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*"Unwittingly butchering the King's English since 1776."*

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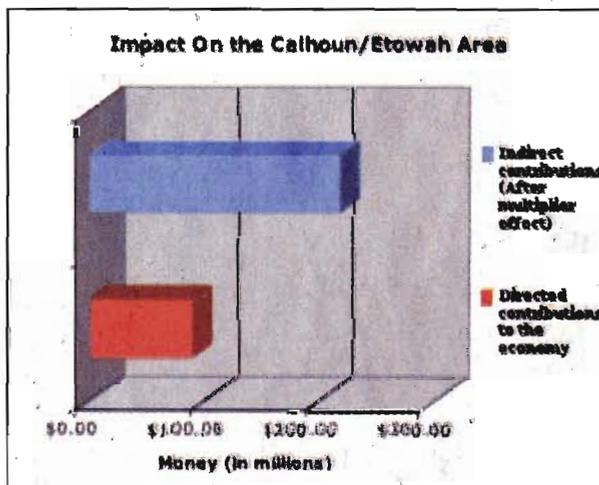
## Body of Ben Stanford found Tuesday

By Brandon Hollingsworth  
News Editor

The body of 17-year-old Ben Stanford was discovered in west Georgia Tuesday afternoon after an extensive search over portions of two states.

Authorities and volunteers in both Alabama and Georgia searched for the Donoho School senior for just over a week before the discovery was made.

Stanford, grandson of Alabama state senator Jim Preuitt (D-Talladega), was last seen in Anniston early last week. His credit card was used on the morning of Monday, Nov. 5, at a gas station in the Talladega



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## JSU an economic boon to Calhoun, Etowah Counties

By Brandon Hollingsworth  
News Editor

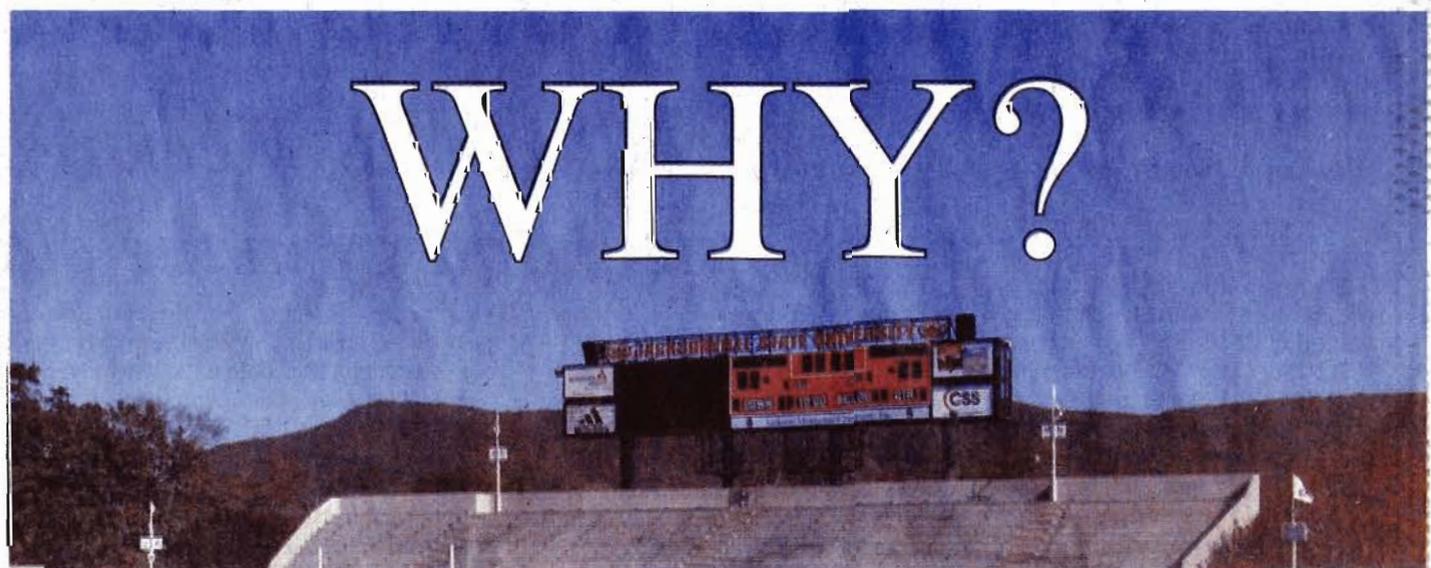
Jacksonville State University is different things to different people. It can be a place for learning, a place for research or a place to blow thousands of dollars on beer. For economists, however, JSU is an economic engine, pumping nearly \$100 million into the economy of Calhoun

and Etowah Counties and providing jobs for over a thousand people.

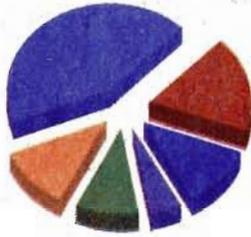
With 8,619 students and 1,063 faculty and staff as of fall 2006 (the last term for which statistics are available), the university makes a sizable dent in the population of the county and total workforce. So sizable, in fact, that JSU is the fourth-largest

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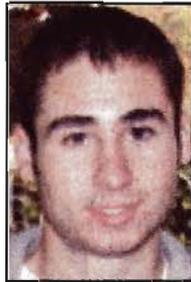
*Ask most people what they think of Paul Snow Stadium being upgraded. They generally tend to ask one question.*



What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?



- Dressing 43%
- Turkey 18%
- Other 12%
- Mashed potatoes 12%
- Cranberry sauce 10%
- Pumpkin pie 5%



“Dressing. My grandmother always makes it. I look forward to having it each year.”

— T. C. Ray  
JSU student

**Next week's question:**  
What is your least favorite part of the holidays?

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last week his credit card was used on the morning of Monday, Nov. 5, at a gas station in the Talladega County town of Lincoln. His SUV was found later that day in Villa Rica, Ga., some 75 miles away.

A body wearing clothes matching those Stanford wore at the time of his disappearance was discovered about 1,000 feet away from his SUV on Tuesday. Senator Preuitt later confirmed that the body was that of Stanford.

“Ben was a great guy, a great friend, someone who was always fun to be around,” Donoho alum and former JSU student Evan Wilkins said. “I had the pleasure of knowing him while I was in school at Donoho. He certainly will be missed very much. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family during this very difficult and tragic time. I want them to know that they are not alone in their pain.”

Funeral arrangements were pending as of press time Tuesday evening.



## By Kevin Jeffers Managing Editor

Photo by Matt McRae/The Chanticleer.  
Illustration by Kevin Jeffers

The stage was all set this past Saturday.

You see, with a win over Eastern Illinois, the Jacksonville State Gamecock football team would have almost been assured a playoff spot.

It was by far the team's biggest game of the year.

Never mind the final score (37-23 in favor of the other guys). We've all seen the same football movies. You know, the ones where in spite of the team's loss, the fans were there, screaming and cheering on every misguided play, chanting the name of every heroic underdog. Capacity stadiums, filled with fans who would love and crave *nothing* more than to see the team—

their team—win the big game, or at least leave bloody and bruised trying.

Saturday in Jacksonville, the big game was there.

The blood and the bruises were there, too.

The fans, however, were not. Paul Snow Stadium, home of the Gamecock football team, seats about 15,000 fans.

Saturday? The recorded attendance was 8,202. And those who were there say that number is being nice.

“If there were 8,000 people in that stadium, I will personally walk into [JSU head coach] Jack Crowe's office and French kiss him,” as one anonymous attendee put it bluntly.

Crowe put it frankly him-

self.

“The atmosphere didn't help us any,” he told reporters after the game. “I don't know what we have to do to get people to realize that Eastern Illinois is always a big game.”

Some said you could hear a pin drop in Paul Snow Stadium on Saturday, it was so quiet.

Again, this was the biggest game of the year.

JSU lost, sure. A team losing is nothing new in football. It happens in every college football game, after all.

But what makes JSU's situation so unique and so prone to criticism is the fact that those in charge have, as some would put it, delusions of grandeur.

They want the stadium to be bigger. With more seats.

Naturally, most who hear this idea have one similar question.

Why?

### Bottom of its own state

In the state of Alabama, football is life. Anyone who has seen a 16-year-old linebacker's father crying during the second quarter of a September high school football game can tell you that.

JSU has the unfortunate burden of playing college football in a state with two gridiron kings: Alabama and Auburn.

Oftentimes, they have to schedule their Saturday games

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# No mystery meat here

## Cafeteria meets high demands of students

By Bethany Harbison  
Copy Editor

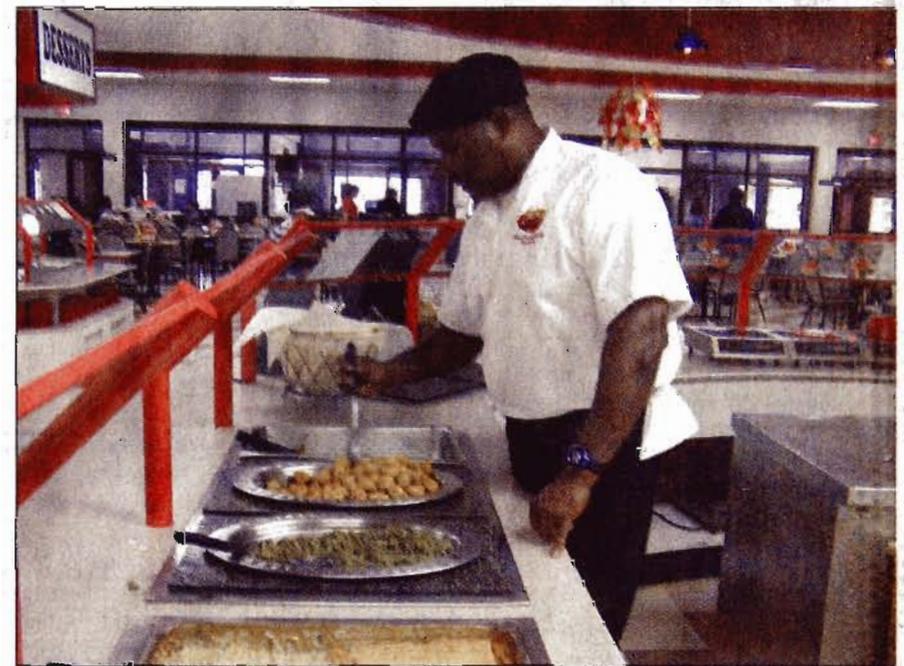
The clock strikes noon, and Hopper Dining Hall is flooded with another wave of hungry students filing into the cafeteria. Staff members bustle about pushing carts heavy-laden with freshly washed dishes, filling students' plates with steaming entrees of their choice and rushing to ensure that lines are brief.

Mystery meat, stern hairnet-wearing servers and never-ending lines may be the pillars of a stereotypical cafeteria scene, but the staff of Jacksonville State University's Hopper Dining Hall strives to abandon the ideas of old and rewrite students' conceptions of a cafeteria. Because JSU's dining hall is a voluntary dining facility, unlike many neighboring

universities, the staff seeks to attract students by operating more like a restaurant than a cafeteria, according to Production Manager Chris Glenn.

“Our patrons choose to dine with us,” Glenn said. “They're not forced like other colleges in the state that have a mandatory meal plan. You've gotta have the marketing, you have to give the students what they want.”

First and foremost, students come bearing built-in, high expectations. Students expect food to be hot, flavorful and well-presented. Glenn said that these three wishes should be fulfilled every single time. With many students, he explained, one bad experience is enough to leave them with a lasting distaste for



Tuesday was catfish day in the Jack Hopper Cafeteria. Here, Chef Tony Weaver puts some fresh hush puppies in the buffet. The “Caf” serves more like a restaurant than a typical school cafeteria. Photo by Matt McRae / The Chanticleer

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## Announcements

- Pre-registration dates for the NHPC spring convocation are Nov. 16, 19 and 26-29. A table will be located in the TMB food court.
- JSU's Public Relations Organization will hold a bake sale on Nov. 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the TMB food court.
- Honda will be on-campus interviewing for spring and summer 2008 Co-Ops on Friday, Nov. 16. Interviews will be held in Room 105 Bibb Graves Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- JSU's Public Relations Organization will hold mock interviews on Friday, Nov. 16, at 12:15 p.m. in Self Hall, room 207.

## Campus Crime

### Wednesday, November 7

- Student Andrecus D. Gibson reported fraudulent use of a credit/debit card at a cost of \$260.00.

### Thursday, November 8

- Student Manuel A. Sablon reported theft of property at Sigma Pi Epsilon house. Stolen was a speaker valued at \$350.00.

### Friday, November 9

- Student Aaron R. Amm reported unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle at Houston Cole Library. Stolen were a backpack, tackle box and Dungeons and Dragons figurines valued at \$300.00.

### Saturday, November 10

- EIU student Mark D. Bonnstetter reported theft of property in the Paul Snow Stadium visitors' locker room. Stolen were items of clothing valued at \$160.00.
- Student John R. Thomas III reported unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle at Grasseley Field. Stolen were items of clothing valued at \$275.00.

### Sunday, November 11

# Let's go out to the lobby



A customer with a sweet tooth peruses the wares at the Freshman Forum's bake sale fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Members of the Forum manned a table in the TMB Food Court, stacked with baked goodies, pastries and other assorted confections designed to delight the senses and tickle the taste buds. The money raised will fund future Freshman Forum projects. Photo by Toni Merriss / The Chanticleer

## Electronic lecture hall

### *Distance Learning Week recognizes role of technology in the classroom*

By Sharon Montgomery  
Staff Writer

The week of Nov. 5-11, 2007 was designated National Distance Learning Week. The week was created to acknowledge the role of distance learning departments in modern higher education.

JSU's distance learning department is in charge of all online courses

Distance learning employees feel they have created a virtual community for students. The online courses have online chat rooms that grant students the ability to communicate with their virtual classmates and take exams. Online classes try to simulate the real course environment as much as possible.

According to the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment and the Office

be trying next semester is called Respondus Lockdown. It is a free download that comes with online tests and quizzes that will not allow anyone to click on anything other than the test or quiz in progress.

"JSU's distance learning department [expects] increasing school enrollment, letting students get lectures on podcasts and reaching students who do not have the capability," Cooper said. "However, one

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

- Funeral services for Jack Hopper and Gladys Carlisle were held over the weekend. Carlisle's service was held in her hometown of Tuscaloosa on Friday, Nov. 9. Memorial services for Hopper were held at the Theron Montgomery Building on Sunday, Nov. 11. Carlisle, a 23-year veteran of the Board of Trustees and namesake of JSU's new fine arts building, died on Nov. 5 at the age of 66. Hopper, an adviser to five JSU presidents and namesake of the university's cafeteria, died on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the age of 72.

- In accordance with federal regulations, all students who receive Federal Student Loans and who graduate at the end of the fall 2007 semester must complete exit counseling prior to graduation. Potential fall graduates can complete exit counseling at the Financial Aid Office, in Room 107 Bibb Graves Hall or through the SallieMae website.

- Last week, the JSU Human Resources Office announced the selection of Delissa Cobb as Employee of the Month for the month of November 2007. Cobb works in the Office of Controller as Accounts Payable Clerk. She came to the university in January 2004.

- From wire service

## SENATE MINUTES

Rundown of the Monday,

clothing valued at \$275.00.

**Sunday, November 11**

- Sodexo Food Services reported a burglary at TMB.
- Student Russell B. Wallace reported unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle at Crow Hall. Stolen was a wallet containing debit cards and \$20.00 cash.

**Monday, November 12**

- Student Emily M. Noah reported unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Stolen was \$100.00 cash.

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 782-8521, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

**The Week in Events**

**Thursday, November 15**

- CBASE, Leone Cole Aud., 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Native American Display, TMB, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Interfraternity Council Meeting, 302 TMB, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- *All I Really Need to Know...* Stone Center, Second Stage, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Tickets: \$9/ \$7/\$5

**Friday, November 16**

- NPHC General Council Meeting, 220 Stephenson Hall, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- *All I Really Need to Know...* Stone Center Second Stage, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 17**

- *All I Really Need to Know...* Stone Center Second Stage, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 18**

- *All I Really Need to Know...* Stone Center Second Stage, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, November 19**

- A Tribute to Susan Herport Methvin, Houston Cole Library, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Southerners Band Banquet, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

acknowledge the role of distance learning departments in modern higher education.

JSU's distance learning department is in charge of all online courses, videoconferencing courses, video-based courses and the Blackboard system.

"The distance learning department helps make it possible for JSU students who would normally not have the time to attend college class a chance to earn a college degree," E-Learning Systems Specialist Chris Casey said.

The university's distance learning department takes pride in helping potential students all across the country without taking advantage of them. The tuition for an online student, no matter their location, is the same as a in-state Jacksonville State student (\$169 an hour).

"The only tools a potential student needs are computer skills, a modern computer and self-motivation," Casey said.

try to simulate the real school environment as much as possible.

According to the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment and the Office of Distance of Education, for the fall 2007 semester, there are 145 online courses with 4,492 students enrolled in them.

Between videoconferencing and video-based classes there are 23 courses with 193 students enrolled. Including Blackboard, JSU's distance learning department has been involved with 7,393 students this semester.

Nevertheless, distance learning is always looking to improve its work. Recently the division changed to a basic IP computer network. That action marked an upgrade, and the new computer network is more dependable and more flexible for students. The department updated its videoconferencing as well.

A major experiment the department will

[expects] increasing school enrollment, letting students get lectures on podcasts and reaching students who do not have the capability," Casey said. "However, our expectations and goals are clearly stated in our mission statement."

That mission statement reads in part, "Distance education enhances capability by utilizing the ever-expanding set of technological tools to reach students who may have been unable to participate in the university environment.

Whether or not the next generation will be taking all online courses, making the physical classroom a thing of the past, is hard to say.

What is clear is that as technology evolves and students have greater access to the tools needed, distance learning will continue to play a vital role in American higher education in the near future.

# All I Really Needed to Know shows there's always more to learn

**By Haley Gregg**  
Staff writer

Whatever happened to that can-do attitude that all of us had when we were young? When we grow up why do we seem to always add on our limitations to our answer when asked to accomplish something? JSU's drama department tackled these questions in its production of *All I Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, a musical adapted from the book written by Robert Fulghum.

The play brings back memories of kindergarten and the simple, but important, lessons taught such as apologizing when you are wrong, treating others as you would like to be treated, being unselfish, cleaning up your own mess and to just live a balanced life.

Those, and many others, are rules that most of us forget over time or choose to ignore as adults. The play's premise is that everything one learns in kindergarten is in some way applicable to many aspects of life, work, and business.

In the acts every monologue

has its own moral and reason, and the songs provide additional context and support. The play itself is very inspirational, reminding people to defy their fate, to know the differences between an inconvenience and a problem, to do whatever it takes when it comes to accomplishing goals, to respect someone's privacy and to not forget about the things that are important in life.

The cast included sophomores Robert Copeland, Shai Bailey and Laura Lundy, juniors Ellie Mellen and Jacob Phillips, senior Justin Ridgeway and graduate student Steven DiBlasi. The play was directed by drama professor Susan McCain.

"I am having a blast," Phillips said. "[It's] so much fun doing this play, and I hope it really touches people."

At the end of the last act *All I Needed to Know* gives what Fulghum felt was the greatest moral or lesson every learned.

The meaning of life, according to Fulghum, is to reflect light in the dark places; that humanity's main purpose is to touch people and to leave a good impression on them



Steven DiBlasi and Ellie Mellen play the leads in the drama department's adaptation of Robert Fulghum's *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. The show runs at the Stone Center's "Black Box" theater through Sunday, Nov. 18. Photo courtesy of Jan Rhodes / JSU drama department

that is everlasting. "There are perspectives that everyone needs to pay attention to, and can relate with in some way," DiBlasi said.

The play opened last weekend, and picks back up for a final engagement Friday, Nov. 15 through Sunday, Nov. 18 at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center's

Second Stage. All seats are currently sold out, perhaps an indication of the resonance *All I Needed to Know* finds among its audience.

"I really enjoyed the entire play, and it made me think about things in my life," sophomore Elizabeth Reynolds, who saw the play last week, said.

**Rundown of the Monday, Nov. 12, SGA Student Senate meeting:**

- Allocated \$300.00 to the Student Council for Exceptional Children.
- Allocated \$300.00 to Sigma Alpha Iota.
- Allocated \$300.00 to Sigma Gamma Rho.
- Allocated \$300.00 to Dietetics and Food Service Management.
- Allocated \$300.00 to the NAACP.
- Allocated \$300.00 to Zeta Phi Beta.
- Allocated \$300.00 to Public Relations Organization.
- Tabled a bill requiring that allocations not exceed \$500.00 per semester per organization.
- Tabled a resolution asking for faculty parking status for SGA Senators.

## OOPS LOL :) Mistakes from recent issues:

- In the Nov. 8 edition, we cited Jack Hopper's age as 62. The correct age is 72.
- From the Nov. 8 basketball section front, we failed to capitalize the P in Coach Mike LaPlante's surname.
- Also in the Nov. 8 edition, a story on page 3A about Dr. Rebecca Turner's trip to China cut off the last sentence.
- The *Chanticleer* regrets the errors.

## Economic impact: JSU 4th largest employer in Calhoun

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employer in the county, according to the Calhoun County Economic Development Council. The Anniston Army Depot is the largest, with some 7,000 employees, according to the depot's public affairs office.

JSU contributed nearly \$88.8 million dollars directly to the economy of Calhoun and Etowah Counties in 1998, according to an economic impact study conducted by the Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CED).

The 1998 figures are the most recent statistics available. The CED has not conducted a follow-up study in the intervening decade, something the center's director, Pat Shaddix, hopes to rectify in the near future.

"We just don't have the [more recent] data. We need to bring it up to date," Shaddix said.

The first total is from direct spending only. Using a concept called the "multiplier effect," CED estimated how much total impact the nearly-\$90 million would have in both counties.

"The concept of the multiplier is an important element to [the 1998] report," Dr.

William Fielding, dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration, wrote. "Expenditure multipliers indicate the average number of times that a dollar spent locally is re-spent in the local economy."

JSU's multiplier was 2.45, meaning that each of the \$88.8 million was spent 2.45 times, making for a total of \$217.6 million in Calhoun and Etowah Counties.

"But that's quite a few years ago," Shaddix says. "[Today], we're near the top as far as economic impact."

The university's contributions to the local economic picture come in many forms. There are obvious ways, such as student and faculty discretionary spending. That person-by-person spending goes straight to local retailers. Larger expenditures, such as departmental and administrative orders, also deliver an economic boost.

There is another aspect to JSU's economic contributions to Calhoun County. Business and community leaders in municipalities throughout the county use JSU as a selling point, enticing residents and businesses to locate nearby.

"It's probably one of the deciding factors

for a lot of businesses that are thinking about moving into the area," Dr. Fielding said.

Don Hopper, executive director of the county's Economic Development Council, agreed that JSU is a big plus when it comes to marketing Calhoun County to potential homeowners and entrepreneurs.

"It's a great impact," Hopper said. "We recruit industry and manufacturers to Calhoun County, and [JSU] is an invaluable tool."

The area must have an educated workforce, according to Hopper, and having one means higher-paying jobs and better opportunities for both graduates and incoming workers from outside the county.

The concluding summary of the 1998 CED report read that the economic models used in the study did not take into consideration several factors, including on-campus religious organizations, political and sociological effects on the area and ROTC spending. For that reason, JSU's full economic impact may very well be higher, even more vital to the economic health of Calhoun County as a whole.

## COVER STORY: Why build on to Paul Snow Stadium?

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at the same time that one of these schools is playing.

It is safe to say that there are more people in Jacksonville who would rather sit at home and watch the Tide or the Tigers play on TV than they would take one of the empty concrete seats at Paul Snow on a muggy October afternoon.

Athletic director Jim Fuller is well aware of this fact. There's just not much he can do about it.

The attendance figures for 2007 show it. Of JSU's five home football games in 2007, the average attendance was 9,767 according to numbers provided by JSU's sports information department.

There are those who think that the quick fix of moving all of JSU's home games to Thursday nights to avoid competing with Auburn or Alabama games.

However, JSU's lowest attendance of the year came on its only Thursday night game, an Oct. 4 game against Tennessee-Martin. Only 5,982 were reported to attend that game.

"The scheduling of the games is on me," Fuller said. "But we have to keep our competition's interest in mind, too. There's also things like Preview Dav



Underneath the expensive new scoreboard and video board sit very few fans during the Oct. 20 game against Tennessee Tech. Photo by Matt McRae / The Chanticleer

termed as a "cupcake"—an easy win for a big-time school.

There is no shame in accepting money from the likes of an Ohio State or Florida to play you if you are a smaller school that

To make up for that money, Paul Beezly, Assistant Professor of History and outspoken opponent to a potential move up in divisions, the students' tuition would likely be the main

the rooms as part of a stadium annex that could also house a luxury skybox and a much needed upgraded press box.

The proposed annex, which is still very much in the planning

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is on me," Fuller said. "But we have to keep our competition's interest in mind, too. There's also things like Preview Day and Homecoming when we have to account for all of our out-of-town visitors."

#### Money talks, but can it play?

To get the funds to pay for the expected renovations and upgrades (more seats, a new press box and luxury skyboxes) there is only one ticket.

Football—it is the one sport that makes money at practically every university.

Fuller recalls the first time he saw new tennis courts at the University of Alabama.

"I asked [Alabama's athletic director] Mal Moore, 'How did ya'll build this court?' And he said, 'Fuller, how do you think we built it?' Football money."

To make money in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division IAA, JSU's current division) a football team usually either has to win its conference, something JSU did twice in 2003 and 2004, or receive money from an Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division IA) school who is looking for an easy win.

In the world of big-time college football, JSU is what is

There is no shame in accepting money from the likes of an Ohio State or Florida to play you if you are a smaller school that maybe, just maybe can pull off a big upset and gain some national notoriety (re: Appalachian State's victory over Michigan in 2007). It's an extremely common practice.

Over the past few seasons, JSU has played the likes of Memphis, Mississippi State, Kansas, UAB and in 2008 will travel to Georgia Tech. They lost each of these previous games, but they were all nice paydays for the school.

OVC rival Tennessee Tech played Auburn in 2007. JSU has tried to schedule Alabama or Auburn on its schedule for years, knowing a game against one of the state's two powerhouses would be a huge boost in revenue.

And what about the worst-kept secret on campus: JSU not only wants to upgrade its stadium, it wants to move up to the big boy's division. Will that mean more money?

According to NCAA information, only 23 university athletic programs netted a profit in 2006. A move up to the FBS likely would mean more of a net loss for JSU athletics every year.

sor of History and outspoken opponent to a potential move up in divisions, the students' tuition would likely be the main source.

"Moving up in division doesn't appear to make any sense at all," Beezly said. "We need to spend the money elsewhere."

#### In the works

To sweeten the deal for detractors and to help generate revenue for the planned upgrades and renovations, the stadium upgrade plan has been coupled with the addition of student housing.

According to the President's Report at the Oct. 15 Board of Trustees meeting, 96 percent of JSU's available beds were occupied, and it was "highly recommend[ed] that the University consider adding at least 400 beds to campus."

Fuller sees the school's need for housing as a unique opportunity to gain revenue for stadium upgrades.

"Since we started discussing stadium improvements, several avenues [for revenue] never went through," Fuller said. "So we started looking at other avenues. There is a need for housing on campus. Other than traditional dorm room and shared facilities." What he proposed was including

luxury skybox and a much needed upgraded press box.

The proposed annex, which is still very early in the developmental process, would provide revenue from not only students who rent the rooms, but also from people interested in renting out the skyboxes (most likely corporate sponsors).

"It's a rather unique deal," Fuller said. "We need both [rooming and stadium upgrades]. The question is, 'Can we combine them both?'"

To appease the detractors, Fuller is well aware how to start.

With a winning football team. "I know it all starts there," Fuller said.

Beezly agrees, but says even that won't be enough to warrant a move up in division.

"I think it's necessary to carve out a niche in your own division, become a dominant team there. Look at Appalachian State," Beezly, an Appalachian state alum, said. "People know them, now."

As for the stadium upgrade, Beezly is like most who simply ask, "Why now?"

"Honestly, when was the last time you couldn't get a ticket for a JSU game?"

## Cafeteria: Hopper Dining Hall serves over 1,300 meals a day

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"The Caf."

"You might do something a hundred times and it be consistent and on the money, but if you foul up one time, that's the one that you're going to hear about," Glenn said.

Hopper Dining Hall serves up a total of 1,300 to 1,500 meals each day. Breakfast, the hall's least popular meal, makes up approximately 150 to 200 of the daily total. Lunch and dinner normally range from 400 to 650 meals.

Glenn called his staff "knowledgeable" and "seasoned," and he estimated that, between them all, they have 600 to 700 years of experience.

Glenn said despite the staff's varied personalities and backgrounds, they manage to all work toward a solitary goal.

"The goal is to keep our customers, our students, happy and coming back, and [the staff] thoroughly understand[s] that without the student, we wouldn't have a job," Glenn said.

In order to satisfy customers, Glenn said that offering the right combination and variety of foods is paramount. According to Glenn, JSU students have all the usual fa-

vorites and are not quite as health-conscious as they may profess.

"They say, 'We want to eat healthy, we want to eat healthy—but where's the burgers and the fries?'" Glenn said. "Pizza is also always one of my most popular stations."

Vegetables, however, are not nearly as hot a commodity, according to Exhibition Chef Jerry Yates, who began cooking in 1975 and came to JSU in 2005.

"A lot of students believe that once they're away from home, no one can make them eat vegetables," Yates said. He said that students particularly seem to enjoy his meatball marinara when coupled with any kind of pasta.

German-born cook Ramona Frost, who came to work at JSU just two months ago, said that she too has noticed students veering away from vegetarian dishes and favoring standard meats.

"They love chicken," Frost said. "You could cook chicken every day and they would eat it."

Glenn also mentioned that unlike in other buffet-style restaurants that boast an elaborate dessert table, desserts are just not a high priority for his clientele.

"Here, I'll get more people to eat my salad bar than my dessert bar," Glenn said.

"They're coming in to fill a void and know they're not going to do it with a dessert."

Yates said that though many students do shy away from the more ethnic, unusual dishes, international students are consistently food adventurers.

"They're willing to try anything that's cooked," Yates said. "Then they come back for seconds."

A quality relationship between students and dining hall workers is also key, according to Glenn.

Yates, who said that he is beginning to learn students' names, called his relationship with students "cordial" and of a "good rapport."

"I respect them as they're going through college, and they give me the same," Yates said.

Hopper Dining Hall serves up a total of 1300 to 1500 meals daily and is a "unique place" that is constantly evolving, according to Glenn.

"They still enjoy country cooking, traditional Southern entrees, but over the years they've changed," Glenn said. "The diversity level at Jacksonville State has really grown."



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## OUR VOICE

### Grief on the Web

A story that's been on the minds of many in Alabama this week is the disappearance of Ben Stanford.

An interesting thing happened when Stanford disappeared: In addition to the traditional methods of finding a missing person—television, print ads, flyers—people, especially people of Stanford's generation, flocked to the Internet.

From Facebook to MySpace, those who knew Ben or his family or who just wanted to share their thoughts and prayers, gathered. Some changed profile pictures to headshots of Stanford containing a physical description and an information hotline number.

In essence, these social networking sites became the world's largest missing persons unit.

A Web site with pictures of Stanford and a poem by a fellow Donoho student went up within days of the initial disappearance. Within hours of the discovery of the body, the Donoho School's Web site was updated to include the latest information and share with students and parents the tragic news.

The Internet is known as the most democratic of the media. What we witnessed this week was a new use for the World Wide Web: a support group. A place to mourn, a place to reminisce and a place to commiserate over shared grief.

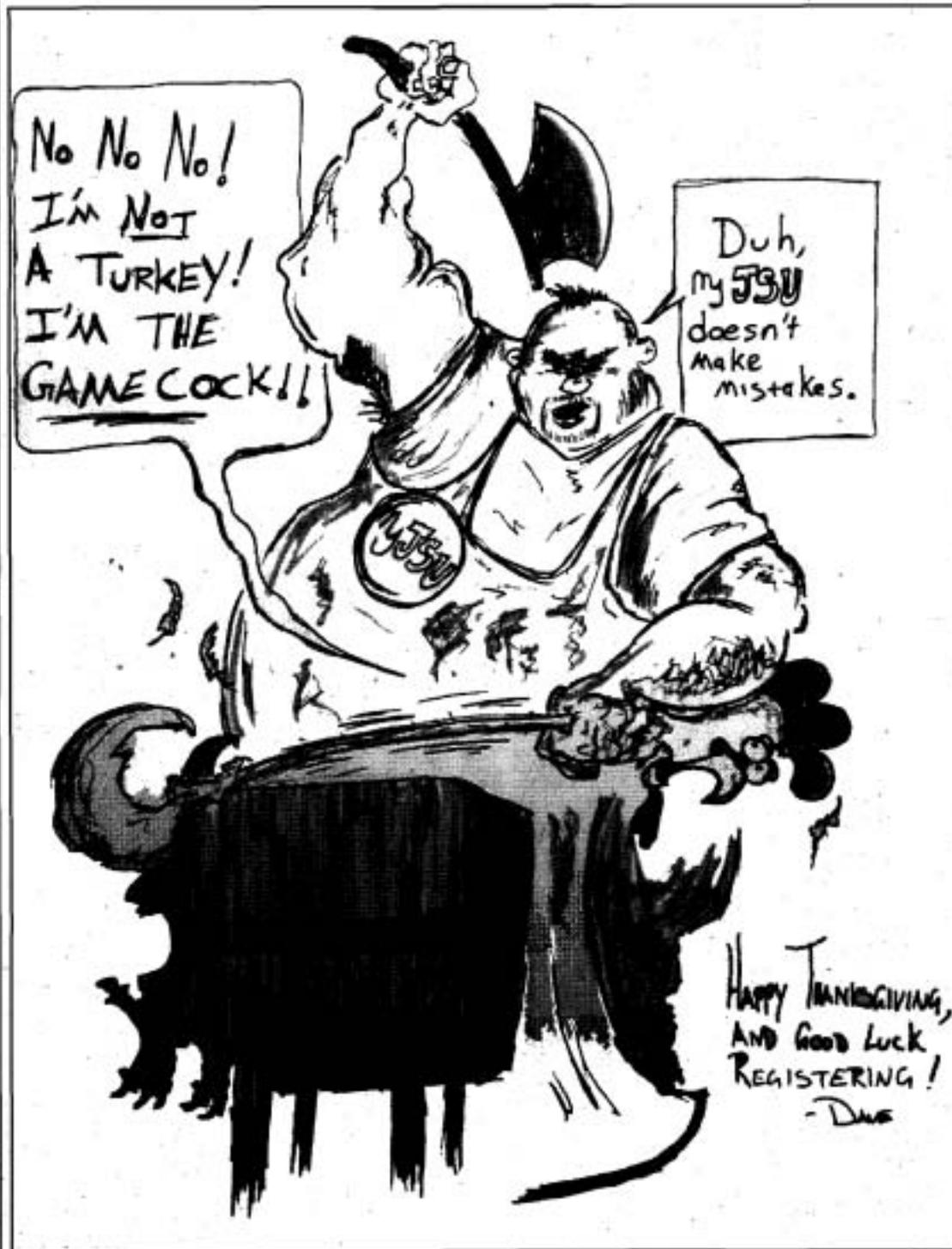
Gone, perhaps, are the days of missing persons on milk cartons and fourth-class mailings. Instead, what we may see much more often is the use of the Internet as a community touchstone, somewhere we can go to talk, to vent, to express our emotions in ways that we couldn't in person.

The disappearance of Ben Stanford showed us all that the Internet can be for more than the typical usage; that when things get scary or tough, there are places concerned people can go to find comfort and strength during their darkest hours.

## YOUR VOICE

Right on Matt

**DAVE DILLON**  
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## We're (sadly) proving them all right

They are called the Greatest Generation.

They are our grandfathers and grandmothers, for most of us anyway.



This is where most current college students or twentysomethings fall.

but little ingrates.

Then I sit back and look at their grievances. And it hits me—they are absolutely right.

It'd be great for me, as a 24

## Elect to be informed

With Election 2008 less than a year away, more and more Americans are asking the same question—one that has shaped our democracy for over 200 years.

"Wait, are we having an election next year or something?"

Yes, young citizen, we are having an election next year. So now's the time to put down that gravity bong, re-

lease your iron grip on the Wiimote, mute *The Hills* and do some research on the men and women who seek to be the



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next leader of the free world.

Try as you might, you cannot learn everything you want to know about your candidate from the appearances he or she makes on the late-night talk shows. It's a reasonable assumption that Conan O'Brien won't engage Hillary Clinton in a vigorous debate on the declining dollar and how the undervalue of the yuan could be hurting U.S. interests in the Pacific Rim.

Instead, you—yes, you!—will have to actually pick up a newspaper, turn on the evening news, watch *Meet the Press* or visit a campaign Web site to find out more about what the candidates are for and against.

Don't make that face. It's easier than you think.

Fifty weeks sounds like a long time to make a choice, but if you procrastinate, those 50 weeks will dwindle rapidly and before you know it, you're sitting in your poorly lit, dank, beer can-festooned dorm room on Election Day, sleepily asking your roommate a very familiar question.

"Wait, are we having an election today or something?"

Now is the time. Do your homework. Find out what issues resonate most strongly with you.

Ask questions.

How does Obama feel about nego-

# Right on, Matt

Re: "Music's state of the union"  
Issue: November 7, 2007

In response to Matt McRae's letter concerning the "state of the union" with respect to modern music and who the modern generation supports, well done.

I really enjoyed his article, and a lot can be said of it. He made points concerning modern music and the tendency of many artists to cover hits. These musicians rarely have many "followers" (I am referring to the way iTunes formats bios) and are less deserving of respect and, more importantly, our money.

When people get tired enough of listening to the "(It's the) Same Old Song" (another Motown hit—this time the Four Tops), I believe the more productive action would be to take the time to find the original version and download that song instead.

After all, older artists, particularly in the 1960s and 1970s, never made much for their "more noble" efforts back then. Even singer/songwriters got far less than they should have. Most of the revenue went to the record labels.

Life isn't always fair (sigh). But, now there is a way to reward those whose performances did inspire others due reverence and remuneration to the innovative original artists themselves.

— Dr. Jeffrey Hedrick, assistant professor of communication and the "Headmaster of Soul" (92J)

I enjoyed the article on the state of music. Right on all accounts. Where the hell is music headed? You really have to search to find a band that doesn't wholeheartedly suck. I've recently stumbled on Kings of Leon, and they are pretty good.

But it seems as if everyone is falling over themselves to get on the countdown, and nobody gives a damn about making good music. Where are the balls?

— Eddie Burkhalter, JSU student

They are our grandfathers and grandmothers, for most of us anyway. They were our WWII vets, and they gave birth to our fathers and mothers, or the Baby Boomers, who are the ones currently sucking up all the Social Security. And the ones who run the country right now (How



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poorly so is best saved for another column by a better writer.)

The Baby Boomers' biggest claim to society will probably go down as this: They gave birth to us.

But who are we? Roughly sixty years of Americans before us are painted into two broad corners in history.

Us? We've been called many things.

Yuppies were in the 1980's. They made some money, did a lot of cocaine and made some really awesomely bad music.

Generation X was the one that seemed to catch on with most people. They are the biggest group of our generation. They are the ones who listened to grunge music and started this whole personification of our generation that has stuck with each of our sub-generations— we are all apathetic.

Then, somewhere in the mid-1990's, technology started to dictate society. Windows 95 and Bill Gates unwittingly bred a whole new generation: Generation Y.

scares the Baby Boomers.

Generation X is aging but able to function a laptop enough to get by.

Generation Y? Now we're in the driver's seat. But to them, we're too young and too inexperienced to know how the world really works.

We're also apathetic, lazy and unwilling to listen to authority.

There's another generation emerging behind us—already. They call this one the "Millennials." Apparently, they are going to shape the job market, thus the economy, on their own terms, because their parents for whatever reasons raised them to believe they could get whatever they want, however they want.

Now, as a tweener between one of these confusing generation gaps (Seriously, is there a shift in the time-space continuum when generations change in front of us or something? I missed that memo.), I should take great offense to the old fogies who take all our tax money and tell us we're nothing

leg students to twentysomethings fall.

See, to the "thems," we are the ones who are able to keep up with the fast-as-lightning technological advances that happen in front of us every day. Technology

grievances. And it hits me—they are absolutely right.

It'd be great for me, as a 24 year old with the world in front of me, to sit here and count off all the reasons why I'm the future, and they are a dying breed that knows nothing about what shapes our modern world.

But I can't. They're right. I am ungrateful. And so are my peers. They gave us all we have. Bill Gates is a Baby Boomer himself, after all. And, more or less, I am ungrateful. And apathetic.

Worse? It won't change any time soon.

I can only imagine how many of my peers will raise their children to be even worse than us. In a world where not only technology, but also generation titles, change every couple of years, who are we to say we are the future?

The Baby Boomers were the future once. Now? Well, soon anyway, they'll be as obsolete as our WWII vets. Honestly, how many of us care for them to tell us how ungrateful we are anymore?

Sad thing is, we'll be obsolete much sooner than our fathers. Then our ungrateful children can take over the reigns of society and apathy.

Oh well.

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most strongly with you.

Ask questions.

How does Obama feel about negotiations with Iran?

Is Giuliani's stance on fighting terrorism the wisest option?

Just how tall is Dennis Kucinich, anyway?

When we return from our winter hiatus in January, the Chanticleer will present a special series on Election 2008 and college students: what you're thinking, the decisions you're making and the role you play in the electorate. Our series will wrap in early February, just in time for Alabama's presidential primary.

It will be a good chance for you to learn about the candidates and start thinking about the issues you'll have to consider when weighing your options in the voting booth. Issues such as terrorism, infringement on civil liberties, the direction of the Supreme Court and many more will influence the way you and I live for decades to come.

Make an informed decision. You wouldn't have surgery without asking the doctor about the risks. You wouldn't buy a house without taking a look around inside first.

Don't vote for president without knowing why. Get a feel for the candidates, find out who you agree with and make the best choice possible.

Our futures depend on it.

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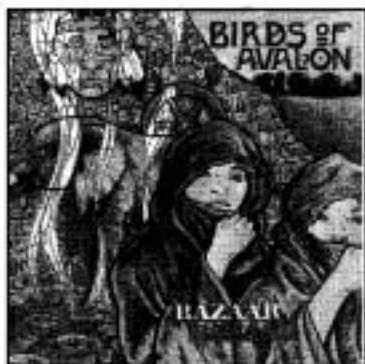
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## Music Corner

### ALBUM OF THE WEEK

**Birds of Avalon**  
*Bazaar Bazaar*

Birds of Avalon, a band from Raleigh, North Carolina, just had their newest album *Bazaar Bazaar* debut earlier in May of this year. The album features funky songs with a classic rock foundation. Two of the band members and guitarists, Cheetie Kumar and Paul Siler, originally belonged to a band known as The Cherry Valence. After seven years, they felt the need to quit the band and move on to something different. Along with quitting The Cherry Valence, they also got married. Coming together later with Craig Tilley, Scott Nurkin and David Mueller, they became what is now Birds of Avalon. Since uniting, the band has toured around the U.S. and has recorded a self-titled E.P. Their sound has led them to be accredited for their originality and use of killer instruments.



Featured on the album are mostly rock ballads with pop lyrics and classic beats. They throw a twist on the common rock song with their tribal sound and unique mixing. Songs to check out on the album *Bazaar Bazaar* are "Horse Called Dust" and an instrumental ballad titled "Where's My Blood?" I'm also very fond of the song "Turn Gold" and the frequent harmonica use in it. The album is interesting and filled with a melting pot of sound and flavors. They incorporate blues with rock and techno and tribal. They're sure to impress and would probably be a great band to watch live.

# B+

— Julie Skinner

### ALSO IN ROTATION

**The Hives**

*The Black and White Album*

The Hives have returned with their all-new studio album, *The Black and White Album*. The Hives hail from Fagersta, Sweden. The five-piece Swedish garage-rock band began in 1993. They have experienced success at home and abroad. However, it was 1997 before they actually produced a full-length album. Later, they hit stride with the hits "Hate to Say I Told You So" and "Main Offender."

Earlier in 2007, The Hives lent their help with hip-hop artist Timbaland's new album, *Shock Value*. On Nov. 13, they released their new album.

*The Black and White Album* is a mash-up of sounds that create one musical experience. They received help from Pharrell Williams on "Well All Right!" and "T.H.E.H.I.V.E.S." *The B&W Album* varies in sound through the whole album, while still keeping in the same Hives sound. The album even seems to have a Toni Basil "Mickey" moment on the song "Try It Again." One of the best things that the Hives have going for them is the presence of lead singer Howlin' Pelle Almqvist, which is extremely evident in the track "Well All Right!" It has the sound of the old sock hop bands and a televangelist service all wrapped into one wild ride.

The album has some rather strange moments. One of the strangest moments in the whole album is the haunting track "A Stroll Through Hive Manor Corridors." With the absence of lyrics, it literally seems like a trip through a psychedelic haunted house. Also, the track "Giddy Up" sounds like a mixture between a Justin Timberlake and Junior Senior song.

Many tracks of *The B&W Album* are driven by the bang of the drums. The drums create a driving rhythm that is prominent in a large portion of the entire album. This driving force helps to keep the album alive.

# B-

The Hives really hit their mark with "You Got It All...Wrong," "Tick Tick Boom" and "Square One Here I Come." The track "Return the Favour," while sounding very reminiscent of the early punk rock days, is also worth a listen. Though it is *The Black and White Album*, it is rather colorful and, overall, not that bad of an album.

— Matt McRae

## ENTERTAINMENT

### BOOK REVIEW

# Automatic 2nd date? Not with this book

By Brandon Hollingsworth  
News Editor

If you're anything like me, a date can be fraught with raw nerves, sweaty palms and questions.

Lots of questions.

Am I talking about myself too much? Should I ask about my date's background? How do I work my encyclopedic knowledge of Sudanese war atrocities into the conversation? When's the right time to mention my outstanding warrants?

You know, typical concerns for the date-goer.

Well, fret no more, friends, for Victoria Michaels Rogers has descended from the heavens to provide answers to these and many other queries.

In her most recent book, *The Automatic 2nd Date*, Rogers sets up a how-to guide for impressing your date.

Strangely, she does not suggest outright deception and manipulation. It's my measured opinion that such an exclusion is a gross oversight. Both have served me well in the past.

But anyways, it's her book, not mine. On with the show.

The book's chapters revolve around standard first-date issues: first impressions, the art of conversation, what to wear, even how to handle the goodnight kiss. The book is eerily textbook-like in that each section ends with a "chapter recap" of sorts and "automatic journaling."

The journaling exercises encourage the reader to make lists, practice newly learned techniques with a friend and other activities that will generally ruin people's impressions of the reader and everything he or she stands for.

Perhaps the most dubious advice given in *2nd Date* is a list of questions Rogers provides to jumpstart conversation with your date. Most of the questions seem innocent enough ("What are your favorite current TV shows?"), but some immediately stand out as off-limits in my mind, such as "What's your relationship with your dad?"

Imagine the possible response: "Well, he drank a lot, gambled away my college fund and left when I was nine. Say, this creme brulee is *exquisite*, wouldn't



Young Brandon is apprehensive as he waits on his date to answer the door. We pray for his sake that she does. Photo by Bethany Harbison / The Chanticleer

you say?"

Needless to say, asking the wrong question (and there's more than one on the list) would most certainly eliminate the possibility of an *automatic* second date, not to mention elicit a horrified stare from your dinner companion.

Aside from unwittingly triggering traumatic memories for your date, Rogers offers very little groundbreaking information that would immediately guarantee dating bliss.

Don't dress like a skank, mind your manners and feign self-esteem. You probably don't need a 232-page paperback to tell you that.

So we arrive at the ultimate logical test of the book's premise: Will follow-

ing the tips contained therein lead to an "automatic" second date?

Eh, maybe so, maybe not. That's life.

Me? I'm going to live a lonely, sheltered life with my cats, my Berlioz records and my Victrola, emerging from the house only long enough to scream at the neighborhood kids to stay off my lawn before retreating back into the cold, dark abyss of my home and psyche.

"Old Man Hollingsworth," they'll call me.

They'll revile me.

They'll fear me.

And in the end, isn't that what we all want?

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## Sports

FOOTBALL — EASTERN ILLINOIS 37, JSU 23



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## A change may do you good

I think most everyone knows by now that I try to keep most of these columns focused on something outside of JSU.

The few times I've strayed from that path, I've had a problem with something.

This time, it's not a problem I have, but rather a suggestion that I'd love to see the student body back me up on.

Saturday night was a night of inspiration for me. While both of my teams lost important games, I saw something that left a wanting in my heart, a need to see something next year.

While watching my weekly dose of college football Saturday, I couldn't help but notice Georgia's new look.

In case you don't know, the Bulldogs came out to the field in black jerseys instead of their traditional home red.

So, not only did they slap Auburn around the field, but they looked good doing it. That's probably the best alternate jersey in all of college football.

These days, more and more college teams are breaking out the special jerseys for big games.

Notre Dame has their green jerseys, Louisville has their all black uniforms and Oregon has... well, that's another



JSU senior receiver Taurean Rhetta caught two passes for 57 yards and a touchdown in the Gamecocks 37-23 loss to Eastern Illinois. Photo by James Harkins / JSUFan.com

# Playing for next year

*Gamecocks' post-season hopes fall against Eastern Illinois for the third straight year*

By Jared Staubs  
Staff Sports Writer

Mistakes ruined JSU's chances of an at-large playoff bid, as Eastern Illinois beat the Gamecocks 37-23 at Paul Snow Stadium Saturday afternoon.

A fumble on the game's first play — a razzle-dazzle play that went wrong — led to an early Eastern Illinois lead, and the Gamecocks continued to shoot themselves in the foot throughout.

"We could have played it close to the vest," said coach Jack Crowe, "but we thought we could loosen them up."

In addition to the early error, the Gamecocks missed an extra point, threw an interception for a touchdown and allowed a kickoff return for

touchdown.

"This kind of performance in this kind of game ... it was not a very good attempt to position ourselves to play in a national playoff," coach Jack Crowe said.

"In our two biggest games this year, we've turned it over five times and haven't forced any. You can't win that way."

Cedric Johnson's brilliant first half kept the game close. The junior quarterback — playing the entire game for the first time this season — threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third.

He became the first player in school history to have 100 passing yards and 100 receiving yards in the

See "Next season," page 7

## VOLLEYBALL

# Gamecocks' improbable weekend earns share of regular season title

By Jared Gravette  
Staff Sports Writer

After Jacksonville State's victory over Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, the Gamecocks accomplished something few would have predicted a week ago.

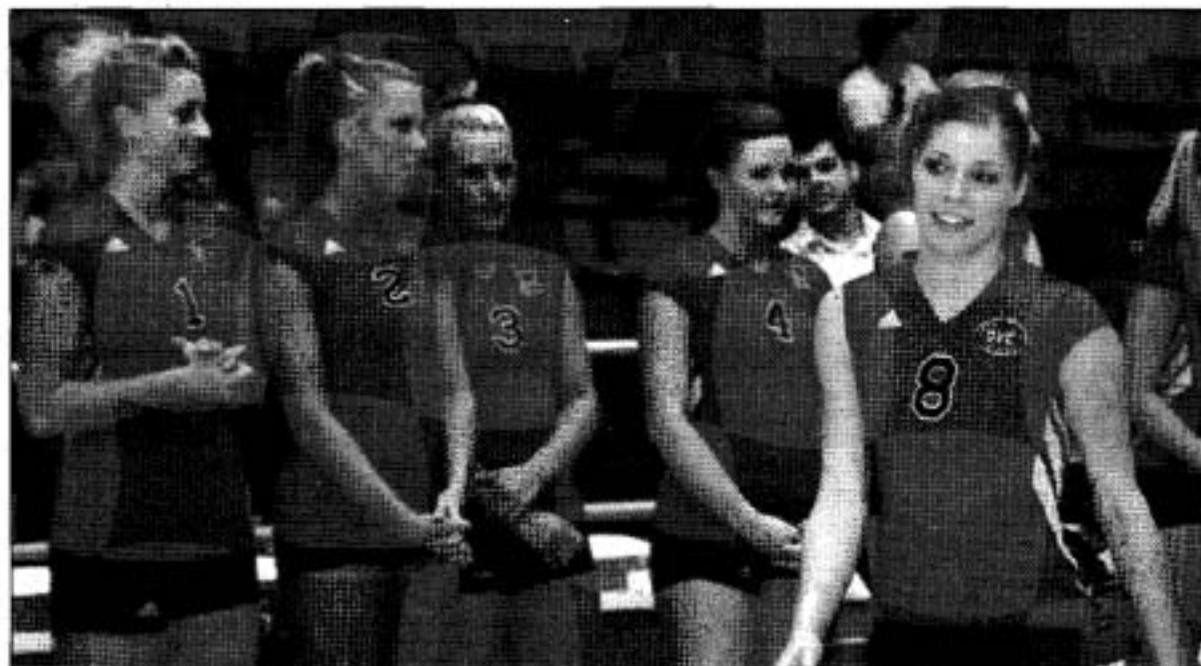
Thanks to that win, coupled with a victory over Morehead State the night before, the Gamecocks came from nowhere to win a share of the Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

In addition to clinching a tie with Morehead and Southeast Missouri, JSU won the tiebreaker and will host the conference tournament this weekend.

The members of the JSU volleyball team knew coming into the weekend that their chances of wrapping up the top spot were slim to none.

Morehead State possessed a two-game lead over JSU on Friday, but the Gamecocks played the role of the spoiler.

They defeated the Eagles on Friday night (30-25, 30-27, 22-30, 32-30), cutting the deficit to one game with one to play.



all black uniforms and Oregon has... well, that's another story in its entirety.

UGA broke out the new look for its biggest rival, and the student body came out in full force with black shirts.

I'm not one to throw down the gauntlet in these things, but here goes.

When Jacksonville State plays a rival or an important game next year, what about black jerseys?

True, our school colors are red and white, but take a look at the warm-up gear our teams wear.

Next year, our football team will probably be right in the middle of an OVC title hunt, like they always are.

What if, for the biggest home game of the year, everyone in our student section wore black?

What if our team came out to warm up in their red jerseys but came out for the game in black?

The point is this: Everyone else is doing it. Why can't we?

Think about our jerseys as they are now.

Black jerseys with white lettering and red trim isn't exactly hard to do.

As a person that's lived in Calhoun County my entire life, I know that people used to joke that JSU's uniforms looked a lot like Alabama's.

That was a reason for the uniform change in 2005, and it was a great idea.

Things like jersey swaps and special gimmicks seem to fire up a team and their fans, and if you ask me, a fire needs to be lit under the collective ass of our student body and our fans.

If you disagree with that, then give me one logical reason why we only had just over 8,000 people in attendance for the biggest game of the year.

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The Gamecocks took care of their business Saturday afternoon, crushing Eastern Kentucky in a three-game sweep (30-22, 30-11, 30-21).

JSU still needed help from in-state rival Samford to lock up a share of the title, and that is exactly they got, as the Bulldogs defeated the Eagles in three games giving the Gamecocks a share of the title.

By crashing the party, JSU was able to jump from third to first over the course of a single weekend.

For the first time in OVC history, the regular season crown was split three ways, as JSU, Morehead State and Southeast Missouri all finished with a 15-5 conference record.

The tiebreaker went the Gamecocks' way, giving them the No. 1 seed and the right to host the OVC tournament over the weekend.

"We knew that we had slim chances of being able to host, but we really weren't focused on that. It was more about just making sure that we were playing our game and getting ourselves ready for the tournament," JSU head coach Rick Nold said.

"It's nice for our fans to be here with this team for another weekend, but it doesn't guarantee us anything. We know what kind of battle it's going to be. Every team has been so close. Any of the top seven teams could have gone through and won the tournament," Nold added.

On Friday night, the Gamecocks stepped up their game in possibly the biggest regular season contest of the year.

"We knew it was going to be a battle, and it was," Nold said. "We knew that we would have to earn every point. We just expected that, but a lot of it was making sure when they were making great plays that we didn't get down. We had to make sure that we stayed aggressive and waited for the runs to happen, and I thought we did a good job of that."

The Gamecocks had five players reach double-digits in the kills column on Friday. Abbey Breit led the team with 15, both Rebekah Nichols and Brittney Whitten knocked down 11, and Joi Watts and Caitlin Vorbeck added 10 apiece.



Senior Abbey Breit was one of four seniors to be honored before Saturday's Eastern Kentucky game. The Gamecocks will host the 2007 Ohio Valley Conference tournament this weekend at Pete Mathews Coliseum and will seek their third straight tournament title. Photo by James Harkins / JSUFan.com

The Gamecocks had a much easier time putting Eastern Kentucky away on Senior Day. Breit, Nichols, Vierling and Watts, who together make up the second-winningest class in JSU history, were honored before the match.

"If you look at what they have done over their four years, it's pretty amazing," Nold said. "I couldn't be more proud for a group of girls to come through. This year as much as anything, we have such a young team, and they have been able to pass down the attitude and work ethic that we want to make sure that we always see here in our program. We are lucky to have had them this year because I can't think of a better group for people to follow."

Breit pitched in 12 kills to go along with 18 digs to record her 25<sup>th</sup> double-double of the season, Nichols knocked down 11 kills on a .455 attack percentage, Watts added five kills and Vierling came up with 11 digs in their final regular season match at JSU.

However, it was Whitten who stood out the most on Saturday afternoon. She has been on fire of late recording her fifth double-double in as many matches. Against EKU, she led the Gamecock attack with 14 kills to go along with 14 digs.

From the beginning of the match, it was obvious that the Gamecocks would have little trouble putting the Colonels away, as they dominated from start to finish.

"To me, what makes you relaxed is preparation, and that was probably the quickest that we have made adjustments in a match. In the middle of the first game, we made the adjustments that we wanted to and just tried to take away the things that they wanted to do," Nold said.

"The thing that keeps us going is our offense. I think we have been really balanced the last couple of games, and that makes it a lot tougher on the other team to defend us. It was just a great effort and hopefully we can bring that back here next week."

## CROSS COUNTRY

# Gamecocks struggle in South Regional Championship

By Will Payne  
Staff Sports Writer

Jacksonville State's men's cross country team went into the NCAA South Region Championship with high hopes coming off of their best season in school history.

However, from start to finish, the Gamecocks found themselves struggling.

"We all went into the meet with some pretty big goals and when things started to unravel it just started snowballing," head coach Steve Ray said.

Four of JSU's five top runners finished

within 40 seconds of one another.

Junior Jeff Rhodes placed the highest, finishing in a time of 32:38.30 to place 54th.

Freshman Marius Sava was next placing 56<sup>th</sup> in a time of 32:54.98.

Senior Ryan McKay placed 60<sup>th</sup>. It was the first time McKay finished outside the top 10 the entire year.

"I know that our guys are somewhat sad right now and I feel bad for all of them, especially senior Ryan McKay," Ray said. "He doesn't get another shot at this thing, but he certainly has left his mark and given

his teammates plenty to shoot for in the future."

The performance from JSU can probably be drawn to too much rest during the conference championship and the South regional.

"We definitely peaked for the conference meet and I attempted to keep the guys on the same training format," Ray said. "Looking back, they probably had too much rest and as a result were a little flat."

Despite the poor performance, the men have plenty to hang their hat on.

The team defeated 85 of their 94 oppo-

nents this season with seven losses being to SEC teams.

They also won two meets this season and placed in the top four in seven of eight.

As far as next year is concerned, the Gamecocks have plenty to look forward to.

"We do lose our number one and six runners to graduation, but I think we are returning three really strong guys," Ray said. "If we can land two or three guys of the same caliber, then hopefully we'll pick up from where we left off this year."

## MEN'S HOOPS

## JSU wins on record-breaking night

By Jared Staubs  
Staff Sports Writer

JSU's men's basketball team started the season with two very different opponents and two very different results.

The Gamecocks traveled to Georgia last Friday and were beaten soundly, 107-65, before dominating Tennessee Temple in the home opener Monday night by a 99-74 margin.

In the early going it appeared JSU would give Georgia a competitive game. Despite being a 20-point underdog in a hostile environment, the Gamecocks trailed only 47-41 at the half.

But a 21-0 run by Georgia to start the second half ended any hopes of an upset.

"In the second half they just asserted themselves inside," said coach Mike LaPlante. "They got our big guys in foul trouble, and we just couldn't hit a shot for a while."

Freshman Jeremy Bynum was the only player who ever got a hot hand, as he finished with 19 points. No other Gamecock managed double figures.

JSU went 13 possessions without scoring to start the second half,

but LaPlante said it was a learning experience.

"We kept pressing and kept running because that's the way we're going to play all year," he said. "If I wanted to lose by less, we'd have just come down the floor and held the ball. But that wouldn't have helped us get better."

The results showed immediately, as the Gamecocks put on an impressive show for the home fans Monday night.

The 99 points against Tennessee Temple was the highest total by JSU since 2004, and the Gamecocks broke or tied several team records.

JSU made 19 three-pointers, which is a school and Ohio Valley Conference record.

Will Ginn made eight of his 16 attempts – tying school records for makes and attempts – and Bynum made seven of 15.

"It's a good thing, but I credit it to my teammates who kept getting me open looks," said Ginn. "That's what I'm supposed to do, knock down open shots."

Bynum took the same approach, even after struggling to a 1-8 start from the field.

"A shooter's got to shoot," he said. "My coaches believe in me,

and they want me to keep taking those open looks."

LaPlante said that he wants his team to take those shots.

"The majority of both their shots were wide open," he said. "Now, they were a little deep a couple times, but those are the kind of shots we want them to take."

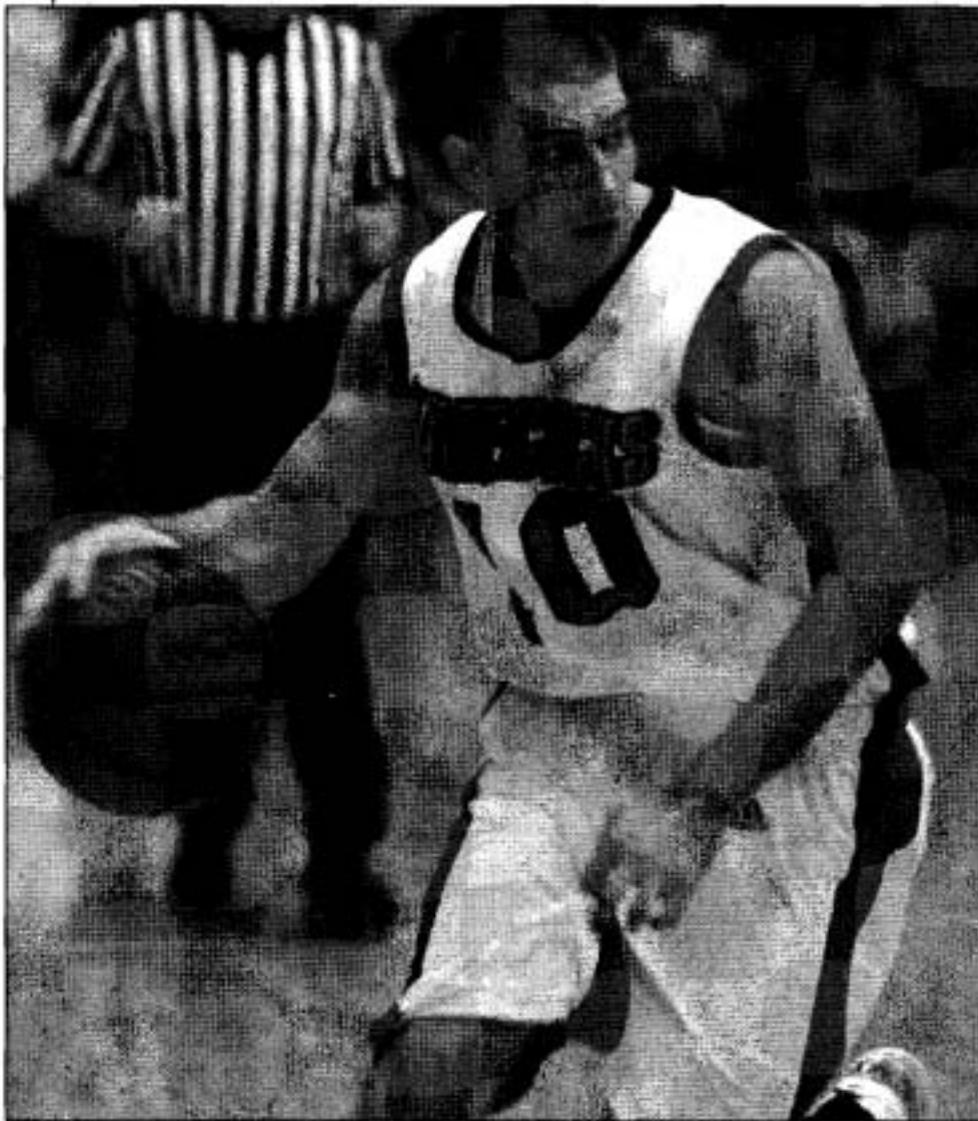
Tennessee Temple also shot the ball very well from beyond the arc – its 14-for-30 performance kept the game close for a while – but it was an afterthought because of JSU's display.

The Gamecocks' depth began taking its toll late in the first half, as the Gamecocks turned a 26-25 lead with 10 minutes left into a 51-37 halftime lead. JSU's bench outscored Tennessee Temple's 30-2.

The continuous full-court press led to 25 fast-break points for the Gamecocks, while Tennessee Temple did not manage any.

The fast-paced game also led to Tennessee Temple going to a zone for much of the game, which accounted for the 43 long-range attempts.

"Normally we're going to take about 70 shots and about 30 will be threes," LaPlante said. "If a team is going to play a lot of zone, that number is going to be higher."



Jacksonville State guard Will Ginn tied school records for most 3-pointers made (8) and attempted (16) in the Gamecocks' 99-74 win over Tennessee Temple Monday night. Photo by James Harkins / JSUFan.com

## WOMEN'S HOOPS

## JSU falls to Kennesaw in OT for second straight year

By Jared Gravette  
Staff Sports Writer

Over the weekend, the Jacksonville State women's basketball team played an overtime thriller with Kennesaw State for the second time in as many years.

Unfortunately for the Gamecocks, they weren't quite so lucky this time around, as the Owls came away victorious 74-70 in the first regular season game of the year.

"Overall, it was a really good game," JSU head coach Becky Geyer said. "Ironically, it was the exact same game that we had last year against them, but we won. It was a good game, and I think we learned a lot from it."

The Gamecocks had to claw their way back into the game late to even have a shot at overtime. Down by three with 17 seconds remaining, McMichael hit a three to tie the game up at 61-61. The Owls

of them to put it in overtime."

McMichael was a huge part of JSU's success. She poured in 18 points to lead the Gamecocks and made several key shots when the game was on the line.

"Eren McMichael played well. She hit some big shots from the outside," Geyer said.

The Gamecocks' youth and inexperience showed late in overtime, as JSU turned the ball over five times in the extra session.

The majority of the Gamecock turnovers were forced by Kennesaw's Greteya Kelley, whose three steals in closing minutes set up six Owl points.

"Kelley was just exceptional. I think she single-handedly took that game over. Her steals came at crucial times," Geyer said. "For us, we just weren't patient and didn't take care of the ball. We have to learn from that and just value every possession. She just had some big-time steals. And when you steal it out in the backcourt like that, it's a low one. It's an opportunity for ourselves."



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The Gamecocks had to claw their way back into the game late to even have a shot at overtime. Down by three with 17 seconds remaining, McMichael hit a three to tie the game up at 61-61. The Owls answered with only 1.6 seconds remaining.

Without a timeout the Gamecocks had no other alternative but to launch the ball the length of the court and score to send the game to OT.

"We ran what we call our prayer play, because you need to pray as the ball is in the air," JSU head coach Becky Geyer said. "Eren McMichael got fouled as we were catching it, so she had two shots. She made both

didn't take care of the ball. We have to learn from that and just value every possession. She just had some big-time steals. And when you steal it out in the backcourt like that, it's a lay up. It's an easy shot for anybody."

Sophomore Jolie Efezokhae recorded the fourth double-double of her career coming up with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

"Jolie has to perform, and she knows that," Geyer said.

The only other Gamecock in double-digits in scoring against the Owls was Kelsey Johnikin who added 10 points on the night.

## Next season: JSU travels to SEMO next

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same game.

"It takes a special player to pull that off," said Crowe. "Some of the plays he's made, I don't think anyone else in the league could have made."

But Johnson couldn't win the game on his own, and the Gamecocks inability to stop Panther running back Ademola Adeniji left them trailing 23-20 at the half.

After not allowing a back to surpass 100 yards in a game all season, the Gamecocks allowed 106 yards to Adeniji in the first half.

The defense shored up in the second half, and did not allow EIU's offense to score, but it was too late.

Not only were the Gamecocks limited to three points, the offense gave up a touchdown of its own.

Trailing 30-23 with just over three minutes left, Johnson was intercepted for the first time in 112 pass attempts.

The play came on 4<sup>th</sup> and 2, and was an attempted screen to tight end Deonte Carter. EIU defensive end Michael Torres read the play and ran 40 yards for the clinching touchdown.

"It was a bad throw," Johnson said. "I shouldn't have made the throw. That was a mistake. I probably should have just run it."

Crowe said that while the error did cost them, Johnson's performance was all that kept the game competitive.

"The guy we tried to get to run the ball the most (Daniel Jackson) had 12 carries for 2.8 yards (per rush), and the guy we didn't design to run the ball had 100 yards," he said. "It's a two-edged sword. I don't think you can play like that - 'backyard' as I call it - and not get caught sometimes."

Crowe said that Matt Hardin will start this week's game and Johnson has been nursing a minor

leg injury.

JSU will have a chance to end the season with a win for the first time since the 1992 team won the national championship, as it travels to SEMO this Saturday.

"We're disappointed, but we've

got to find a way to focus on this last game now," said defensive tackle John Scott. "Winning the last game is important to us seniors who are leaving, and we can leave next year's team with the right taste."



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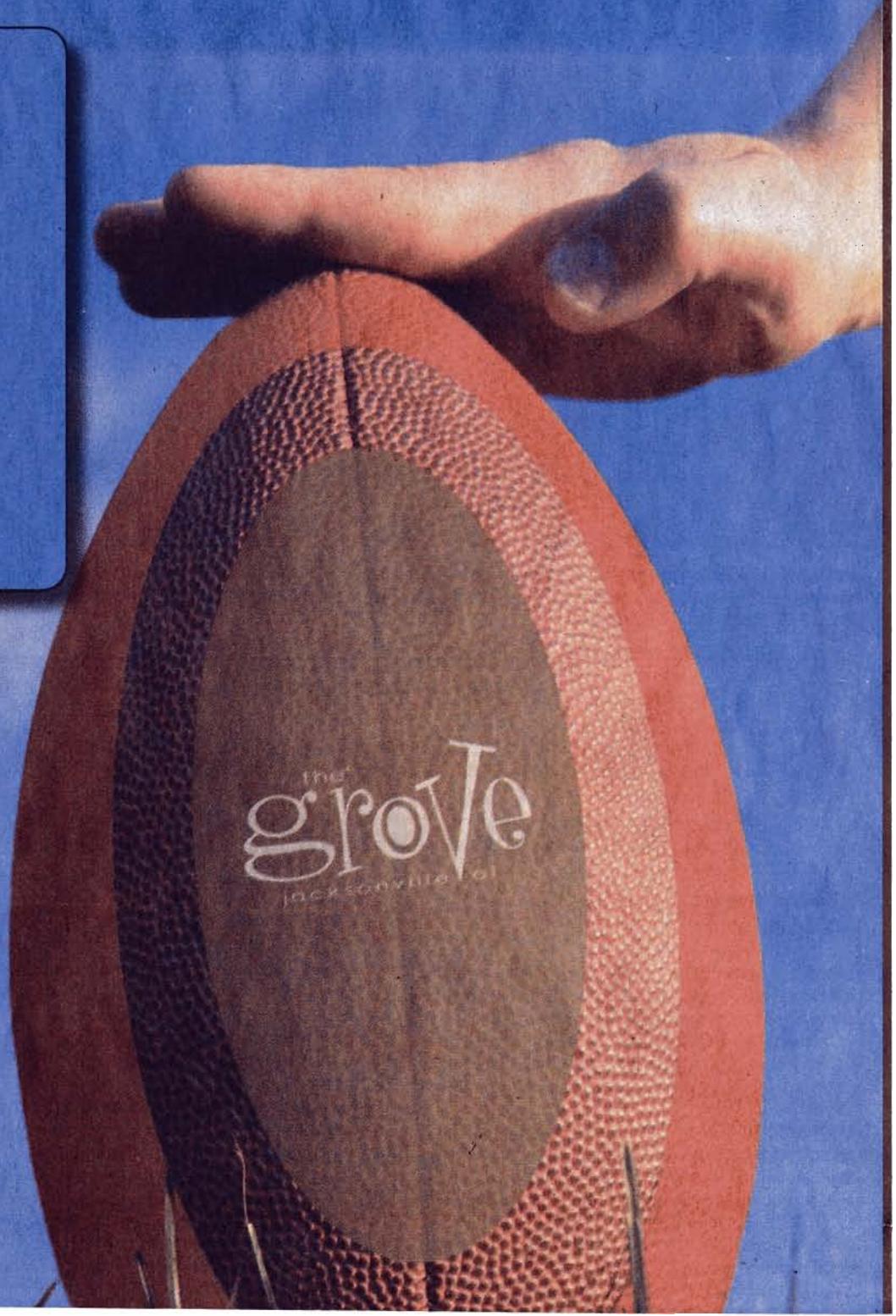
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