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Welcome to JSU



Dear Students:

Welcome to Jacksonville State University! Your fellow students, faculty, staff and administration are pleased that you have made the wise decision to join us for the great adventure, which is Jacksonville State University.

Jacksonville State University is now your home. I urge you to become as familiar with your campus as you are with your own home. Your new campus, its buildings, programs in academics, athletics, and student life, as well as its faculty, staff and students, represent opportunities to enrich

your future beyond your dreams and aspirations.

The *Chanticleer* staff has assembled an excellent guide for your new home. Here you will find not only the campus map and an outline of resources, but also advise on student life with articles from student leaders who want you to get the most from your university experience.

Take advantage of all JSU has to offer. The University has a \$100 million budget, 1,063 faculty and staff, a 459-acre campus, 58 major academic buildings, 43 baccalaureate degree programs and 25 graduate and professional degree programs all dedicated to the future of our 9,160 students. All you need to do is get involved!

Go for it,

William A. Meehan, Ed.D.
President



Good Day Gamecocks!

On behalf of the Student Government Association, I enthusiastically welcome you to Jacksonville State University – the "Gem of the Hills," the "Friendliest Campus in the South" and the "Best Kept Secret in Alabama." I am certain that JSU is right for you, and SGA, well, we are too! In fact, every student enrolled at JSU is automatically a member. Congratulations! You are now a part of the largest, most powerful organization on campus. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and become actively involved in student activities.

The Student Government has been serving the campus community since 1946. SGA is the avenue of acceptance open to all students – residents and commuters, Greeks and independents,

traditional and non-traditional. We serve as student representatives to the faculty and administration. Our decisions directly affect university policy. Your input is important and your opinions should be heard. My goal is to meet each of you in an effort to better relate to your concerns and provide a more personal representation of your needs. My office is located in room 402 of the Theron Montgomery Building. Talk to me and let me be your voice!

As you begin your journey at Jacksonville State, I urge you to make friends, make wise decisions and make a difference in the lives of those around you. This year, SGA is blessed with one of the most optimistic and energetic executive teams ever involved at JSU. These leaders, with their incredible ideas and extraordinary abilities, are ready and willing to serve this university. Let SGA lead your way to an amazing collegiate experience!

Your time has arrived to get COCKY, get excited and get involved at Jacksonville State University! Campus life is what you make of it. Open your eyes to the new world around you, open your mind to the amazing opportunities and open your heart to your new Gamecock family!

Once a GAMECOCK, always a GAMECOCK!

R. David Jennings,
President
Student Government Association



The *Chanticleer* staff: Bottom -Toni Merriss, Top (From left to right) - Patrick Swafford, Chris Pittman, Kevin Jeffers and Mike Stedham.

Fellow students,

Hello there.

Chances are you have received all the advice you can handle at this point. "Get involved," "Don't waste your dad's money," "Make the most of your opportunities," and so forth. So allow me this opportunity to not do that to you anymore. Instead, I'll just try to explain what exactly this is that you are holding in your hands.

Each summer, the incumbent staff of JSU's student newspaper, *The Chanticleer*, puts together a paper designed to introduce new students to life at JSU. However, this year's version is a little different.

For one, we no longer referred to this paper as *The Abstract*. We all agreed that the title was, well, a little abstract. Instead we gave it the placeholder name of *Orientation 2007*, and it kind of stuck. Our hope is that next summer's staff won't also refer to their paper as *Orientation 2007*, and will come up with something a little more creative (and less abstract).

Inside you will find articles from us and some of our student reporters. Please know that you are all invited to come and write for *The Chanticleer*. Just come by Self Hall, room 180. We are always looking for unique student perspectives.

From all of us here at *The Chanticleer*, we welcome you to JSU. Make the most of it.

Kevin Jeffers
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Gamecock Orientation Leaders

2007



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On Campus

The Chanticleer

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SGA: Your opportunity to have a voice

► **Bethany Harblson**

"Have fun, learn a lot, and get involved."

This was Jacksonville State

University student David Jennings' simplistic advice for incoming freshmen who are looking to have a fulfilling college experience.



Photo courtesy David Jennings

SGA President David Jennings gives his campaign speech in front of the SGA Senate and others in the TMB Auditorium.

And he should know.

Jennings was recently elected President of the largest, oldest and, arguably, the most important student organization on campus - the Student Government Association (SGA). Jennings will hold the office for the 2007-08 school year.

In contrast to the majority of high school student governments, JSU's SGA seeks to have a major impact on campus.

"It is our responsibility to foster a spirit of unity among students, fulfill the wants and needs of the student body and develop, coordinate and execute activities and services," Jennings said.

"Basically, we try to improve life here."

Upon enrollment at JSU, every new student is automatically considered a member of the Student Government Association (SGA), but

Jennings said many opportunities for freshmen exist beyond their inherent membership.

He encourages freshmen to get involved with the SGA early on and explained that the best way to do so is through Freshmen Forum.

"Freshmen Forum not only does a lot on campus, but does community service as well," Jennings said.

Another organization within the SGA that welcomes freshman participation is the Student Activities Council (SAC), which plans major campus events such as concerts and J-Day.

Jennings also explained that the entire student body has a weekly opportunity to make their suggestions and complaints heard.

"If you want a voice in the SGA, come to our senate meetings every Monday at 6:00 p.m.," said Jennings. The senate meets in the auditorium

on the third floor of the Theron Montgomery Building (TMB).

Jennings said that the SGA is also taking measures to make information about upcoming activities and events more readily available to students. One such measure is a hotline, which students can call to hear event details.

"It will be updated weekly and let [the students] know what's going on around campus without them having to come to the office of Student Life," said Jennings.

The hotline number is (256) 782-5699.

For more information about Freshman Forum, the Student Activities Council or SGA, visit the Student Life office on the fourth floor of the TMB.

"Get involved. That's the best way. It sounds corny, but that's what you need to do," said Jennings.

2007-2008 SGA Officers



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The Student Government Association has been serving students at JSU since 1946. Every student who is enrolled at JSU is a member of the SGA.

Come see what the SGA has to offer at the...

**SGA
Involvement
Meeting**

Thursday, Sept. 6th
TMB Auditorium
6pm



Fraternity and Sorority Life Learn it. Live it. Lead it. Love it.

The purpose of Fraternity and Sorority life at Jacksonville State University is to strengthen the Scholarship of our members, to foster Service within the University and Surrounding communities, to develop Leadership, and an opportunity to participate in a structured Social environment. Jacksonville State University provides guidance and support to 20 nationally affiliated fraternities and sororities.

Upcoming Events

- Sorority Recruitment - September 24 - 28, 2007
Visit <http://greeks.jsu.edu> to register!
- Delta Sigma Theta Week - September 2 - 8, 2007
- NPHC Convocation - September 6, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Fraternity Recruitment - September 10 - 14, 2007
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The 2007 Marching Southerners

► Patrick Swafford

Imagine yourself at a football game, preferably one at JSU. You watch the first half of play and cheer in approval until both teams make their ways to the locker rooms at halftime. You look around and notice that not many people are heading toward the concession stand.

"What's the deal?" you think to yourself. "It's halftime."

The deal is the marching band. Here at Jacksonville State, it's a big deal.

For over 50 years, the Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners have carved

a reputation into stone as one of America's best collegiate marching bands. It's a tradition of power, precision and excellence.

The Marching Southerners are not your everyday, run-of-the-mill marching band either.

How many marching bands have you seen receive a standing ovation at an opponent's stadium? Ask the Mississippi State faithful about the Southerners' trip to Scott Field in 2002.

The origins of the band date back to 1956. But, in 1961 Dr. David L. Walters arrived in Jacksonville as the new director.

For the next 30 years, Walters and the Southerners changed the way college marching bands performed.

Did you know that the Marching Southerners were the first band to have the drum major conduct the band? Before the Southerners, the band director took care of those responsibility himself.

Walters also instilled a tradition that is still a cornerstone of the band in its present form, a "commitment to excellence."

Under the direction of current director of bands Ken Bodiford, the Southerners, that tradition has grown to a whole new level.

This band is not flashy. They will not impress you with some cute little gimmick that they have worked up. There's nothing "cute" about a 300-plus piece band playing at full blast with a full, rich sound so amazing that your jaw drops and you get goose bumps. This is especially true when they play such Southerners classics as "Stars Fell On Alabama" or "Salvation Is Created."

And the 2007 show will be no different.

According to the band's official Web site, www.marching-southerners.org, the 2007 show, entitled "Higher, Faster, Louder," will kick off with a new twist on the old Spanish favorite "A Mis Abuelos." This will be before featuring the Marching Ballerinas in a rendition of Michael Buble's "Sway."

The Southerners will then honor their former arranger, the late Dr. Jerry Davis, with an arrangement of Ennio Morricone's "Gabriel's Oboe."

The Southerners will close the show out with "El Toro Caliente," a Latin Jazz number done in true Marching Southerners fashion with the mother of all percussion features and "a special twist" at the end.

In addition to the band itself,



On Saturday, Nov. 11, the Marching Southerners celebrated its 50th Anniversary. During halftime of the day's football game vs. Samford, current and former band members played together in a memorable, moving performance.

several aspects of the Southerners make this JSU icon unique.

Hardcorps, JSU's pep band plays at JSU home basketball games as well as other events. Jacksonville State has also partnered with Spirit, the drum and bugle corps. Many members of the Southerners spend the summer touring with these corps across the country.

So what if you played in the band in high school and didn't know about the Marching South-

erners until now? Well, you can still be a part of their growing tradition.

You might think that you have to be either a music major or on scholarship to become a member of The Marching Southerners.

Think again.

The Southerners will be holding auditions in August during its band camp. For more information, call the band office at (256) 782-5562 or visit their Web site.



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Marching in the 1996 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is just one of many notable achievements for the Marching Southerners over the years.

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ROTC challenges students to be their best

► Nick Lehwald

ROTC, Jacksonville's military science department, has been shaping the lives of students for over 30 years.

ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) occupies all three floors of Rowe Hall and the grounds next to the Houston Cole Library and nursing building. ROTC hosts a diverse mix of students, with almost 90 full-time students in the department.

Lead by Colonel Henry "Chip" Hester, ROTC offers scholarships and hands-on training for skills that will help students later in life.

The Army ROTC is college preparation for the men and women that will soon become full-fledged army officers.

"What we tell students is that you're a college student first, and you take ROTC classes," Captain John Reynolds said, one of the enrollment and scholarship officers here on campus.

"Don't ever lose that core being of who you are. If you were an A-B student in high school, there's no reason why you couldn't be an A-B student in college," Reynolds



Photo courtesy jsu.com/depart/rotc

"JSU ROTC is one of the best in the south. It has been extremely beneficial to me in my professional development and is an outstanding leadership program," says Kevin Hwang Sudsberry (pictured here). Sudsberry is an MSIII Cadet in the program.

said.

Those who graduate from ROTC receive a commission into the United States Army as a second lieutenant.

where students from different schools around the Southeast use their skills and training against each other.

ROTC also offers a variety of extracurricular activities for its students. Whether it's intramural football, paintball, sponsoring Halo tournaments, rappelling demonstrations for family day or letting loose at their annual military ball, ROTC offers several diversions from the drudgeries of daily college life.

Every year the ROTC chooses its best cadets to participate in the annual Ranger Challenge, the regional intercollegiate ROTC competition.

Student media unifies campus

► Kevin Jeffers

It's a big world outside of JSU. It's a big world outside anywhere you'll ever go.

Without news and information media, most people would never grasp even the smallest amount of the world outside their own.

The *Chanticleer*, the *Mimosa*, and WLJS are JSU's own versions of such media.

The best part - anyone can join.

The Chanticleer

JSU's student-operated newspaper since 1934, *The Chanticleer* strives to serve the cam-

pus community with news and entertainment.

The paper is distributed all over campus every Thursday during the fall and spring semesters.

Oh, and we're under new management.

Toni Merriss is the Editor in Chief of *The Chanticleer* and can be reached at 782-5701.

Mimosa

If you ever went to high school, chances are very high that you know what a yearbook is.

Well colleges have yearbooks too, and the *Mimosa* is JSU's.

There is no better way to keep all the memo-

ries of your college life with you forever than to flip through the pages of your school's yearbook.

Make sure to have your picture taken each year and go to several events to ensure your photo is etched in JSU history.

Jason Wright is the editor of *The Mimosa* and can be reached at 782-5240.

WLJS, 92J

As fans of rock music know all-too-well, it's harder than ever to turn on the radio and hear music you actually enjoy.

Well, such fans in

Jacksonville can rejoice, because by turning their FM dials to 91.9, you can hear the newest college rock.

WLJS, 92J is also home to news and classical music from National Public Radio seven days a week.

John Nickolson is the program director of 92J and can be reached at 782-5572.

► Mike Stedham is the advisor for all three student media organizations. Any student interested in volunteering can reach Stedham at 782-5713.

The Gamecock Battalion also sends eight cadets every year to the military ten mile run in Washington, D.C.

ROTC is not only army training and preparation. They also have classes that any student can take, such as survival, basic marksmanship and first aid. While these classes aren't affiliated with ROTC, they take place in the same building and are taught by many of the same instructors. These classes are open to all students.

While the basic ROTC classes focus on different military functions, they all

include physical training (PT) hours every Tuesday and Thursday morning. PT includes running at Ladiga Trail, push-ups, sit-ups and other exercises one would expect to find in a military outfit.

Jacksonville's ROTC, the Gamecock Battalion, is located in Rowe Hall, headquarters for the Department of Military Science. For more information, visit their Web site at www.jsu.edu/depart/rotc.

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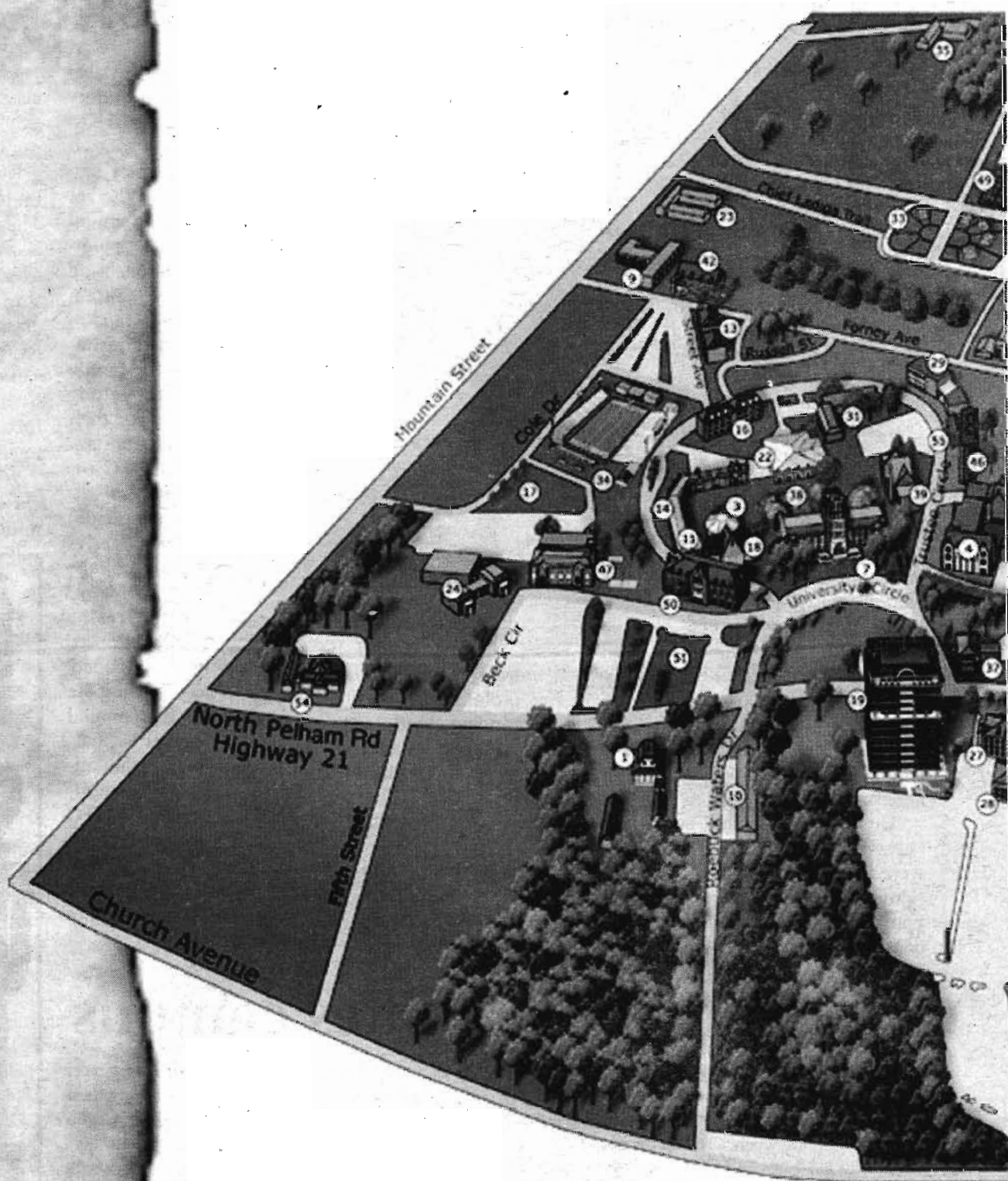
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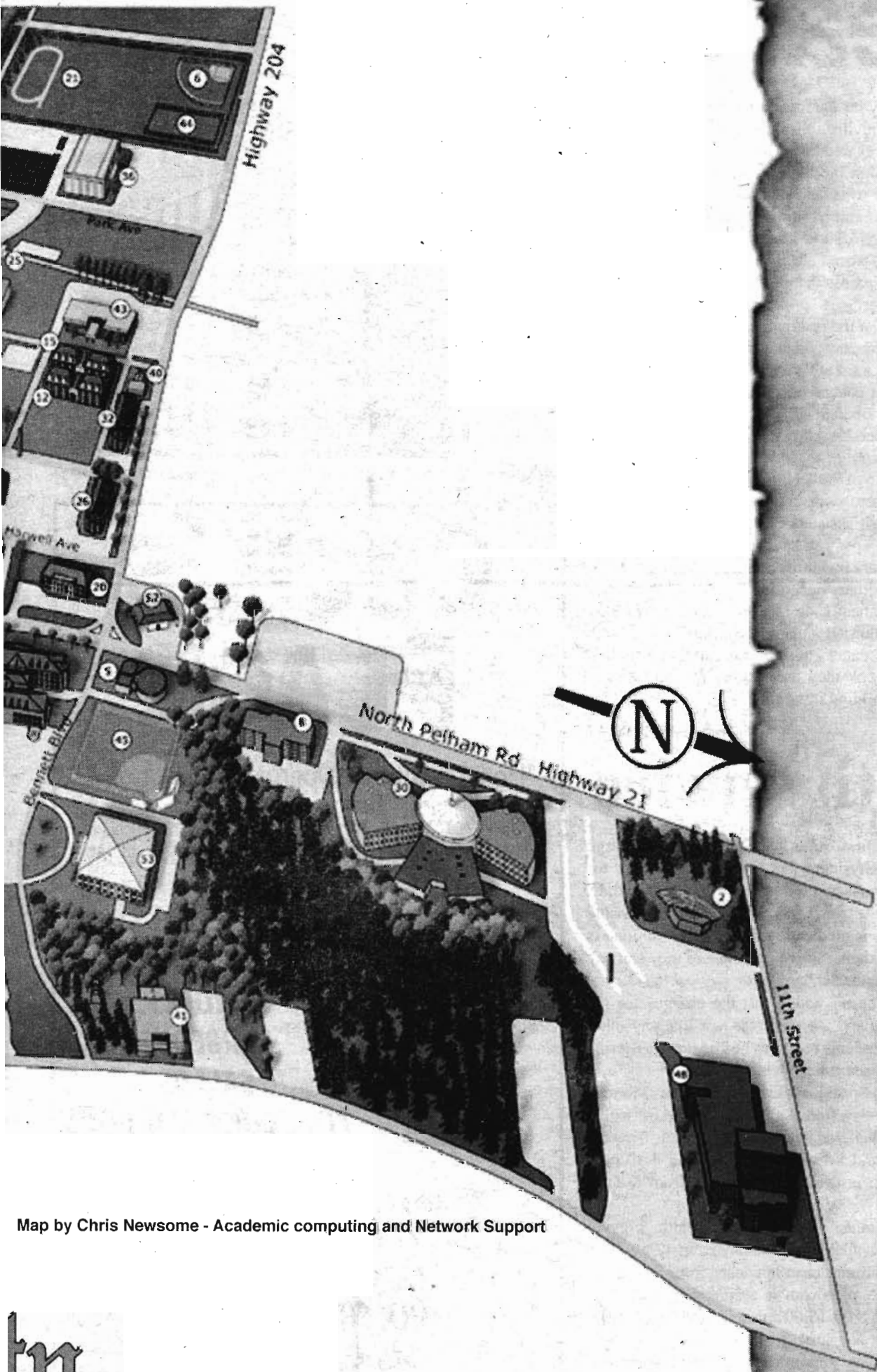
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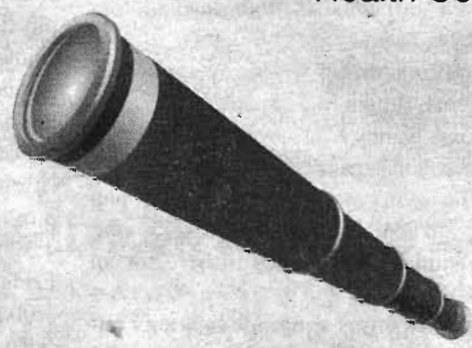
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Higher learning

► Nick Lehwald

Driving down Highway 21, there's a break in the trees. Off in the distance you see something - something massive. Huge.

The largest structure for miles.

Its red granite sides shimmer as the afternoon sun strikes from the west. You can see the whites of its walkways and its nine balconies jutting out from the sides like a line of Legos.

It's a sign signaling your imminent arrival to the campus of Jacksonville State.

It's the Houston Cole Library, in all its 12 floors of glory.

The library, named after Jacksonville's president emeritus Dr. Houston Cole, who presided from 1942-1971, was completed in 1972. At 13 stories tall (including the basement), the Houston Cole Library is listed as the tallest university library in the southeast. Oh, and did we mention it's the tallest academic building in the state (beat that Bama)?

The library hasn't always looked so polished and clean. After completing an extensive renovation in 2003 to replace the original red marble panels with more durable, Texas-polished granite, the idea was to better match the red brickwork of other campus buildings.

The 1972 completion of the building topped off a period of great change and expansion of the campus. Within the prior few years, four buildings were built (Sparkman, Brewer, Merrill and Wallace), but Houston Cole

was by far the most ambitious undertaking attempted in Jacksonville's history.

It was dedicated to Dr. Cole on October 15th, 1973. Although the building underwent minor renovations at various times throughout the next 30 years, such as new carpets and painting, the general façade of the 13-story think tank stayed the same.

Yet, over time the outside of the building could not hold against the elements any longer and began to fall apart.

When the original white marble panels became loose, the university realized something had to be done for safety's sake. Renovations began in 2001.

At a cost of \$5 million, renovations were completed in October of 2003. The building was rededicated on October 21st of that year, just six days after its 30th anniversary.

Each of the 13 floors are broken down by subject area, complete with a subject specialist librarian for your assistance at 10:30 p.m. for that 25-page paper you have due the next morning.

Floors two through seven, nine and ten are the primary locations for all reference material, neatly divided into subject and classification. By using the library's electronic online catalogue, students can find just about any book they are looking for anywhere in the building in no time.

► See Library, pg 19



Photo by Matt McRae

On-campus health service

► Tashara Childs

Do you have a headache, nausea, sinuses, or a simple head cold?

Located between Sparkman and Mason Halls, the Student Health Center can treat all of these symptoms and more.

Treatment services include: short term illnesses, emergency first aid, crutches, arm slings and ace bandages.

Health education, family planning, health counseling, pregnancy testing, free condoms, free literature, referrals and immunizations are also available. The medical staff consists of medical doctors as well as registered nurses.

"The most common things we see are upper respiratory problems, things like sinusitis, colds, flu and ear infections, Nancy Edge-Schmitz, Director of Student Health Services said.

"As far as the gynecologist goes, we do pap smears and gonorrhea and Chlamydia screening on any female student that comes in here for an exam."

The SHC also dispenses some medications on-site, but you can choose to have the doctor or nurse write you a prescription which you can take to any pharmacy.

"When I first came here, there was no charge to see the physician, but there was a charge for the medications and for any lab work that we did," Edge-Schmitz said. "Students would be unable to afford their medication, so what we've done is charge it to their student account and they can pay it over the semester."

Edge-Schmitz added that the charges for the medications and lab work are just like any other fee which students must pay before pre-registering for the next semester of classes.

Fall and Spring semester hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. with a physician available from 1:30- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. A physician is available on Friday from 8 a.m.-noon.

For assistance with Women's Health, a gynecologist is available on Tuesday from 12:30- 4:30 p.m. The summer term hours are from 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. A physician is available Monday and Friday from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and Wednesday 1:00-3:00 p.m.

To make an appointment call 782-5310. For weekend and evening emergencies contact the University Police Department at 782-6000.

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Student life

The Chanticleer

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We are all Hokies

► Kevin Jeffers

The bell from the top of Bibb Graves chimes on every hour, one chime for each hour of the day. It tolls twelve times every noon.

On April 20, 2007, at 11 a.m., the chimes sounded 32 times - one for each innocent victim of the massacre at Virginia Tech University.

It was JSU's Day of Remembrance, the day in which the school took part in a national day of mourning for the shootings at Virginia Tech.

On this day, we were all Hokies.

Dozens of students and faculty gathered in front of Bibb Graves to mourn the passing of 32 Virginia Tech students who were slain during the shootings of April 16, 2007. The gunman took his own life in the massacre, bringing the final death count to 33.

It was not JSU's only outreach to the victims. On April 18, the Public Relations Organization held a card signing in front of Bibb Graves from 11

that morning through most of the day.

"We were asking ourselves, 'What can JSU do?'" current PRO president Leslie Gober said. "We decided to do something personal."

Jason Wright, a graphic design student at JSU, designed the image of a gamecock, with a single tear running down its right eye, embracing the VT logo of Virginia Tech. The image was used on the front of a 40-by-60-inch matte board card to be signed by students and faculty and sent personally to Virginia Tech.

Gober estimated well over 1,000 signatures were on the card by the end of the day.

The massacre was a sobering reminder that no place, not even a higher education institution, is safe from such senseless violence. The tragedy left almost all universities, JSU included, to review its plans of emergency for such times.

JSU has plans in place to deal with severe weather, fires and chemical weapons accidents.

And the school has always had a plan to deal with the type of violence that occurred at Virginia Tech. Because of the shootings, however, the school is re-evaluating its policies.

A task force chaired by Terry Schneider, chief of JSU's campus police department, is reviewing JSU's plans of emergency. Neither Schneider nor a representative from the UPD were available for comment as of press time.

Even with the old plan in place, JSU is better suited for emergency plans than many universities because of the chemical weapons located at the Anniston Army Depot, according to Tommy Thompson of the UPD in an interview with *The Anniston Star* in April.

The task force will be responsible for determining the best way to get information to students in case of a shooting. The UPD already has radios in place, and the school would rely on its e-mail system and its Web site to reach students.

J'ville 101

► Toni Merriss

Jacksonville, Alabama: home of the Jacksonville State University Gamecocks. But you already knew that. It is why you are here.

Jacksonville is unique in that it can feel like home, no matter what state your drivers' license says. Technically a small town, Jacksonville comes equipped with that southern hospitality feel. But, not far from the middle of town, it has a large university that lends it quite a bit of diversity.

Many newcomers overlook the multitude of activities in the area due to the town's small size. However, in reality there are plenty of things to do.

For some, the usual can include going out to dinner, a movie or even attending a play by the JSU drama department. For the more adventurous types, here is a list of a few of the things that Jacksonville and the surrounding area has to offer.

Museums

Anniston Museum of Natural History (Anniston) - This famous museum includes "Dynamic Earth", "Nature Space", "Underground Worlds" and "Ancient Egypt" plus a variety of animal exhibits.

Berman Museum of World History (Anniston) - Rare art and historical arms and artifacts can be found here.

Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and Museum (Birmingham)-Alabama's rich athletic history is on display here. The hall of fame

► See J'ville 101, pg 18

*Dr. Charles Steger, President
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University*

Dear President Steger:

The thoughts and prayers of our students, faculty, staff and administration are with you and all the members of the Virginia Tech University family. Our deepest condolences are shared with you for the tragic events which occurred in your campus community Monday, April 16, 2007. We know that this tragedy could occur on any campus at any time.

Our students and faculty have begun a campus-wide process to express the grief they share and the sympathy they hold for the entire Virginia Tech family. We know the challenges you face are great and the excellence that is Virginia Tech University will meet and exceed these challenges to heal and strengthen your campus community.

Your community, like ours, is known for its caring attitude toward students and its commitment toward a quality education. The character that is Virginia Tech University will rise and shine as a bright Phoenix from the ashes of this tragedy. Please know the entire campus of Jacksonville State University is remembering the Virginia Tech University family.

Sincerely,

*William A. Meehan, Ed.D., President
April 18, 2007*

MyJSU: The entire campus at your fingertips

► Chris Pittman

Our beloved university has been blessed with a new system that handles everything from registration to daily campus life. The MyJSU system was put into place for the fall semester, replacing the Student Access System. The results so far have been very positive.

MyJSU features many different options for the user, and acts as a hub for anything campus related. When the user logs into MyJSU, they are presented with a sleek looking display that is easy to navigate. The navigation bar is handled with separate tabs that the user can click to peruse through the different features available.

The "home" section will be the first thing you see when you log into MyJSU. This is the

section that you will use when registering for classes. It also provides links to Blackboard and to the JSU e-mail system, GEM. Campus and personal announcements can also be read here.

Registration is a breeze using

the Banner system within the "home" tab of MyJSU.

"MyJSU makes the registration process easier for all parties involved," financial aid representative Stephanie Miller said.

Students simply click the reg-

istration link and they are presented with the ability to register for classes, view student record and review financial aid information. Clicking the registration link again will prompt another set of links which will lead students to the area for

adding and dropping classes. Simple and to the point.

The "Campus Life" tab provides the user with links to important areas around the university. These helpful links can teach you all you need

► See MyJSU, pg 19

Distance Learning offers alternative to going to class

► Chris Pittman

JSU offers many online courses through the Distance Learning program. The faculty works hard to provide students with the best online experience available.

"Everything is student-driven," Director of Distance Education Dr. Sherri Restauri said.

The Distance Learning program uses surveys and evaluations from both students and faculty to help shape future updates. This data has been used to create the online curriculum over the past few years.

"Distance Learning has added several classes due to student requests," Restauri said.

Online classes are becoming more popular at JSU each year. A survey conducted this spring to current Distance Learning students showed that 91% of participants would take another online class.

The office is working to keep up with recent technological changes. While Microsoft Vista-compatible computers are not currently on campus, many incoming students will be purchasing new computers that support the operating system.

"We are working very hard

to make sure our program is compatible with new software," Restauri said.

The structure of an online class is very different than the normal on-campus setup. Most online classes give students the freedom to do the course work - all but the tests - at their own leisure. Some professors will set up a schedule that requires students to have projects done by a certain date, but for the most part there are no set time restrictions.

Online classes can offer students many benefits over the standard classroom experience. JSU students that do not live near campus can take these classes without hours of commuting to the university each week.

The online program gives busier students a way to complete their classwork in a manner that fits their respective schedules. There are also times when a class is only available online during certain semesters, and they can be the difference in a student graduating on time or not.

Student will want to avoid certain things while taking online classes, however. The free-

dom of not having to go to an actual classroom can be nice, but that makes it much easier to get behind. Another big issue is the lack of an actual professor to teach the material to you, which can be problematic if you are not already familiar with the subject.

"Online classes do not offer the same kind of student and teacher interaction that a normal class does," JSU student Matthew McRae said. "I would avoid taking a class online if you don't have previous knowledge of the subject involved."

There are several tips that students can use to help them get on the right track in an online course. It is wise to avoid any class that you have no prior experience with. Some students expect an easy A out of a course simply because it is online, but when tests roll around they get a cruel dose of reality.

"Online classes are not always a walk in the park. Some professors will cram many projects together at once and it can get overwhelming," McRae said.

It is smart to contact the professor of an online class by either phone or e-mail. Building

a relationship with the teacher will show them that you care about the class. This can pay off in a big way when finals loom close and you need some help.

Staying organized is the best way to set yourself up for success.

"The first thing a student should do is set up a schedule," JSU Spanish Professor Eduardo

Pacheco said. "Treat the online class like a regular one, and work when you can to avoid getting behind."

The Distance Learning program is a fresh look on taking classes. The success of the program will only grow as new features are implemented.

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Kiss your all-nighters goodbye - or goodnight

► Summer Hunt

It's 11:30 on Sunday night, and you have a huge test on Monday morning. You had all weekend to study, but you found better things to do. Well, they seemed like better things at the time. But now, this test is looming over your head like a dark cloud. Looks like tonight is going to be another all-nighter.

Okay, now fast-forward about a week later. You have your graded paper in your hands, and a big red F is glaring back at you. How could this have happened, you say. You studied for hours. Granted, all those hours were all in one night/morning, but you did study. Right?

Have no fear. There is light at the end of your dark academic tunnel. You just need a little help and some determination. With a will, there's an A. Or at least a B.

If you are concerned about

your grades, you are on the right path for success. There are several ways you can improve your study habits and skills. A good first step if you are not sure where to start is visiting the Academic Center for Excellence located on the third floor of the TMB.

"We are here to help," said Ann Poe, Tutoring Services Coordinator. "We do tutoring for all general [education] classes, and my tutors incorporate study skills in their tutoring."

Once you get started, there are a few things that will help you no matter what subject you are studying.

Take notes. Scratch that. Take good notes, and use them.

"When kids come in for tutoring, we ask to see their notes," said Poe. "We want to see what kind of note-takers they are."

Poe also adds that it is a good

idea to recopy your notes. Not only will this help to drive the information into your brain, it will also provide you a legible copy of your notes with which to study.

"In college, I took shorthand notes, but it changed from day to day," recalled Poe.

You can take notes out of class, too, when you aren't sitting through a boring lecture. As you read your text, jot down what you think are important facts or questions you may have.

"Organize your notes and incorporate page numbers," said Poe. "That's a wonderful study skill."

Take baby steps.

Cramming is NEVER a good idea. Period.

"Study for 30 minutes, then take a break," said Poe. "Go get a coke, whatever. If you study for four hours, you are not going to retain anything."

Don't try to study everything all in one sitting. Poe recommends that if you have a test on three different chapters, start with chapter one the first night. The next night, go over chapter two, and then briefly go back over the chapter you looked at the night before.

"You're going to remember what you've learned first the longer you study," said Poe. "So it's important not to stay on one chapter for too long. Lots of students will stick to that first chapter, and then they don't ever get to the end."

Have a plan.

"I'm a scheduler, and I'm a calendar person," said Poe. "I like to know what's on my plate every day."

A good idea at the start of every academic school year is to pop into the bookstore to pick up a planner.

"Every freshman gets one of

these," she said, holding up a JSU student planner. "You need to plan if you've got a big paper due or a big test in two weeks, you need to say, 'I'm going to sit down and study for an hour tonight.' Plan ahead."

If you have everything mapped out on a calendar, you will get a good idea of how you need to divide your time.

Ask questions.

"A lot of students don't go to their instructors," said Poe. "They're afraid to raise their hands in class; they think they're the only 'stupid ones.'"

Remember, your instructor is your friend. Okay, maybe not your friend per se, but they don't necessarily want you to fail. A lot of them are willing to help if you just ask.

"The first test is the hardest, because you don't know what it's going to be like," said Poe.

► See Study tips, pg 19

GPA important from the start

► Toni Merriss

For many freshmen, college is a wonderful and exciting time. For most, it is the first time they are truly on their own, with no parents around, hovering over their shoulder making sure they are following the straight and narrow path.

Some people spend that time wisely and get a great education. On the other end of the spectrum are those who waste their time on the "college lifestyle."

As you begin your collegiate career, you must choose what type of student you want to be: (A) the kind who studies hard and gets good grades, or (B) the kind who parties all night long and sleeps through class the whole next day.

There is a valid reason behind needing to make this decision: few students understand that the first year of college is the most important year for your grade point average (GPA) and your future academic success.

"A student's grade point average is going to reflect their initiative. When a future employer looks at the GPA that is what they are seeing," Todd Prater, Testing Coordinator for the Counseling and Career Services said.

If you start out with a solid foundation, work hard and do well in your classes during your first two years, once you get to your major classes you will have that foundation to fall back on. The longer you are in school, the harder the classes get. And the longer you wait to worry about your GPA, the harder you will have to work to bring it up.

"In addition to having to pull up your GPA there are some majors, such as nursing and education, that do not allow you to repeat classes if a low grade is received the first time, which can also stunt your academic growth," Linda Shelton, the Lead Counselor for the Counseling and Career Services of JSU said.

Many students do not realize how much their GPA plays into

the rest of their lives, even once they are out of school.

For example, if you graduate and decide to get your masters degree, the higher your GPA is the easier it will be to get into the masters program. Sure, many of you are thinking that there is no way that you are going to want to stay in school any longer than you have to.

Honestly, once you start getting close to the end and realize that with an additional year-and-a-half of school, you can raise your starting salary to \$40,000.

As an incoming freshman, just remember you have plenty of time to experience the "college lifestyle," just make sure you have your priorities set.

Preparing for your future now allows you to not have to look back as a junior and wonder what happened to those first two years. Hopefully, it won't be too late.

"Generally, when we have someone come in with a lower GPA, it is due to the fact that they did not realize it in time," Prater

said. "Sometimes it does drop when there is a lot going on. That is understandable and acceptable, as long as they learn something from it."

Just remember, school comes first. There is always time for everything else. Just ask those who chose to put school second. They are probably still here.

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I like the night life baby

> Ben Helne

In fair Jacksonville, where we lay our scene, the size of the town is inversely proportioned to the richness of the nightlife.

That is to say, with a little direction, the scene in this small town can be quite intoxicating.

If one happens to be blessed with a night free of responsibility, and hopefully the luxury of sleeping late the following morning, there are endless possibilities of socializing. Young and old alike can enjoy fine dining, drinking establishments and various other social gatherings.

After a long day of class or work, unwinding sometimes must be taken to the streets. If the budget will allow it, a nice night out will typically begin with a meal, then possibly move along to the local watering hole.

Then, while you are relaxed, a decision

made to go home or to indulge in some late night dining. That could carry a night into the wee hours where some would prefer to be snug in their bedsheets. But, sometimes a celebration is in order.

While the not-so-spectacular strip of neon along Pelham Road can discourage the idea of any unique or decent restaurants, there are some to be found. Cooter Brown's Rib Shack is high on the list for good food, a full bar (including some great beers) and a relaxed atmosphere that can't be matched anywhere. Located on Highway 204, right past the Coliseum, Cooter's is a great place to start an evening. Nightly-drink specials and the cozy interior help rope in droves of students.

Jefferson's and Strut's offer similar experiences without the liquor, and are located very close to campus.

For some ethnic flavor, Casa Fiesta offers great Mexican and La Mariposa has authentic Cuban flavor. No matter what the hour, Huddle House, Waffle House and Bama Grill are always open and are sure to bring in the night owls of the town.

The bars in Jacksonville are small in number, but that can be a good thing. Fewer bars equals more people per bar.

Pelham's and Brother's bars are both located on the square, which makes for pedestrian-friendly bar hopping. Walking is better

than driving if you've had a few drinks, after all. Writer Charles Bukowski once said, "I don't like jail. They've got the wrong kind of bars in there."

Pelham's, located next to Dominos, is a unique bar in regards to its decorum. The main room around the bar strangely resembles Grandma's house, with cross stitchings and other various pictures hanging on the walls. A second room has pool tables and outside there is a large porch with a second bar. Plenty of seating allows for plenty of relaxation.

Brother's is more of a musical environment. They have frequent musical guests and an open mic night. The Allman Brothers actually played an unannounced show back in the 1970s.

The Sports Nut, located a few minutes south of Jacksonville, serves up food and keeps the bar open late for a lively roadhouse atmosphere. Pool tables, darts, and plenty of TV screens justify the name of this pub.

If an establishment can't be found to tickle your fancy,

there's always the option of organizing a get-together at home. Whether you live in a one-bedroom apartment or a frat house, a soiree can often be great fun. Private gatherings can be seen all over, and are usually permitted by the local authorities so long as they stay reasonable.

Jacksonville proves that small town night life doesn't have to be boring. It just takes a little extra effort. Wherever the night takes you, be responsible and practice moderation. Don't spill drinks on people, and always tip your bartender.



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Brother's bar, on Hwy. 21, is just one option for patrons to take their business in Jacksonville.

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honors athletes and sports figures who were born or competed in

the state. It includes Paul "Bear" Bryant, Willie Mays, Hank Aaron and many more.

Parks and Recreation

Chief Ladiga Trail - This 33-mile trail was made by paving over old railroad tracks and is currently used by walkers, runners, in-line skaters, cyclists and those confined to wheel chairs. The trail also features benches, picnic tables and rest areas. It connects Piedmont, Jacksonville, Anniston and Weaver.

Talladega National Forest - It's a 26-mile tour through the forest that starts at U.S. 78 in Heflin and ends at Adams Gap, southwest of Cheaha State Park. The tour features some of Alabama's most beautiful scenery.

Pinhoti Hiking Trail - Alabama's premier hiking trail, it spans 110 miles, starting at the end of Talladega National Forest and going all the way

through Calhoun County to the Georgia line.

Sports

Barber Motorsports Park (Leeds) - This park features a world-class 2.3-mile-road course that hosts car and motorcycle events.

Birmingham Barons - Currently the AA team of the Chicago White Sox who play their home games at the Hoover Met. Season runs from April to early September.

Talladega Super Speedway - The speedway hosts two major NASCAR races annually.

Jacksonville State University Athletics - No matter what time of year it is, there is always a team playing on campus. Come out and show your support!

As you can see, there are more than enough things in this area to keep you busy and most of them are inexpensive, interesting and actually a lot of fun.

Do not be scared to try something new, broaden your horizons or take a chance. Who knows? You might even learn something.

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Study tips:

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"That is, unless you go to your instructor beforehand."

If you know what the test is going to be like, studying will seem like a lot less daunting task. Not to mention, you won't be as intimidated on test day.

Every subject, every teacher, every class is different.

"Math...you have to do math everyday," said Poe. "I recommend flash cards to study, because that's something you can have with you in your car, anywhere."

The only way to really learn it is to do it. Flash cards work for memorizing formulas and such.

You can also utilize flash cards when studying for literature.

"Teachers are going to want to know who the author is," said Poe. A good idea is to put the author's name on one side of the card and the stories, poems, etc. that he or she has written on the other side. You might even want to make a card with the name of a specific story on one side and key points on the back.

Another big thing in literature classes is symbolism.

"My tutors will say, 'this is what I think this means,' and the student will say, 'well I thought it meant this,' and then you have a nice little discussion," she said. Meeting with a group is helpful because you get a lot of different points of view and are to explore the possibilities.

"We do study groups here, because with a big group, students are more prone

to get together outside of here," she said. There really is strength in numbers.

With history, it's important to remember people, places and especially dates.

Poe advises that timelines can be a big help for remembering what happened when.

Where do I even begin?

When you're writing a paper, it can be frustrating deciding how to get started. You should collect all your ideas and write them down.

"We talk about brainstorming, getting ideas for the paper before they ever start writing," said Poe, "and it's amazing how many students don't know what brainstorming is as far as writing a paper goes."

Outlines are also excellent devices for structuring your paper so that you say everything you want to

say, exactly how you want to say it. After you have written your paper, it's a good idea to read it aloud or have a friend read it to catch any minor mistakes.

"We encourage students to point to words as they read them," said Poe. "I know that I might leave a word or two out when I'm writing. Because I know what I want to say, I'm going to read that word that's not even on the paper."

Now you have everything you need to ace that next test or produce a fabulous essay. If you would like to utilize the tutoring services here at JSU (and you should!), you can contact Ann Poe at 256-782-5343.

"Bottom line: don't wait until the last minute," Poe said.

Library:

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The 2nd floor is home to the reference desk, scanners, micro film and a large section of philosophy and general studies books. The 6th floor offers a music listening room and books on art, music, literature and communications. The 7th floor is composed entirely of literature books and also provides an exquisite view of Jacksonville Mountain.

The 10th floor holds the computer lab, the Alabama Gallery and books related to military science, technology and law. The 12th and final floor is devoted entirely to studying, with large tables for student to gather and compare

notes. It also doubles as an observation deck, with commanding views of the entire city of Jacksonville. Students don't have to worry about overcrowding the 12th floor though, as there are study booths and table located on every floor throughout the building.

The library has a staff of 14 professional and 19 paraprofessional employees. Its book collection consists of nearly 700,000 titles, along with newspapers from around the world. Houston Cole is open from 7:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and 3 - 11 p.m. on Sundays.

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life, housing, student government and available meal plans. The campus map can help a new student find their way around JSU with ease. The JSU Gamecock Sports Web site is also linked, which can teach you anything you need to know about JSU athletics. A link to the University Police Department is also available.

The "tutorial" tab has answers to some of the more frequently asked questions about MyJSU. Each query is followed by a brief explanation, which can be expanded by simply clicking on the question.

Students are given another section for registration under the "students" tab. This section features elements found on the "home" tab as well as a link to Academic Services. This section will allow you to register for classes, search the course catalog, view grades and transcripts and update your personal information.

The "Library" tab brings the Houston Cole Library straight to your Internet browser. You can view books that you have checked out, the library catalog and library reference services and databases.

"My tab" is the last section of the MyJSU navigation bar. This section allows students to place links to all of their favorite Web sites for easy viewing purposes. The default page has links to local and national news outlets, headlines, movie reviews and local weather.

All of the tabs can be custom-

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ized to an extent by using the "manage content/layout" button that is placed above the navigation bar. Students can add a feature that they wish to see or remove one that they do not have interest in.

MyJSU is still very new, but is already proving to offer a much better experience when compared to the old Student Access System. The system is still going through changes, and there are big things planned for the fall semester.

"Students will be able to accept their financial aid award letter through the MyJSU system," Miller said.

Students will also be able to pay fees through the MyJSU system in the future. More features will be added as the semester progresses.

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The secret to success

► Patrick Swafford

There's a saying here at Jacksonville State that refers to us as "The Best Kept Secret in the South." Truth be told, the school's best-kept secret might be the success of Jacksonville State athletics.

Take a walk through the trophy halls of Kenamer Hall, Pete Mathews Coliseum and the football field house and you'll see all the proof you need that championships are won here.

So maybe this particular "secret" has been out for a while, but the success of JSU's athletic program is one of the things that makes this campus unique.

Did you know that JSU is the only school, regardless of division, that has won NCAA Titles in football, baseball and men's basketball?

Don't believe me? Look it up. They were all won at the Division II level.

Basketball cut down the nets as national champs in 1985, football raised their trophy in 1992 and baseball went back-to-back in 1990 and 1991.

JSU moved up to Division I in 1992, but the winning didn't stop. Championships continued to be the focus, even as the athletic program was growing.

Since joining the Ohio Valley



Photo Courtesy of JSUFan.com

JSU's Volleyball Team celebrates its second consecutive Ohio Valley Conference Tournament title last November at Pete Mathews Coliseum. The Gamecocks went a perfect 16-0 in conference play in 2006.

Conference in the fall of 2003, the Gamecocks have won 19 championships in eight different sports, with six different teams bringing OVC hardware back to Jacksonville in the last 12 months along with the automatic bid to the NCAA Championships that goes along with it.

The football and baseball teams started their dominance of the OVC immediately, winning titles in each of their first seasons.

Actually, the baseball team hasn't gone through a season without claiming

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Fall 2007 preview

► Patrick Swafford

While you are preparing to begin your new life as a student at Jacksonville State, the football, volleyball and soccer teams are already preparing for the 2007 season.

JSU Soccer finished last season with a chance to play its way into the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, but a 2-0 loss to Eastern Illinois squashed those hopes. For 2007, soccer returns a number of starters from last year's squad.

The Gamecock soccer team (5-12-2 last season, 3-5-1 OVC) will be a very young squad this season. With just three seniors and three juniors on the team, head coach Julie Davis will look to get a lot of impact from her last two recruiting classes who proved last season to be very athletic.

Another huge strength for the soccer team last year was the depth at goalkeeper. Elizabeth Selasky and Kate Kelly split minutes in net for JSU, but Davis says this season will be different.

To begin the 2007 season, we may have a goaltender controversy.

"We're raising the bar on their production," Davis says.

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A sign of the times: Live and in living color

► Jared Gravette

Paul Snow Stadium recently got a big facelift in the form of a new video scoreboard.

"I think the scoreboard is going to be a great addition for the fans," JSU sports information director Greg Seitz said. "It is going to allow us the opportunity to show instant replays and show students and fans in the stands."

There are advantages to having the new video board in place. The elimination of incandescent bulbs will cut down energy cost and improve the look of the football stadium.

"The old scoreboard had been in the stadium for several years and was old and outdated," Seitz said. "The technology now has improved. Now, we use LED lighting, so it will be much brighter and much easier to use. It runs on about one half the power of the old scoreboard."

The new scoreboard also allows many new opportunities for advertising at football games.

"The new scoreboard has three permanent signs and three tri-vision signs," Roger Schultz, Associate Athletic Director of External Affairs said.

"There are about eight dif-

ferent places that can be used for advertising."

New video boards have also been placed in front of the TMB and at Pete Mathews Coliseum. The project for all three boards comes as a package thanks to Daktronics Inc., who won the bid to replace the bulb boards previously in place, with a price tag of \$1.2 million.

On top of atmosphere and

advertising, student organizations can also use the signs.

"We want to get the attention of the people who pass by," Terry Casey, JSU's Director of Student Life said. "It looks great, and we want our organizations to use this board to their

advantage."

Student organizations can come by and put messages up on the new signs by filling out forms in room 402 of the TMB or on the student life section of JSU's website at least 10 days in advance.



The boys (and girls) of summer

► Patrick Swafford

JSU's 2007 athletic year came to a close on May 26 when the baseball team lost a 3-2 decision to Austin Peay in the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

Despite **only** picking up OVC titles in men's tennis and men's and women's golf, JSU finished a spring and summer where nearly every team contended for the conference title.

After winning the regular season title, the men's tennis team rolled through the OVC tournament to claim its second OVC title in three years on the strength of a school record 17-match winning streak by freshman Eduardo Saratt. After the OVC tournament, the men's tennis team would fall in the first round of the NCAA tournament to Ole Miss.

Both golf teams, men's and women's, won the OVC in convincing fashion. The men won

the overall title and sophomore Daniel Willett picked up the individual title, finishing the meet as the **only** golfer under par.

The women's team had an equally dominant run in the OVC Championship, picking up their third consecutive OVC crown.

Both golf teams finished strong in the NCAA East Regionals with the women finishing 20th while the men **finished** 33rd.

Softball found itself contending for the OVC title for the third straight year, defeating Tennessee Tech to make the finals of the conference tournament, but would lose two straight to TTU in the double elimination tournament.

The Gamecock baseball team made its way to the finals of the OVC tournament for the third straight season. JSU made a jump from third to second after taking two of three against Murray State in the final weekend of the season thanks to some stellar pitching by

Donovan Hand and great production at the plate from Jake Ball and 2007 Player of the Year Clay Whittemore.

Whittemore, a junior out of Cullman, Ala., is the first Gamecock to win OVC Player of the Year honors since joining the conference in 2003. He led the OVC with 88 hits, 67 RBIs and 18 doubles while hitting .396.

After finishing the season with the second best record, the Gamecocks were knocked into the loser's bracket of the tournament by Austin Peay. JSU charged back into the finals after besting in-state rival Samford 10-8.

JSU needed to win two straight over Austin Peay to win its second consecutive OVC tournament title, but a late rally in the eighth inning gave APSU a 3-2 win and sent the Gamecocks home for the year.



Photo By: Steve Latham/ JSU

Jacksonville State junior outfielder and OVC Player of the Year Clay Whittemore slides into second during the Gamecocks 14-2 win over Southeast Missouri May 24.

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"They'll have the pre-conference season to prove who's going to be the true starter going into the OVC season. Instead of splitting halves, they will be competing for games."

The schedule for soccer features seven home games, including hosting Youngstown State and The Citadel in the inaugural Gamecock Soccer Classic, Sept. 7-9.

All of soccer's home matches are played on Friday nights or Sunday afternoons.

Of the three fall sports, volleyball is the only defending OVC champion. They rolled through all 16 regular season matches, sweeping 15 of those in three straight games.

After winning the OVC tournament, volleyball made its second consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Head coach Rick Nold, 2006's OVC Coach of the Year, returns several key components from last years' championship team.

Offensively, the volleyball team (24-5, 16-0 OVC) return several explosive hitters, led by reigning two-time OVC Player of the Year Abbey Breit. Breit, along with Joi Watts, Rebekah Nichols and Brittney Whitten spark arguably the most aggressive offense in the conference.

While JSU's schedule has yet to be officially announced, Nold has said that this year's schedule looks to be tougher than ever.

"There are no games on the schedule that we can look at and say 'That's a win,'" Nold says.

Naturally, no fall in the South would be complete without a little football, and JSU has it.

Head football coach Jack Crowe usually prefers the running game, but this season, JSU's offense might look different than in years past.

The Gamecocks return last year's starting quarterback, Matt Hardin, and a host of receivers that will give Hardin a ton of athletic targets.

In addition to Hardin's return, JSU brought in JUCO transfer Cedric Johnson to compete for the starting job. Johnson looked very impressive in the spring game and will see some time under center this season.



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Jacksonville State senior quarterback Matt Hardin.

The running game will be less proven than in the past. Daniel Jackson and Shawn Green will look to spark a running game that was dominated last season by 2006 All-American Clay Green.

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Championships:

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at least a portion of the OVC crown, winning the tournament titles in 2004 and 2006 and the regular season crown in 2005.

While baseball and football dominated the conference early, three other teams are currently threats to always win the championship.

The rifle team took the word "dominance" to a whole new level in the last three years, running away with titles from 2005-2007. In 2005, the team followed up its conference championship performance with a Smallbore National Title and a second place overall finish.

They followed that up with an Air Rifle National Title in 2006 and a third place overall finish in 2007.

Rifle isn't the only team on campus to win three straight OVC titles. Women's golf picked up its third straight title

in April.

The Gamecock rifle and women's golf teams dominate their respective sports, but nothing shows dominance like an undefeated record in conference play.

Volleyball practically destroyed the entire conference in 2006, going a perfect 16-0 on its way to an OVC tournament title and a second straight trip to the NCAA-Tournament. The volleyball team won 15 of its 16 regular season conference matches in three straight games.

Men's golf and men's tennis picked up conference titles in 2007, continuing JSU's rich tradition of success in athletics.

JSU athletes have claimed several individual honors as well as receiving All-American honors in several major sports.

Baseball's Clay Whittemore picked up third-team All-American honors after winning the OVC Player of the Year award.

Volleyball's Abbey Breit picked up her second-straight All-America honor in 2006 after receiving her second straight OVC Offensive Player of the Year award. She was honored by the OVC in May as the Female Athlete of the Year.

Championships aren't the only things that come to JSU, television crews do, too.

All four home football games were broadcast by Comcast-Charter Sports South in 2006 and the men's basketball team got some face time with a game against Tennessee State, which that was broadcast live on ESPNU.

Did I mention that as a student at JSU, you get into any JSU sporting event for free?

OK, so maybe the secret is out. Would you really want to be kept in the dark about this?

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See you on game day.

JSU Gamecocks

2007 Football Schedule

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Sat. Sept. 8 vs Chattanooga	Jacksonville
Sat. Sept. 15 @ Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.
Sat. Sept. 22 vs Eastern Ky.*	Jacksonville
Sat. Sept. 29 @ Murray State*	Murray, Ky.
Thu. Oct. 4 vs Tennessee-Martin*	Jacksonville
Sat. Oct. 13 @ Austin Peay*	Clarksville, Tenn.
Sat. Oct. 20 vs Tennessee Tech*	Jacksonville
Sat. Nov. 3 @ Samford*	Birmingham, Ala.
Sat. Nov. 10 vs Eastern Illinois*	Jacksonville
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Beyond the game: Abbey Vierling

► Patrick Swafford

The first time you meet her, you might get the impression that she's the "quiet type." She doesn't say much, you don't see her show a great deal of emotion.

Then you see her play. You see her battle on the court, hitting balls and making plays on offense. Something in her seems to change. She defends her side of the court with the ferocity of a heavyweight slugger.

At first impression, she doesn't seem to stand out very much, but with the different colored jersey that comes with the libero position, Abbey Vierling's game does all the talking for her.

Don't let that first impression fool you. Abbey Vierling is anything but shy.

After three years of playing the role of backup, Vierling is poised to make an impact her senior season at the position she was recruited for.

Over the last three seasons, Vierling has played a variety of positions while the team's libero spot was held by other players. During Vierling's freshman and sophomore seasons, Kisha West held the position, setting a school record for most career digs. Last season, Jessica Starck filled the role, helping the Gamecocks to an unbeaten season in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"Abbey has a big role to fill," Jack-

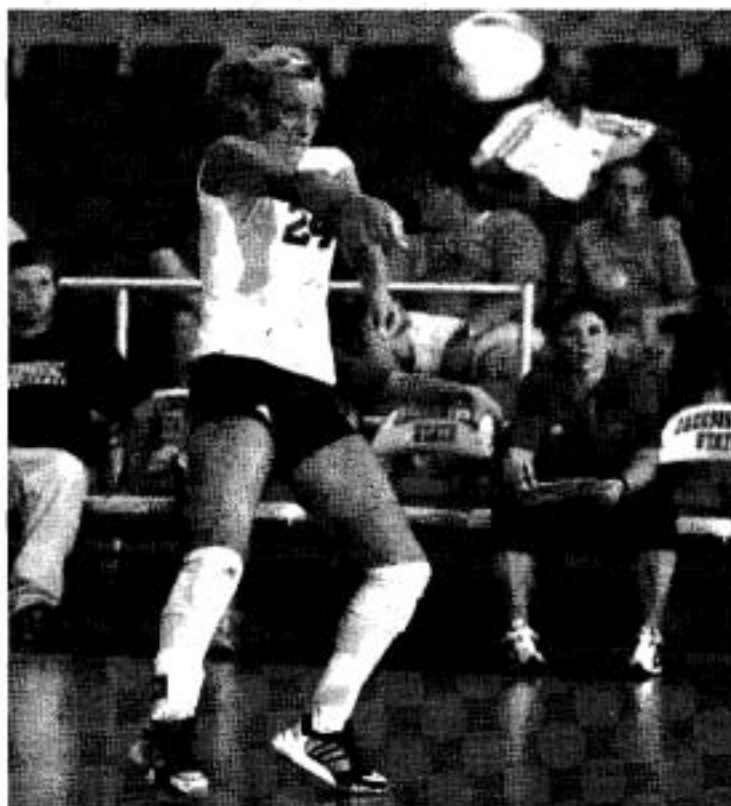


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sonville State volleyball coach Rick Nold said. "Jessica did a great job for us, especially in serve-serve. Abbey has had a lot of experience over the last couple of years. She wasn't our libero, but she was always in the game.

"She's ready for that. She had a good spring, so I think her stepping into the li-

bero role and how she responds, that might be the move that could have the most impact on our success."

For those volleyball novices out there, the libero is the defensive specialist on the team. They wear a different color jersey than the rest of the team and they are only allowed to play on the back row. They can't attack; only defend. However, as they come in and out of the game, their entrance and exit doesn't count towards the team's substitution count.

Think of it as volleyball's version of a goalie.

"I love the back row," Vierling said. "I love playing defense. I run around, trying to keep balls off the ground. It's always great to be the awesome hitter than can hit the ball straight down, but I'm not very tall and I haven't played hitter since I was in seventh grade. I just learned to have this really competitive attitude on the back row and I love trying to keep even the hardest hits off the floor."

Vierling will begin the season as the

starter in 2007, something that the senior has been waiting for her entire career at JSU.

"I think it's an awesome opportunity for me," Vierling said. "It's a chance for me to come out and really prove myself. It's not set in stone though; I still have to prove myself. It's an opportunity for me to show what I can do and what I've wanted to do for the last three years."

Vierling, a native of Louisville, Ky., is no stranger to playing volleyball at a higher level.

In high school, Vierling played volleyball at Mercy Academy in Louisville where she was a first team all-state and all-region selection her senior year. She helped lead her team to four district and region titles and was a part of JSU's last two OVC championship teams, as well as several club teams with current JSU teammate Abbey Breit.

Abbey Vierling has been waiting to make her own mark on JSU volleyball for three years. She's been waiting to start as libero that same length of time, too. She'll get her chance once the 2007 season begins.

Maybe the old saying is true. Maybe you really do have to watch out for the quiet ones.

Getting involved: Intramurals 101

► John Nickolson

Whether you want to keep in shape, or meet new friends, intramural sports has something to offer all JSU students.

Jacksonville State has 17 intramural sports. They range from highly competitive team sports such as flag football and basketball, to individual sports like table tennis and billiards.

All sports are broken down into two divisions. The Greek division is comprised of all the fraternities and sororities who compete against each other in all sports. Points are tabulated through the school year, at the end of which an all-sports champion is declared.

The independent division is made up of all other students and

JSU staff. Each sports champion from the independent division plays the Greek division champion to determine the university champion.

The university champion may get an opportunity to represent JSU in extramural competition.

Anyone interested in participating can go by the Intramurals office located at Stephenson Hall, room 215. Groups of friends wanting to form a team need to fill out a team entry form, with the names and student numbers of all team members.

Each fall intramural sport has its own deadline for registration. A pre-season flag football jamboree will be held on Sept. 6.

The regular season kicks off on Sept. 13.

IM Sports' Important Dates

Pre-Season Flag Football Jamboree - Sept. 6

Pre-Season Flag Football Tournament - Sept. 11

Regular Season Flag Football - Sept. 13

Intramural Golf Scramble - Sept. 13

Putt-Putt Golf - Sept. 13

Team Bowling - Sept. 20

Inner tube Water Polo - Oct. 12

Volleyball - Oct. 20

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