Nor any drop to drink. . .

Growth puts pressure on Jacksonville's water system

By Brandon Hollingsworth
News Editor

The work of photographer and JSU student Lindsey Wade is making its way around, including album covers.

The population of Calhoun County rose from 112,249 as of the 2000 Census to 112,903 in a 2006 Census Bureau update, a growth of 0.6 percent. In Jacksonville the increase has been even greater, from 8,404 in 2000 to 9,114 in 2006, an 8.5 percent boost.

Add to that JSU's campaign to increase student enrollment to 10,000 by 2008, and the numbers tell the story: strain on the city's aging water system will only grow in coming years.

It's a problem constantly sitting on Chris Patterson's mind. Patterson is the wastewater plant manager for the city of Jacksonville's treatment plant. At his office off Highway 204, Patterson displays maps of the city water system with pipes color-coded for different flow levels (the amount of water the pipes can carry).

In residential areas, the pipes are small, only six to eight inches in diameter. In downtown and near the university, the pipes get larger to satisfy greater demand, to about 10 inches. Only a few of the pipes are 12 to 16 inches, capable of carrying the biggest flows. The problem, according to Patterson, is that there aren't nearly enough of those larger pipes.

"The biggest thing we're trying to do right now is beef up our system with a 12-inch main," Patterson said.

That main is a pipe that ties into Germania Springs, one of the two springs that supply Jacksonville's water, is running about two feet below normal.

Germania Springs, one of the two springs that supply Jacksonville's water, is running about two feet below normal. Photo by Matt McRae / The Chanticleer

See "Water levels," page 3

O Valencia! Cantrell is the 2007 Homecoming Queen

By Anna Keefe
Staff Reporter

The clouds were dark, but spirits were bright. Excitement filled the air in Paul Snow Stadium during the Homecoming pep rally held Thursday evening, Oct. 18, despite the threat of rain and the absence of the traditional bonfire.

For many, the most exciting part of the evening was the Homecoming Queen crowning ceremony.

Valencia Cantrell won the crown. Supporters stood and cheered feverishly when Cantrell's name was called.

"Honestly, when they called my name, I didn't even have time to be excited because everybody ran onto the field and tackled me."
**QUESTION of the WEEK**

What are you doing to celebrate Halloween?

- Spending the evening at home: 31%
- Going to a party: 27%
- Other: 15%
- Trick or treating: 11%
- Getting drunk: 10%
- Stealing candy from kids: 4%

**Next week’s question:**

**Which kind of severe weather do you most fear?**

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**JSU Soccer is in a state of disarray after the resignation of an assistant coach and the loss of several players under the 3-year guidance of head coach Julie Davis**

By Jered Staubs
Staff Sports Writer

A tumultuous season for the JSU soccer team took another strange twist with the sudden resignation of assistant coach Summer Covington.

Covington’s decision came days before a crucial stretch of games that will determine whether the Gamecocks qualify for the conference tournament and does nothing but conjure more questions about the state of affairs within the soccer program.

Is this a team in turmoil?

Coach Julie Davis doesn’t think so. In fact, she says this team is “closer than they ever have been in my years of coaching here.”

The current players also lauded the team’s ability to stick together and persevere through some difficult times.

As one stated, “It’s been hard, we had three or four people quit within a month, but the team has gotten along probably better than we ever have this year as far as bonding.”

But before the bonding, there was a mass exodus.

A former player, who would like to remain anonymous, said, “(Davis) took the fun out of soccer for me. I’ve played since I was four years old. It was always fun and she took that away from me.”

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**Valencia Cantrell, JSU’s 2007 Homecoming Queen, stands with her escort Terrell Montgomery and is greeted after being crowned by President Meehan. Photo by Eric Beck / The Chanticleer**

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**Even tho I am purty good at catching grammer mistakes; that doe’snt mean that I can’t make an error or too.**

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**Friend or foe, tool or crutch?**

Students growing increasingly reliant on Spell Check

By Bethany Harbison
Copy Editor

With Spell Check and Grammar Check at their disposal and the Internet only a click away, today’s students possess an arsenal of tools for crafting their essays and reports.

Some Jacksonville State University professors, however, are concerned that such tools may be breeding a lax attitude toward proofreading.

“Primarily, my experience has been that Spell Check and Grammar Check are only as good as the people using them,” Dr. Steven Whitton, professor of English, said. “I tell [my students] that they themselves are the best tool.”

Whitton stressed that physically proofreading work is essential for catching all mistakes.

He said that he tries to instill this habit into his students by requiring them to actually pick up a pen or a pencil and go over their own papers with a critical eye.

Dr. Gordon Nelson, chair of JSU’s educational psychology program, has a mild form of dyslexia and explained that though Spell Check is not infallible, it can be a valuable asset.

“There are limitations to it, but I really don’t think of it as a crutch,” Nelson said. “I think of it as a help, especially for people who have some form of dyslexia.”

Nelson said that though some may call students lazy for relying too heavily upon such
Announcements
- The JSU Registrars Office reports that midterm grades will be available on MyJSU starting Thursday, Oct. 25.
- Baptist Campus Ministries will hold a Halloween party on Tuesday night, Oct. 30, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Campus Crime

Wednesday, October 17
- Randall Harcrow was arrested for driving under the influence on Hwy. 21.
- Student Amanda Thrasher reported theft of property at Ayers Hall at 12:20 p.m.

Thursday, October 18
- Student Brandon Self reported unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle at Cole Dr. RV Park.
- Jacob Maples was arrested for marijuana possession at Daugette Hall at 3:20 a.m.
- Student William Smith reported property theft at TMB.
- Student Christopher Machen reported unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle at the Art Annex.
- Student David Bailey reported unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle at Paul Snow Stadium.

Friday, October 19
- Student Katherine Worthy reported theft of property at Fitzpatrick Hall.

Saturday, October 20
- Timothy Trussell was arrested for public intoxication at Gamecock Center.
- Jonathan Hegeman was arrested for public lewdness at Cole Dr. RV Park at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday, October 21
- A female student reported domestic violence.
- Cornelius Wray was arrested for possession of an open container and carrying a concealed pistol without a permit.

CAMPUS BRIEFS
- An accident on Hwy. 204 just north of Self Hall Monday afternoon injured a woman. The victim, who was not identified, was struck by a car that left Hwy. 204 at 1:39 p.m. The victim was taken to Jacksonville Medical Center, where she was treated and released. No other information was available as of press time.
- JSU’s Office of Institutional Research and Assessment is making available four publications online. JSU at a Glance, Momentum, the 2006-2007 Trustees’ Report to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, and the JSU Retention Study are now available online on the OIRA Web site.
- The Office of Distance Learning is working on a new browser to augment exams through the Blackboard system. The browser, called LockDown, is in the pilot stages of testing. LockDown can be used for both traditional and distance courses. ODL hopes to open the system campus-wide beginning in the spring of 2008.

From wire service and staff reports

SENATE MINUTES

Rundown of the Monday, Oct. 22, SGA meeting:
- Approved minutes from previous meeting.
- Heard reports from officers Shalon Hathcock, Kayunta Houston, Des-

For more information.
for possession of an open container and carrying a concealed pistol without a permit.

Monday, October 22
- Student Lashun Postell reported harassing communications at Pannell Apartments.
- Student Tiffaney Parker reported harassment at Sparkman Hall.

Information in the campus crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at JSU Police Department in Suits 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 782-4704, or contact JSUPD at 782-5000

The Week in Events

Thursday, October 25
- CBASE, TMB Auditorium, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Public Hearing for Transit Study, TMB lobby, 9:00 a.m.
  - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 26
- CBASE, TMB Auditorium, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Public Hearing for Transit Study, TMB 2nd floor, 9:00 a.m.
  - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 27
- Gamecock Gallop, Mathews Coliseum, 8:00 a.m. - noon

Monday, October 29
- Nursing Career Day, Wallace Hall, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Table, TMB lobby, 10:00 a.m.
  - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 30
- Tom Franklin book reading and signing, Houston Cole Library, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- UNICEF Trick or Treat for Kids, TMB lobby, 8:30 a.m.
  - 3:30 p.m.
- Halloween Movie Night, TMB auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 31
- Spring pre-registration begins
- JSU Writers Bowl, Stone Ctr., 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Blood Drive, TMB auditorium, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dr. Lori Owens elected HEP chairperson

By Bethany Harbison
Copy Editor

The Executive Committee of the Higher Education Partnership now includes two representatives from Jacksonville State University—Dr. Lori Owens and President Bill Meehan.

Owens, a JSU professor of political science, was elected chairperson in August at the STARS (Student Teams Advocacy for Realistic Solutions) Leadership and University Advocates Conference in Destin, Florida. Owens's name was presented along with a slate of other officers, which was then voted in by the faculty, staff, alumni and students present at the retreat.

Meehan, who has been involved with the Partnership since its inception in 1997, nominated Owens for the position and said he was glad she accepted it.

"I'm very pleased," Meehan said. "Dr. Owens has done a wonderful job of promoting the Higher Education Partnership."

In regard to JSU's involvement in the Partnership, Owens attributed the school's heavy participation to Meehan's efforts. She explained that it was Meehan who secured university funding for the bus travel from Jacksonville to Montgomery, making it easy for students and faculty to participate in Higher Education Day. According to Owens, JSU normally sends three to five busloads of people each year.

"He has done a great job of spearheading the effort," Owens said.

Meehan, who is currently serving as Chairman of the Partnership's University Presidents' Council, said that the Partnership shares the same beliefs and values with JSU, just on a statewide level.

Owens has been taking her students to Higher Education Day for several years, she said, but is still learning the dynamics of the organization.

"I'm just beginning to get my feet wet," Owens said.

A few of Owens's responsibilities will include presiding over board meetings, working with other board members and addressing legislative committees.

"I'm there to help with anything necessary in promoting higher education," Owens said.

Owens explained that the Partnership will be busier once the legislature is in session, but that they are currently at work planning and gathering supporters for the future.

"At this time of the year, the grassroots work is important," Owens said. "Partnership Executive Director Gordon Stone is visiting with the faculty senate of each university, and Whitney Wood is meeting with the student representatives."

According to Owens, a great deal of the Partnership's current activities are focused on building participation for a single day—next year's Higher Education Day, which will be held March 6, 2008.

Much of the Partnership's year-round work centers upon garnering Alabama's 15 four-year public universities their fair share of the education budget. The Partnership has already begun examining the next education budget, assessing how higher education will be affected and deciding what courses of action should be taken. Owens said that the Partnership aims to advocate the need for higher education funding—not take from other worthy educational sectors.

"It is not a [higher education] versus K-12 situation," Owens said. "They all matter, and very often we are all in the same boat.

Water levels: J'ville low

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sonville Medical Center. Patterson estimates that the Anniston tie-in delivers some 11 million gallons a month to Jacksonville, but only in certain areas. Currently, the residential developments and businesses on the city's south side reap the benefits of the tie-in, but not downtown and the northern half of the city, including JSU.

Patterson says town officials are in talks with the Anniston Water Works to extend that 12-inch main all the way through downtown, terminating at Mountain St. The extension would cost close to a million dollars, but would greatly increase water flow to areas that now rely on smaller pipes.

The water in those pipes comes from two major sources: Big Springs, located in downtown, and Germania Springs, located about two miles northeast of JSU.

Springs, which discharge groundwater from openings in rock, are less susceptible to droughts than surface water sources, such as rivers and lakes. But they're not invincible. At least one spring in Calhoun County dried up this year, according to Patterson, and water levels at Germania Springs are down this fall.

"It's running about 25 inches below normal," Patterson said.

In addition to new pipes, the Water Works and Sewer Board is looking into the possibility of drilling a deep well to provide additional groundwater. Such a well would be much less vulnerable to rainfall fluctuations and other climatological factors that can spell disaster for a spring. Those plans, however, are still in preliminary stages and won't produce results for some time.

"Right now the Geological Survey has to come up with a list of sites," Patterson said. "Then, we go into test drilling for the most feasible location."

As far as when such a well would produce potable water, "we haven't even looked that far ahead," according to Patterson. "It's definitely a longer-term fix."

Solving Jacksonville's water problems could go beyond new pipes or sources of groundwater. City councilman George Arelo is taking a cue from the burgeoning "green" environmental movement, proposing JSU use recycled water for irrigation and landscaping.

Valencia Cantrell: JSU's Homecoming Queen for 2007

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Valencia Cantrell, a second-year student at JSU, has been taking a cue from the burgeoning "green" environmental movement, proposing JSU use recycled water for irrigation and landscaping.

all I do is play with kids all day and dress them," Cantrell said.

Shes also a personal trainer to some high school cheerleaders in Heflin, her hometown.

With all she does with work and school, she does not have a lot of free time, but when she does, she said she likes to hang out with her group of best friends called the "six pack."

"We probably either go shopping or have a girls' night," Cantrell said. "We (the six pack) all have different personalities. We complete each other. We are more like sisters."

She also enjoys time alone.

"Sometimes I go workout and try to have some 'me' time, but it's very seldom that I do have free time," Cantrell said.

In the future, Cantrell hopes to become a teacher. She is a junior majoring in secondary education in health. She said that Dr. William T. Hey, health professor, has been an important influence and that he has taught her a lot about making learning fun.

"I plan on teaching somewhere in Fulton County," Cantrell said. "I also want to be a cheerleading coach. I want to be able to be a positive role model."

For now, Cantrell is thrilled to be in the moment.

"This is my first time actually winning something like this," Cantrell said. "I've been in lots of pageants, but I have always been runner-up."

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The pipes or sources of jumpstart the effort would come close to $500,000. Greywater will be used for watering grass and other irrigation needs at the university. Such a system would reduce the amount of fresh water JSU uses, and would provide a way to return greywater to the soil, filtering back to the groundwater from which it came.

"The less (drinkable) water we use, the better our water recharging," Areno said. "Hopefully, everybody will benefit from it."

Areno's plan calls for wastewater from homes and businesses to be treated in the city's treatment plant on Hwy. 204. The greywater wouldn't be drinkable, but it could be used to irrigate lawns across campus. For the plan to be implemented, new pipes would have to be laid to tie pre-existing sprinkler systems would have to be tied to the new system—a laborious process.

Greywater recycling is a concept that is catching on in many areas of the country, especially on the West Coast, but Areno admits it is not easy to convince city and university leaders to go along with the unorthodox idea.

"The city will probably not develop that (plan), but to me it's a worthwhile endeavor to look into that possibility, because we're going to have these problems (with water supply) anyway," Areno said.

As environmentally conscious as the recycling plan might be, it would also be expensive. Areno estimates the initial costs to jumpstart the effort would come close to $500,000. Greywater recycling isn't designed to save money, Areno says, but to save water and help protect the fragile resources that provide clean water to the city and its residents.

Both Patterson and Areno agree that, no matter what form it takes, change must happen in order to keep Jacksonville's water flowing smoothly in the coming decades. It's an assessment drive home by the growth in population the city and county have seen in recent years.

At Monday night's Jacksonville City Council meeting, the council passed a resolution stating their support of any state or private agency or individual who would like to use greywater for irrigation purposes. The resolution carries no funding from the city.

Anniston and Oxford get their water from massive Coldwater Spring, located in the far southern part of Calhoun County. Coldwater's discharge—the amount of water it produces—totals some 32 million gallons per day, more than enough for the current populations of the cities it serves. It also makes Anniston more willing to share water with other towns, Patterson says.

As both Jacksonville and Anniston grow, the cities' demands for water will go up as well. It could hurt the water-sharing agreement currently in place and could send both municipalities in search of new resources and infrastructure to support the increased burden. For the time being, it seems Anniston is satisfied with the Jacksonville sharing arrangement, including the plan to extend the 12-inch tie-in through downtown.

"There's been some issues on how to share the water, but we've talked about it, and they seem very receptive to it," Patterson said.

Jacksonville's water supply is not in imminent danger. You'll still wake up tomorrow with H2O flowing from the taps. But that's exactly why Patterson, Areno and others are looking not the present, but to the future, to determine Jacksonville's water needs. More growth in the city and the university means more thirsty people, more cars to be washed, more showers to be taken and more lawns to be watered.

It also means the city, county and university will have to work harder to ensure there comes no day when there's not a drop to drink.
Rocking the boat

This one is a little in-house, we gotta admit. But students here in the communications department aren’t exactly satisfied with our educations in the last couple of years. It’s really hard not to name names. It’s even harder to be vague for the sake of not naming those names. But for a department that is bending over backwards to gain accreditation, there seems to be nothing but counterproduction, especially with the faculty.

Students in the video courses aren’t learning video. Students in student media aren’t being accounted for. If not for a relatively sovereign newspaper staff, nothing would be said. In a mad dash to hire someone—anyone—with the basic credentials needed to fill a departure that by all logic should have been planned for far in advance, the department was caught off guard, hired the first people with an iota of experience and apparently hoped no one would notice.

Believe us we did notice.

It’s no way to run a department in the throes of accreditation.

We endorse the below editorial.

But I did stay at a Holiday Inn Express last night

By Webb Dillard
Senior Writer

Certainly you recognize the tagline from the Holiday Inn Express commercials. They show some boob doing different professions and claim that because he stayed at a Holiday Inn, he is capable of doing one of the random professions used in the spots.

Obviously it is all in humor. Because who in their right mind

It may not be perfect, but U.N. still serves noble goal

On Oct. 21, JSU marked United Nations Day, the annual observance of the founding of the U.N. back in 1945. On Oct. 24 of that year, representatives of 50 nations met in San Francisco to sign the U.N. Charter, establishing a deliberative body to help settle international disputes and help avoid war.

It was a noble goal in October, 1945. It’s still a noble goal in October, 2007. But much has changed in the ensuing decades. The United Nations has lost much of its idealistic luster. The organization is stung by scandal and criticized for a more-talk-than-action policy. Those concerns are valid, and I agree that the U.N. is a flawed body. But in a flawed world with flawed people, we can’t expect the U.N. to be above reproach.

Liberals say the U.N. doesn’t do enough to alleviate human suffering, including a failure to officially designate the killing of civilians by the American ambassador to the U.N.? He wasn’t alone in that sentiment. You don’t have to look hard around this part of the country to find those awful yard signs that proclaim the owner’s desire to “GET US OUT OF THE U.N.!” Sometimes, I want to stop and ask these people exactly what they expect will happen if the United States withdrew its support.

Perhaps America’s hostility toward the United Nations stems from a failure to be the American ambassador to the U.N. (Korea, Kosovo and Afghanistan). In the face of such support, it seems awfully petty for Americans to oppose a good working relationship with the U.N. in favor of a unilateral policy that would further alienate the country from other nations.

Perhaps it would behoove us, then, to stop and consider what the world would look like if those 50 delegates had not met on a cool October day in 1945 to say, “Yeah, we’ve got your back. Let’s do this right.”

A world without the U.N. would be a bleak one, indeed. Let us not reject the noble goal set forth in San Francisco 64 years ago. Let us carry forth into every new day with the hope that, through international cooperation, each
I remember the methods that my church used when I was a child. We would have scavenger hunts, picnics and even trips to local hot spots in surrounding towns. These are obviously not things that appeal to today's generation, but they still remain a better option. What better way to spread the word of God than by exploring His world? Nature provides concrete examples of God's work. Halo simply serves as bait to lure the kids in while providing no extra merits.

Halo is definitely not the most chat-friendly game either. I could count on one hand the number of times that I've played a Halo match and not heard hundreds of swear words. The game simply does not promote a healthy environment for Bible study.

I think that these churches should turn to a more extra-curricular approach. Basketball is still a very popular activity that would interest local kids. It may not be the churches' responsibility to keep children physically fit, but I feel that they should at least encourage members to engage in healthier activities.

It makes me happy to see ministers and pastors doing their part to get more kids off of the street and into the church, but this is the wrong way to do it. Master Chief might be Earth's hero, but he has no business in the church.

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**Music Corner**

**ALBUM OF THE WEEK**

**Still emo, still okay with that**

Jimmy Eat World's new album better, consistent

By Kevin Jeffers  
Managing Editor

If emo is dead, nobody told Jimmy Eat World. Their new album, *Chase This Light*, is the epitome of the very genre that the band is on record of claiming to detest.

It's also one of the genre's finest moments.

Jimmy Eat World has a unique place in alternative rock. They have been maligned for being responsible for such lunchbox creations as Fall Out Boy, and they have been praised by critics for constructing rock that's at the same time stadium-anthem worthy and heartfelt.

*Chase This Light* is on par with their excellent self-titled album of 2001 (originally titled *Bleed American*). While there are no real anthems of top-40 radio that stand out—e.g. the summertime signature "The Middle"—there are no real weak points such that plagued their 2004 release, *Futures. Light* is even and reliable.

Jim Adkins still sings of growing up and finding oneself as if he were the early-20-something he laments for. But it's a niche that has worked well for the band, and while formulaic it may seem, careful listeners will hear a band who has grown wise.

The band may never reach the critical heights of their 1999 release *Clarity*, which many say is the quintessential album of the emo era. But, *Chase This Light* is evidence that Jimmy Eat World, a band who has fought to defy detractors its entire 14-year career, isn't about to go anywhere any time soon.

![Jimmy Eat World](image)

**BOOK REVIEW**

**Grisham trades in briefcase for football, and it works**

By Jessica Summe  
Contributing Writer

John Grisham's left his trademark legal suspense thrillers behind to write a love song about football, Italy and Italian football. *Playing for Pizza* is Grisham's fourth lawyer-free work and his second football book. (The first was *Bleachers*, in 2003.)

Fans of Grisham will get swept up immediately, as the novel opens with third-string quarterback Rick Dockery waking up in a hospital to death threats, since he just threw three interceptions in the last few minutes of the AFC championship game—a game the Cleveland Browns were winning until Dockery stepped onto the field. Dockery's agent eventually finds him a

![Cover of "Playing for Pizza"](image)

ALSO IN ROTATION

Coheed and Cambria

**REBOOT'S PIECE**

**Yikes**

*Whoa Comas / Blood Bomb*

Besides possessing the best album title of the year, Yikes' *Whoa Comas / Blood Bomb* also holds the dubious honor of being exactly 7 seconds into the recording—a feat that I cannot recall any other band doing this year (besides Thee Ohsees, which I will bring up... very soon, in fact).

Featuring can-do-no-wronger John Dwyer—of Coachwhips, Pink and Brown and Thee Ohsees (whose album *Sucks Blood* is simply the best I heard all year)—this seven-song EP from the Bay Area group gets more out of its 15 minutes than albums four times its length.

Joining Dwyer is Eric Park (Curse of the Birthmark), and together they create the ultimate, demented guitar shred that could hold its own in any haunted house. Mike Donovan (of Ropers and Big Techno Werewolves, among others) lends his galloping percussion to the mix, and I honestly say that I have never snarled for the sheer joy of it until running through these songs.

With Dwyer's fuzzed-out vocals laying back in the mix, Yikes fashions rock and roll with the barest elements in tack: make it loud and fun.

Dwyer formed Yikes after disbanding Coachwhips in hopes that something more fun and explosive could be made.

This is beyond explosive.

Upon first spinning the record, and realizing that five songs had passed by before I realized that tracks had begun and ended, I wondered how this music simply didn't come unraveled. Is this a drawback in this EP's case? Definitely not. This is the most exciting album I've heard this year. This is music to shock/jolt/stutter by.

As I said earlier, Dwyer's other gig, Thee Ohsees, released a very great album earlier this year entitled *Sucks Blood*. You can get both if you're internet-savvy, or, better yet, request the two at your local record store. These recordings are must—have.

— Matthew L. Reese

**Yikes**

*Whoa Comas / Blood Bomb*
Make Sure They See My Face

Who is Kenna?
He was born in Addis Ababa and later moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, with his parents. He quickly fell in love with American music and was especially inspired by U2’s The Joshua Tree. His first album, New Sacred Cow, launched in 2003 and got two of his singles “Freetime” and “Hell Bent” noticed on MTV2.

Now releasing his second and newest album, Make Sure They See My Face, featuring funky fresh sounds accompanied by some pop-punk beats and awesome tribal drums and piano. Kenna and The Neptunes both produced the album. Each song has a different sound and the first song “Daylight” will draw you in and fuel your curiosity. My personal favorite is “Baptized in Blacklight,” but most of the songs on the album have the potential to be danced to, sung to and, ultimately, listened to. Kenna has a lot to say, but is noticed by the awesome quote inside his album cover. He says, “To me, an artist isn’t one who fits a mold. An artist is one who makes a mold.” He’s definitely an artist and definitely doesn’t fit a mold.

At only 29, he has produced two albums and is finally being noticed, and it’s not because of his face. Make Sure They See My Face is an album filled with the ingredients it takes to produce a melting pot of excellence. I predict we’ll be seeing much more of Kenna’s face.

— Julie Skinner
Moving up in the world

It seems like everyone is talking about JSU's potential move to the Football Bowl Subdivision.

If the Faculty Senate, last week's Question of the Week and nearly everyone else at The Chanticleer have an opinion, I think I need to voice mine.

Maybe I'm too much of a purist, but shouldn't we care more about wins than how much freaking money we make by getting waxed by every school in the Sun Belt?

What are we going to do with this movie, anyway? I've got it! Let's add more seats to Paul Snow Stadium when we can't even sell the place out.

Come on. We can't even fill up the stands in the east end zone unless it's band day.

While the JSU student body shows up for the games, there doesn't seem to be a lot of public outcry in support of the team.

Did my ears deceive me, or did I hear a healthy amount of boos at last week's pep rally?

What's the point of moving up to the FBS when we can't even at least halfway dominate the Ohio Valley Conference other than money?

True, we have one of the best winning percentages in the OVC since we joined in

Defensive domination

JSU defensive end Duane Tolbert powers his way through a Tennessee Tech offensive lineman. Tolbert recorded six total tackles including one for a five-yard loss in the Gamecocks' 38-10 win.

Gamecocks win two of three

By Jared Gravette
Staff Sports Writer

Coming off a loss to SEMO, the Jacksonville State volleyball team needed a big weekend, and that's exactly what they got.

The Gamecocks (14-6, 11-2) entered Friday's tilt with Murray State knowing that at the end of the night one team would own sole possession of first place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

When all was said and done, it was JSU that walked off the court with a 3-0 (30-27, 30-28, 30-18) victory over Murray State.

The defensive-minded Racers matched the Gamecocks point for point in the first two games of the match, but JSU found a way to win both.

The Gamecocks absolutely dominated the third and final game, hitting a robust .519 attack percentage.

"We didn't feel like we started off that great last night," JSU head coach Rick Nold said. "We made plays when we needed to, and in the third game we came on a lot stronger."

For senior Abbey Breit, 17 was a magic number.

Breit knocked down 17 kills to go along with 17 digs to record her 17th double-double of the season.

Nichols added 12 kills on just 19 attacks, recording a .526 attack percentage.

Freshman Caitlin Vorbeck also chimed in with 11 kills of her own.

The Gamecocks had a much easier time Saturday afternoon, defeating Tennessee-Martin in a three-game sweep (30-21, 30-23, 30-15).

"It's about getting to know your opponent, and we don't want it to take three games," Nold said. "Today I thought we didn't. In game one, we started making adjustments when we needed to. By game three, both teams should have a good feel for what the other team wants to do, then it's just going to be a battle of wills."

The Gamecocks hit .252 as a team against UT-Martin, but it was the defense that stepped up, holding the Skyhawks to a microscopic .009 attack percentage.

"We talked a lot about preparation before plays," Nold said. "We tried to anticipate the things they were doing and tried to stay a step ahead. When that happens, I think our blocking numbers go up quite a bit."

The Gamecocks' current run was halted on the road by Samford Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs defeated JSU 3-0 (30-25, 31-29, 32-30), marking the first time since 2001 that the Gamecocks have lost to their in-state rivals.

Despite Breit's 19th double-double of the season, complete with a match-high 21 kills, JSU was held to a .163 attack percentage.

With the loss, JSU's lead over Morehead State for first in the OVC is trimmed to a half of a game.
Gamecocks force six turnovers, keep OVC title chances intact

By Patrick Swafford
Sports Editor

With one more loss, Jacksonville State's chances of a third Ohio Valley Conference title could be nothing more than a dream.

However, thanks to one of the most dominant defensive performances in recent history, the Gamecocks will live to see another day.

JSU (5-3, 4-1) held Tennessee Tech to 35 yards rushing in the Gamecocks' third homecoming victory Saturday night.

"I'm really happy we won and I want our players to be happy that we won, because 5-3 looks a lot better than it did four weeks ago," JSU head coach Jack Crowe said.

"I know our defense has had a lot of pressure. We have to continue to do the same thing we have been doing," Crowe said.

JSU's defense held the Golden Eagles to 220 yards of total offense and forced six turnovers on the day, keeping all three of Tech's quarterbacks off the back of the game.

"I'm really proud of our defense," Crowe said. "I think we could be a really solid defensive football team through here."

"Tech's only offensive weapon came from receiver Larry Shipp, who caught seven passes for 104 yards and also counted for 74 return yards."

"From the opening kickoff, the Gamecock defense looked to be one step ahead of what the Golden Eagles were doing."

"All week, our coaches put together a good scouting report," JSU's defensive end Duane Tolbert said. "The scouting report was just like the game. So it was kind of like playing the game during practice."

"We knew they were going to try to come in and run the ball. We knew the type of runs that they like to do."

While JSU's defensive unit rolled over Tech, the offense struggled at times, despite finding the win on five times.

Quarterback Cedric Johnson was held to 37 rushing yards, despite rushing for two touchdowns and passing for another.

"I was really disappointed," Crowe said. "I'll get over it, but I'm discouraged on how we played on offense. To have a start like we had, it looked like we could have had some spots to put the ball in the end zone."

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- JSU head coach Rick Nold after Friday night's win over Murray State

Gamecocks still alive in tournament hunt

By Jered Staubs
Staff Sports Writer

After a whirlwind weekend, the JSU soccer team finds itself in need of some help.

With only two teams qualifying for the conference tournament, and the Gamecocks two points out of sixth, they do not control their own destiny.

Of course, none of the dozens of possible scenarios matter if JSU is unable to win at least one of its two games this weekend.

The opponents --- SEMO and Eastern Illinois --- will hardly be easy, especially with JSU still having failed to even draw an away match.

"We didn't feel like we started off that great last night. We made plays when we needed to, and in the third game we came on a lot stronger."

- JSU head coach Rick Nold after Friday night's win over Murray State

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Senior Courtney Moore highlighted the night by scoring the game-winning goal.

Fellow senior Elizabeth Selasky got the start in goal and came up with the win.

The Gamecocks controlled most of the action and took the lead in the 53rd minute through Sarah McAulay.

McAulay took a crossing pass from Debbie Matich and gave the Gamecocks a lead they would only temporarily enjoy. But after conceding a goal on a free kick from just outside the box, Moore delivered her game-winner.

A Kim Kimmel goal in the final minutes removed all doubts, and extended JSU's unbeaten run at home to four games.

But that streak would end Sunday, as JSU fell to Tennessee Tech for the first time in school history.

Tech was victorious by a 2-0 score, in a game that was even statistically. The Golden Eagles managed to finish their chances a little better, though the shots and possession numbers were identical.

Besides dropping three points, the other problem with the loss is that Tech moved into a tie with JSU for 7th, and it now holds the tiebreaker advantage with JSU.
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consistency."

The home stretch
Jacksonville State now gets a
much-needed bye week before
taking on a pivotal stretch run
that could mean an Ohio Valley
Conference title.

The Gamecocks will travel to
Birmingham on Nov. 3 to take
on in-state rival Samford for the
final time as OVC foes.

The Bulldogs will be making
the move to the Southern
Conference at the beginning of next
season.

After Samford, JSU will have
one final home game the next
week against Eastern Illinois
before making the long trip to
Cape Girardeau, Mo., to take on
SEMO in the season finale.

In order for the Gamecocks
to win their third OVC crown in
five years, they’re going to need
a little help.

Currently, Eastern Kentucky
sits in command of its own des-
ire to win their third OVC crown in
five years, they’re going to need
three games, the Colonels will
be playoff bound.

However, EKU’s schedule
is more than favorable with a road
game against Murray State this
week and a home match-up with
Tennessee Tech on Nov. 17.

The only potential roadblock
for the Colonels is a road tilt
against Austin Peay, the only
team on EKU’s remaining
schedule with a winning record.

If EKU stumbles and the OVC
comes down to JSU and Eastern
Illinois, then the Panthers’ road
to the title is nothing short of
brutal.

Jacksonville State linebacker Devin Phillips recorded
three tackles and an interception in the Gamecocks’ 38-10
homecoming win over Tennessee Tech Saturday. Photo
by Steve Latham / Jacksonville State University

Soccer turmoil: Players, coach at odds

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She said that of the 17 players
eligible to return next year, ten
have told her they either would
quit or would like to quit.

As one current player put it,
“I’m not a quitter. I can’t do
that to my team and I can’t do
that to myself. But there’s a lot
of negativity running through
the team.”

Losing is never easy on a
program. The Gamecocks have
stumbled to a 4-10-1 record and
only an improbable, good finish
will save them from missing the
postseason again.

Missing the conference tour-
nament again would be a disap-
pointing end to what was once
a promising season. But some
are speculating that there is a
deeper concern than just wins
and losses.

This season began the same
way last year ended—with
players quitting the team.

Two of the talismans for this
year’s team were to be Tiffany
Julien and Sarah Miller, who
made the All-OVC Newcomer
Team a year ago.

After Miller received that
honor, Davis was quoted as
saying, “Sarah had an exciting
freshman season. She has been
an instrumental addition to our
midfield and progressively
improved throughout the season
and has a very exciting future
ahead of her.”

Davis named Tiffany Julien
the team captain.

These were impact players,
potential stars within the
program, and yet both quit the
team.

What went wrong?
What led to these, and nu-
erous other players, hanging
up their cleats the past couple
of seasons?

A common theme among
former players is that Davis is
“very phony.”

As one said, “When I first
came here, I thought she was a
great person. She gives the feel
that she’ll be a great coach and
a great leader, but when you get
here, it’s totally different.”

Another player who wished
to remain anonymous said
there was plenty of blame to go
around.

“It’s hard because we aren’t
putting wins on the board, but
there’s a lot of different things
going into that. You can’t just
put the blame on a coach, it’s on
the team as well.”

Maybe losing Covington
serves as rejuvenation for the
team. The Gamecocks did defeat
Austin Peay 3-1 the day after
learning that Covington would
no longer be with the team.

As Davis said of Covington’s
resignation, “The team has han-
dled it very maturely.”

But multiple members of the
team expressed their resentment
that Covington was not allowed
to tell them of her decision in
person.

And it’s hard to envision
that the loss of Covington isn’t an
unwanted distraction for the
team, especially as it embarks
on its most important stretch
of games.

Covington chose not to com-
tent on the subject, and AD Jim
Fuller was understandably non-
committal.

He did say that Davis’s three-
year contract is set to expire
at the end of the year, and made
no indication of what his depart-
ment would do at that time.

“We don’t talk about contracts
during the year,” Fuller said.

“We do a year-end evaluation
with all coaches. She’ll come
in and sit down with us within
a month of the end of the
season, and we’ll discuss wins
and losses and all the other things
that go along with that.”

“When they do come here,
it’s my understanding that they
understand that they are pushed
to compete because we have
expectations to be competitive
in the OVC.”

-JSU coach Julie Davis
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