, or if you have been convicted, you must have had your civil rights restored
- Not have been declared “mentally incompetent” by a court

Emmett Wilson reported fraudulent use of a credit/debit card in Pete Mathews Coliseum parking lot.

Pre-Law Society visits Jones School of Law

By Daniel Ufford
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State University Pre-Law Society traveled on Monday, March 5 to the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law on the campus of Faulkner University in Montgomery. The JSU Pre-Law Society seeks to annually organize trips to various law schools in order to expose JSU students to the law school application process. This is their second such trip this year.

The JSU Pre-Law Society was able to take a full tour of the campus and all of its facilities. Assistant Dean of Student Services Andrew Mathews directed the tour and discussed the application process with the students. He also described the advantages of the school's location and the many opportunities from its internships and externships.

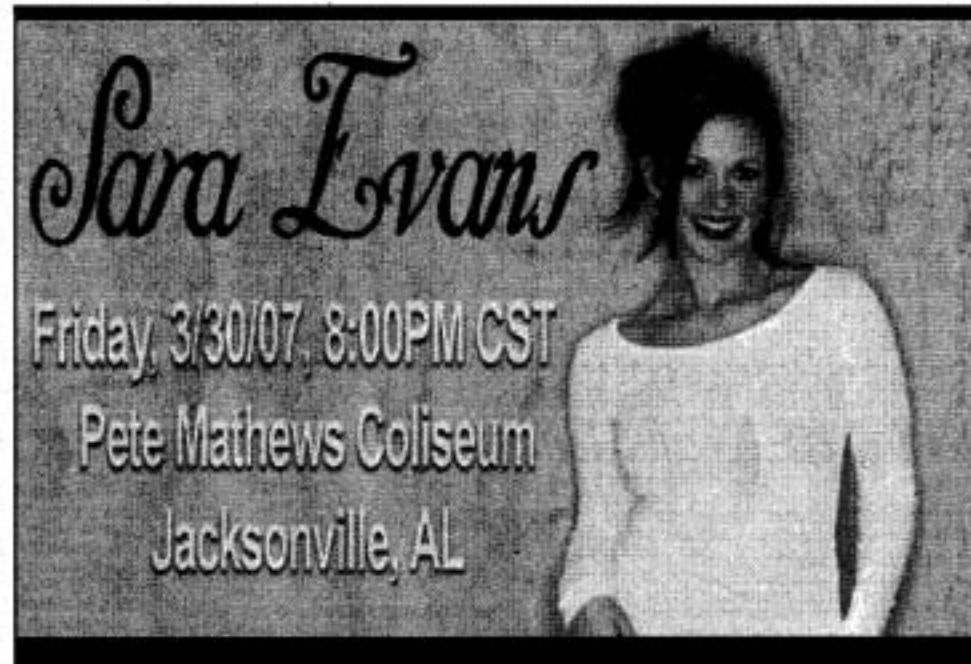
The students were then invited to attend a first-year torts class taught by Professor Shirley D. Howell. This provided first hand exposure to the Socratic method used in legal education. All of the students enjoyed the class and were excited by the experience. The law school students made sure to interact with the JSU students and answered many questions. Professor Howell greeted students with the utmost respect.

Jones School of Law has recently received provisional accreditation by the American Bar Association (ABA). This provisional period lasts five years and is required to receive full accreditation. The school must meet the requirements the ABA sets out before the five years expire. The will be eligible for accreditation after two years. Any graduates during the provisional period will have the full privileges of an ABA degree.

The law school trip was an excellent opportunity for JSU pre-law students. The JSU Pre-Law Society plans to continue to provide this service for its future members. Transportation costs for the trip are covered by the organization for all members. You can contact the JSU Pre-Law Society by email at jsuprelaw@gmail.com, or you can contact the organization's faculty advisor Dr. Lori J. Owens by email at ljowens@jsu.edu.

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.

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Tickets on sale
Tuesday,
January 30
at 8:00 a.m.

For More Information, Contact the Athletic Ticket Office, 256-782-8499

8 Thursday	9 Friday	10 Saturday	11 Sunday
Chamber Winds Concert JSU Star		Spring preview day	
12 Monday	13 Tuesday	14 Wednesday	15 Thursday
Faculty Senate Meeting SGA Senate Meeting Peace Building Education in Israel/Palestine		Etiquette Meal JAXPAN 277 Percussion Ensemble Freshman Forum Army College Tour	JSU Chambers Singers Concert Army College Tour

Give me my space or myspace.com a place for friends

By Summer Hunt
The Chanticleer
Copy Editor



Dear diary, I hate my job. I hate my boss. Expletive, expletive, expletive. Seems harmless enough, right? If you aren't writing in a little leather-bound journal and are in fact writing in a computerized blog, i.e., MySpace, you could be in big trouble.

The latest trends in social networking seem to bring about many good things: being able to keep up with old friends, share pictures and of course, voicing your thoughts and opinions via your blog. This is all well and good until the wrong blog falls into the wrong hands.

Take for example journalist Matt Donegan, a writer for the *Dover Post*. According to (surprisingly enough) a news blog associated with the *Philadelphia Weekly*, Donegan was fired from his job at the *Post* for posting offensive material and comments which his editor Don Flood called "contrary to what we believe here."

What exactly was so offensive? Donegan's site contained racial slurs and massive amounts of foul language, among other things.

This trend isn't exactly new, and it isn't restricted to just the office. One of the biggest social networking sites that came to JSU in the past few years, Facebook, presented college students with all sorts of bonuses. Students were able to keep in touch, send messages and the best part of all: photo albums. At every party, every time a digital camera came out, it was closely followed by the phrase, "this is going on Facebook!"

However, students proceeded to incriminate themselves by posting sensitive information on the Internet. In the past year, there was a breakout of church fires in the Birmingham area. The arsonists turned out to be students at Birmingham Southern College, and they were found out - amazingly enough - through Facebook.

As far as picture sharing goes, students must be very careful with what is posted. Greeks, athletes and scholarship recipients face varying degrees of punishment if they are found in compromising photos.

When I posted pictures from a recent party on my own Facebook account, two different friends contacted me asking that I remove the photo tag connecting their face with their name. One said that she couldn't be drinking in the photos due to reasons relating to her sorority, and the other was concerned about the fact that she was receiving a scholarship and did not want to jeopardize anything. There are also hosts of other kids posting photos of them engaging in underage drinking, illegal drug activity and many other things that they might be embarrassed

for a scholarship committee or future employer to see.

But that is, in fact, a very real possibility.

More and more, employers are

The website About.com gives a lot of valuable information regarding jobsearching and social networking sites. The site also lists several dos and don'ts regarding safe blogging.

Don't include a link to your website in your resume. Honestly, this should be common sense.

Do be very careful about what you put online. Keep the stories about wild parties and kleptomaniac tendencies to a minimum.

Don't be irrational in light of job conflicts and write your feelings in your blog if you think there is a chance current employers will read it.

Do cover yourself. If you think that there is compromising information in your MySpace or Facebook account, make your profile private. There are private options on each of these sites.

About.com lists different links with more information on how to blog safely without taking away your right to express your feelings and views, including the Electronic Frontier Foundation and Blogger.

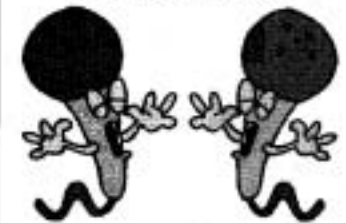
For more information, you can visit these sites on the web, as well as doing what I did: a simple Google search.

Good luck, have fun and happy blogging.



researching future employees through search engines such as Google and Yahoo!, linking them to MySpace accounts and different blog accounts. If it's on the Internet, there's nothing stopping employers from looking up information on the web, and many will find out as much as possible about an applicant before hiring them.

Local Concert Calendar



Mar. 8

Lefty Williams
Brother's Bar

Mar. 9

Backseat Virgins
Brother's Bar

Mar. 10

Zac Brown band
Brother's Bar

Mar. 11

Nathan Smith
Smoking Moose

Mar. 12

Open Mic Night
Brother's Bar

Sound Off: "Stress and Duress"

Imagine being arrested, tortured and imprisoned for years without ever having been charged with a crime. It sounds like something out of a nightmare, something that happens in secret dungeons in foreign countries where some evil dictator rules, but the setting of this nightmare is not some distant country. It is happening to hundreds of people on American soil - the American military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

For the past five years, people captured by the military

Supporters of these methods also argue that maintaining these detention camps and utilizing these interrogation methods are necessary evils that must occur to protect Americans in a post-9/11 world. Are the dangers posed by terrorists real? Yes. Are many of the detainees held at Guantanamo guilty of terrorist acts? Possibly. Those that are guilty are without a doubt a threat, but does the possibility that someone may be a terrorist or have information about terrorist plots justify human rights violations?

tactics to elicit confessions. The government contends that these civil liberties do not apply to foreign nationals, and stress and duress techniques are not torture, and are, therefore, not human rights violations, but inflicting pain - even that which does not maim, mutilate, or leave physical scars - to elicit information or confession is torture - no matter what you choose to call it.

In a White House press release concerning the signing of the Military Commissions Act; President Bush stated, "One

Bay, Cuba.

For the past five years, people captured by the military and designated "enemy combatants" during the War on Terror have been held at Guantanamo, where they have been subjected to what the government euphemistically refers to as "stress and duress" techniques to elicit information during interrogation. These methods include food and sleep deprivation, exposure to heat and cold, being forced to maintain uncomfortable or painful positions, prolonged isolation and water-boarding, a technique that simulates drowning.

These same acts, perpetrated on civilians, are called torture. If one American citizen committed these acts against another, that person would be labeled a violent offender and incarcerated, and if American police used these tactics to coerce a suspect to surrender information or confess, any information derived from the interrogation would be inadmissible in a court of law. But because the detainees are not American citizens and have been deemed "enemy combatants," thereby stripped of their civilian status, the government has decided that these acts do not constitute torture.

The Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines torture as "anguish of body or mind" or "the infliction of severe pain, especially to punish or coerce." If the stress and duress interrogation techniques do not fit those definitions, what acts would?

Some supporters of these current policies argue that because no permanent damage is done to the individual, stress and duress techniques are not torture. But what constitutes "permanent damage"? Advocates for child and domestic abuse victims would argue that emotional and mental abuse, while leaving no outward physical signs, can leave victims with severe problems that they may struggle with for their entire lives. If we accept that this type of trauma can cause psychological scars, how can we say that stress and duress techniques do not cause permanent damage?

Another issue to consider is how the prospect of indefinite incarceration must affect the detainees. There have already been multiple suicides and one case where two men confessed under duress to being terrorists but were later exonerated by evidence obtained by Britain's MI-5. The men gave false confessions in order to stop the interrogations. How many more will give false confessions? How many already have?

one may be a terrorist or have information about terrorist plots justify human rights violations?

Would the family of a man whose heart is failing be justified in killing another man so they could harvest his heart? They would save the life of a man they loved, only to sacrifice the life of another. The situation at Guantanamo may save human lives, but will it cost us our humanity? How far are we willing to go to feel safe?

Many of these detainees have already spent five years of their lives imprisoned, and at present, there is no end in sight. President Bush recently signed the Military Commissions Act of 2006 into law, effectively giving the executive office the power to hold these prisoners without due process. This legislation allows the government to violate nearly every civil liberty regarding imprisonment and the defendant's legal rights, and some argue that it also allows violations of the Geneva Conventions. Under the Military Commissions Act, enemy combatants do not have any of the legal rights that American citizens enjoy. They can be held indefinitely without formal charges, they have limited access to legal counsel, and they are subjected to coercive and torturous

In a White House press release concerning the signing of the Military Commissions Act; President Bush stated, "One of the terrorists believed to have planned the 9/11 attacks said he hoped the attacks would be the beginning of the end of America. He didn't get his wish." What if he did? The constitutional protections that govern the American criminal justice system are some of the most important rights that we have – the idea that all people should receive fair and unbiased treatment under the law is at the heart of what America is. If the residue of fear left by the 9/11 attacks can create an America where we willingly accept the steady erosion of some of the basic principles that define our nation, maybe it is the beginning of the end.

Thank you,
Desiree Hinkson
JSU Senior

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT SHOULD NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION OF THE WEEK BE?



Ana Albyn
Freshman

Why doesn't Rikki like me?



Meredith Harvey
Sophomore
and
Whitney Bernard
Freshman

Where are you going for...

Poker no more

By Chris Yow
The Chanticleer
Web Editor

Poker has become one of our nation's most enjoyed past times over the last few years. Thanks to Binion's Horseshoe and the World Series of Poker, not to mention ESPN, poker is the latest national craze. I understand why; I have always played poker. I knew what the World Series of Poker was before probably most of those you my age. I was playing in the tournament on my computer via Sierra's PC video game.

Poker is easily played at a friend's house or maybe even a poker night at a bar. Anybody can join in the games and have a night of poker fun. I always enjoy getting together with a bunch of buddies to go to one of their houses and play a little no-limit hold 'em.

However sometimes, I do not want to go to Joe Buddy's house and play. I want to have the comfort of playing in my underwear if I please. I want to play poker online.

Now, granted that I have never played poker online for real money, who's to say that someday I might not want to do something like that? It's not possible for me now. Thanks to the SAFE port act,

thing that is a big part of your life. People with gambling problems have very hard lives, and I am not encouraging that. What I am saying is that 75 percent of Americans oppose banning internet gambling (March 29, ICR market research). Many Americans love the game of poker - that is a fact. The number of players in Las Vegas proves it every day.

I am one college student who loves to play poker, and I know a lot of the people at Jacksonville State are poker players. This is why we need to stand up against this legislation and make the poker players of this country a voice to be heard.

Wondering how you can do that? I have the answer. It is called the Poker Players Alliance. The PPA is a non-profit organization comprised of poker players and enthusiasts from around the United States who have joined together to

speak with one voice to promote the game, ensure its integrity, and most importantly, protect poker players' rights. This organization is one of the most powerful voices in Washington on this matter.



Photo by Chris Yow

A royal flush is a much sought after hand in poker.

poker player.

Yes, I said skills. Poker is a skill game. It requires psy-



Photo courtesy of www.rabudo.com

Real money poker players can kiss their online funds good-bye.

chology, mathematics and money management. It is a thinking man's game. It deserves to be treated as one. I am confident the government is not going to ban online chess playing anytime soon.

PPA President Michael Bolcerik said that the goal of the PPA is to gain one million members by 2008. The alliance is currently somewhere between 150,000 to 200,000 members.

The more members this club gets, the more powerful our voices become to the people in charge on Capitol hill. I am joining this group to fight the injustice of banning online poker.

I plan on joining this group not only because of its obvious reasons but also because this group vows to protect the integrity of the game of poker, along with the ability to make my voice as a poker player heard throughout Washington D.C.

If you want to prove to the

Alpha redeems Sevendust

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

Alpha is the sixth studio album from Atlanta-based metal powerhouse Sevendust. Ask any fan of the group, and you'll probably find them salivating over any new and preferably good material.

In September 2005, Sevendust's release of *Next* was the single worst moment in the band's history, according to many fans of the group.

I have vivid memories of doing a review for that album for this paper. However, few people know that I threw the CD out of my Jeep while I was driving down highway 21 a few days later.

Gone are the acoustic guitars and electronic inflection the band used for its previous offering. The ballads that over saturated *Next* are a thing of the past. For Sevendust, *Alpha* was about going old school.

If there was any question as to whether or not the band had lost its touch, they answer those questions and more with the brutally intense vocal introduction for the first track, "Deathstar."

From there, the album takes a slightly darker turn with the second track, "Clueless," before exploding into *Alpha's* first single, "Driven."

While "Driven" is the type

of song that captures Sevendust's original sound, it might not be one of the best tracks on the album.

If you pick up this album to hear LaJon Witherspoon's powerful voice belting out a traditional Sevendust power ballad like "Angel's Son" or "Follow," you're going to be very disappointed. If you ask me, I think there's a reason the album cover is a drawing of a person covering his already bleeding ears.

Sevendust goes through the album taking a retrospective look through its years as a band and the changes it has undergone in the last four years.

From the departure of original guitarist Clint Lowery to the fight with their former record label Winedark, Sevendust vents its frustration through each vocal note, thunderous chord and blood-curdling scream.

For the band, this is arguably one of the most intense albums in its catalog and a great buy for any fan of the band or any fan of brutal, hard-charging metal with great vocals behind it.

Needless to say, this CD will not be finding its way onto the medians of highway 21 between Jacksonville and Oxford any time soon.

Chanty review rating:



Photo from www.sevendust.info
Sevendust goes old school with their new album, Alpha.



Freshman
Where are you going for
Spring Break?



Freshman
Going into or DDR?



It's not possible for me now. Thanks to the SAFE port act, I am not allowed to use my credit card to gamble on the internet. The legislation contains specific exemptions for internet wagers on horse racing, state lotteries and fantasy sports as well.

I am not one to say that gambling should be some-

erful voices heard throughout Washington D.C. If you want to prove to the suits in D.C. that this game is more than just throwing money away, you join, too. Let JSU be heard. Contact the PPA or join today by logging on to www.pokerplayersalliance.org.

The PPA has proven that online poker is no different from going to a friend's house to gamble on your skills as a

Back to C basics

By Toni Merriss
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



As I sat in the TMB auditorium Monday, I was haunted with flashbacks from high school and taking the ACT. For weeks, nightmares of my college applications coming back stamped with DENIED across them had me actually studying. I remember waking up early only to go sit in a room with 200 other students who were just as excited as me to be there and trying to remember anything and everything any teacher had ever taught us. But wait! I suddenly remembered that I was already in college, so what was I doing taking another test just like the one that most high school students dread?

The CBASE, otherwise known as the College Basic Academic Subjects Examination, is required for all JSU students to take before graduation. The most interesting part? The score a student receives does not affect whether they graduate or not. Basically, the CBASE is an evaluation of a student's ability in "general education."

The test is composed of four parts: English (reading and literature), mathematics (general math, statistics, algebra and some geometry), science (life and physical sciences) and social studies (history and social science). You are free to complete the sections in any order you choose, but I was not too worried about it so I just went in the order they were in the booklet.

The accreditation agency for JSU, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), requires the university to evaluate the level of their educational goals and whether they are being met. The results of the CBASE serve as a way for the administration to see if those goals are being fulfilled.

Now, people may call me crazy (and I cer-

tainly would not blame them), but in my opinion, the timing of this test is horrible. Although students are given 45 minutes to complete each section, that is not what I am talking about. I am instead referring to the time in a collegiate career that the university chooses to administer this test to students. I am a senior, and granted, I am a non-traditional student, but the last time that I had a basic math class was years ago. Trust me, I do not remember much! I already know that I did not do well on that portion of the exam, and that has nothing to do with the teachers we have at JSU, although my poor math skills are very much going to be a reflection on them. So in advance, I would like to apologize to the math department . . . and maybe I should throw in the history department as well because like math, it has been a while for me.

Some of the questions on the test literally had me scratching my head . . . then biting my nails . . . I literally bit off about three nails just because I could not think of an answer. I mean, who honestly cares what speed lever B is coming down at if lever A is coming down at a certain speed? As long as one lever is going up as the other is coming down, all is right in my world. I am not trying to become a science major. Like I said, this is just my opinion.

Seriously though, I do wish that the administration would take a second look at when some classes have been taken and when students are being tested. It is not fair to the teachers that work so hard to get this information across to us.

One thing that may hurt or help some students is the rumor that in the future, CBASE scores are going to affect graduation. So I suggest that if you are eligible, you should probably start thinking about registering for it.

Hey, I have already taken it. I am CBASE free!



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Low point for JSU versus High Point

By Chris Lundy
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Gamecock Baseball team came home hoping to gain an edge in front of the home crowd. Instead, they were on losing end, taking only one out of three games against the High Point University Panthers.

Heading into the top of the eighth inning of Sunday's game, the Gamecocks (4-6) were down 2-1 against the Panthers (7-8). Relief pitchers Brian Booth, Alex Jones and J.T. Wright combined to give up six runs in the inning to break the game wide open. In the top of the ninth, the Panthers added the icing on the cake, scoring two more runs to take the game 10-1 and the series.

"We thought it was going to be a low scoring game based on the early start," said baseball head coach Jim Case. "We went to our bullpen and things didn't go our way."

On Saturday, JSU and High Point squared off in a double header. JSU took the first game due to some heavy hitting.

First baseman Allen Rose started the inning

off with his second homer of the season over the centerfield wall. He was followed by third basemen Jake Ball's homer, which soared over the left field wall, making their pair of homeruns the first back-to-back of the season for the Gamecocks. Later in the inning, catcher Richard Turner hit single into the right field gap, then advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Outfielder Nick Cleckler was able to bring in Turner on a double into the right field gap.

Heading into the top of the eighth, reliever Alex Jones came in to assist his team. His job was performed well, striking out all three batters he faced. In the top of the ninth, Jones added a little pressure to his situation. With the Panthers down 6-5, Jones had an uphill battle to face. Jones walked Panther second baseman Jeff Cowan, then incidentally hit the next batter, Chris Norwood. Jones took a moment to gather himself and came back to force the Panthers into a double play. Jones' next batter sent the ball back to him, which ended the game to earn the win for JSU.

"You have to be able to come back and close the game," said Jones. "In that closing role, the main job is to throw strikes, and I had to come back from that situation do that."

In the 7-inning second game, the game remained close until the final inning. Tied at two, the Panthers started things when rightfielder Robby Kuzdale hit a single up the middle. Cowan's single advanced Kuzdale, and the next batter, Norwood, would load up the bases on an intentional walk. Two wild pitches gave Kuzdale and Cowan the opportunity to score which broke the tie. Outfielder Matt Gantner capped the game with a double, bringing in two more runs and giving High Point a 6-2 lead that would end any chance for JSU to come back.

The Gamecocks fought hard at Rudy Abbott Field, and have a chance to get back on the winning road March 9, 10 and 11 when they host Northwestern State. Friday's game will begin at 6:30 p.m. while Saturday's game begins at 2 p.m. Sunday's game begins at 1 p.m. The weekend games start at 5-game

homestand that also includes Kennesaw State on March 13 and Alabama State on March 14. The games can be heard on the Gamecock Sports Network, 91.9 FM.

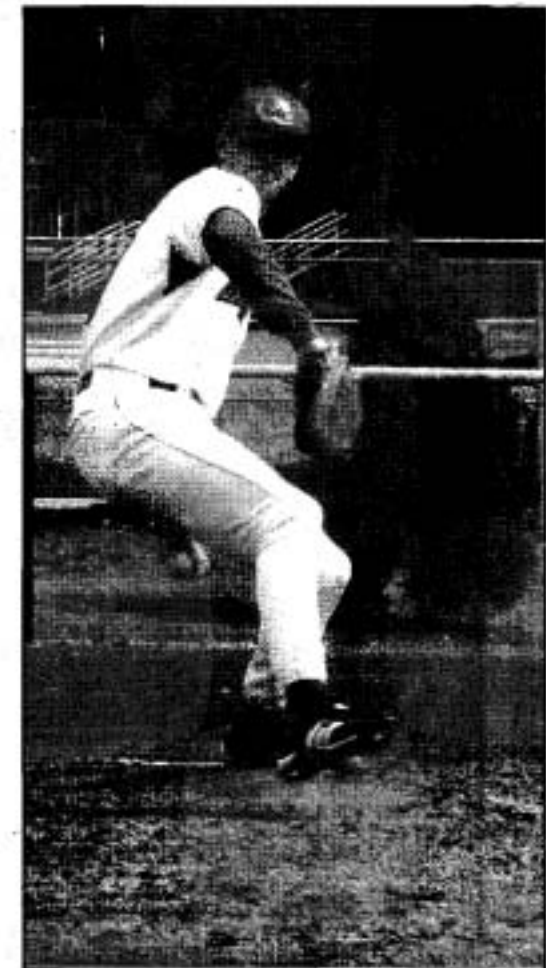


Photo by Kira Wright

Tony Drinkard gets ready to release the pitch.

MIRROR

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Should foreign athletes be mandated to learn English before coming to America?

NO

Every day, foreigners come to this country. Some of them legally, even. And athletes are among them all of the time. And quite frankly, they all sound a little funny when they get here.

But honestly, do fans really care if it took Yao Ming three years to learn English when he was putting up awesome numbers on the court? No. How about when Javier Lopez drove in the game-

pretty good at speaking English. We are fortunate to have some of the world's most talented athletes. Daniella Papano, a Canadian, is one of the most powerful softball hitters in the Ohio Valley Conference. Amadou Mboji, before he leaves JSU, will be a force to reckon with inside the paint in Pete Mathews Coliseum.

That being said, obviously college athletes need to know

Now, let's think about this for a second. How are you able to tell a 7'1" center congratulations if he isn't able to understand you? How can you do an interview with a shortstop who doesn't know the slightest bit of English? Are his words truly what the translator says he saying, or is the translator making him look good?

For roughly three years, Houston Rockets Center Yao Ming had a personal translator to answer questions and help him learn basic English. Learning basic English doesn't mean he learned

YES

to write. The interview process is smoother and transitions well when someone who can actually speak fluent English is placed in front of journalists. From that, writers build a foundation, which could ultimately lead to a one-on-one relationship where bigger interviews can happen.

Imagine if you, as an athlete, had to move overseas to make a decent living. You are giving up everything you have as an American citizen to make ends meet for yourself. You have no experience on foreign soil, so

Gamecock Rugby races past Murray, remains undefeated

By Matt ...

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numbers, on the court? No. How about when Javier Lopez drove in the game-winning run of game five in the 1995 NLCS? I didn't care what he said; I was jumping up and down.

So, basically what I am saying is that I couldn't care less what language they speak if they put up good numbers and are good athletes. I am not sure that I would care if they were on the team I most hate.

Athletes are not here to talk; if they were, they would be politicians. They are here to play ball (or puck, whatever the sport may be).

Here at Jacksonville State, we have a lot of foreign athletes. Most of them are

Matheus Coleum. That being said, obviously college athletes need to know some English to understand professors.

But for professional athletes, it's a different story. I can't think of any reason Yao Ming needs to know how to speak our language. He can hire a translator! There are a lot of athletes who cannot speak our language. There are a lot of people in this country that don't. If you think I am telling you a lie, go to Wal-Mart in Cullman. Less than 50 percent of the people there speak English.

So, if everybody else in this country does not have to learn our language, neither should our athletes.

answer questions and help him learn basic English. Learning basic English doesn't mean he learned what we call "ebonics," and he certainly didn't learn our customs and cultures. He may know them now, but what if he had actually taken the time to learn them while overseas? Would he have progressed even better?

Coming over to America is an opportunity to start over in a sense. We have a wide range of options that people can capitalize upon. But how are you able to make a profit off of something if you don't know how much money you will be earning? Are you REALLY making millions, or is your agent taking a bigger cut than expected?

Our customs and cultures are a huge part of what makes America a big melting pot. We have annual traditions separate from those overseas that make patriotism the ultimate satisfaction. We are able to express ourselves in a fashion that is second to none. Our financial status puts us in a class where we are considered elite and upper echelon, or wealthy within our own right. We are able to provide a financial security blanket for our families because we understand the true value of a dollar.

Speaking from personal experience, it is very difficult to interview a foreign athlete when they can only speak minimal English. As a writer, I am constantly searching for a lead or a quote, and if the player of the game uses small words, it makes the article that much more difficult

American citizen to make ourselves meet for yourself. You have no experience on foreign soil, so you are basically vulnerable to everything that is thrown your way. Yes, you may dominate in your respective sport, but are you taking the time to get to know your teammates? Are your teammates introducing you to the "good life," or are they actually taking the time to show you the values of living in that country?

Take a good look. We have a lot of foreign athletes on this campus. They're ability to adapt is not just based on the fact they know English; they actually have American friends who have introduced them to a good old-fashioned cheeseburger. Yes, southern culture is unique in its own right, but calling yourself a "southern belle" or a "southern gentlemen" is something you have earned over the years in this southern world known as "southern hospitality."

Ok, that paragraph was, way off subject, but you understand my point. Some, not all, foreign athletes don't understand what it means to be American. Learning English and learning customs are different aspects in different parts of the country, but if an athlete is making the effort, then I applaud him or her. However, if the athlete is over here just for the money, then I suggest they take a look in their own Mirror Mirror and find out what it is they are truly searching for.

UNDEFEATED

By Nick Lewahld
The Chanticleer Senior Reporter

"If you're not first, your last." Famous words from a famous movie.

Unlike some teams, though, the Jacksonville State Rugby team takes it to heart. The JSU ruggers euthanized the Murray State rugby team with a near shut-out victory against the Racers. With a score of 24-7, the Kentucky-based team was given a run for their money on Saturday as the Gamecocks ran circles around them.

Despite the six hour drive, the Gamecocks managed to appear bright and chipper as they arrived to the snow-laden fields of Murray, Ky. Playing to a crowd of 70 hostile Racer fans, the Gamecock ruggers mounted up for the big win. Major scorers this week were William Waker with two tri's, Curtis Mayo with two tri's and Chris Steketeer with two-point kicks. Playing through the cold, the Gamecocks managed to maintain control of the ball and defend against some major plays attempted by the Racers. Playing

like Barbaro on a bad day, the Racers recoiled as the Gamecocks burst out of the gate like bats out of hell.

"It feels great to win," said junior rigger Zac "Jew" Blume. "At least we didn't drive all this way for nothing."

This victory brings the Gamecocks undefeated winning season to 6-0. The Gamecocks are currently the champions of the conference in which they play, Conference A. They will be hosting the quarter finals here in Jacksonville on March 24, hosting either Duke University or Elon University on the intramural field behind the Coliseum. Who they play will be decided later this week as the outcomes of each university's game is yet to be decided. Either way, the Gamecock ruggers are ready for more action. The Gamecock Rugby team will be looking for fans in the stands on March 24 to cheer them on when they fight to retain their spotless season, looking to become rugby champions.

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- Mar. 11 Northwestern State 12 p.m.
- Mar. 12 Kennesaw State 1 p.m.
- Mar. 14 Alabama State 1 p.m.



Softball

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