Jurassic-sized exhibit at Anniston museum

By Chris Pittman
Web Editor

“A T. Rex Named Sue” is newest exhibit at the Anniston Museum of Natural History, which will open to the public on Sept. 22 and will last until Jan. 6th, 2008.

The Sue model at the Anniston Museum is a full-sized cast model of the original, which can be found at the Field Museum in Chicago. Standing at 13 feet high and 42 feet in length, the dinosaur has an age estimated between 65.5 and 67 million years old.

The original Sue was found near Faith, South Dakota, in August of 1990 by paleontologist Sue Hendrickson. The dinosaur model is the largest, most complete and best preserved T. rex ever found, according to the Field Museum’s Web site.

“This is a chance of a lifetime for people to see an exhibit of this magnitude,” Executive Director Sue opens to the public on Sat., Sept. 22. Photo by Brandon Hollingsworth / The Chanticleer

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Dorms crack down on number of appliances

By Haley Gregg
Staff Reporter

Dormitory living on the JSU campus has its rewards, provided all the rules are followed. Enforcement of rules relating to refrigerators and microwaves is causing heated discussions among the residents in both Logan and Patterson Hall.

In its annual meetings on Sept. 5 and 6, the dorm residents were told that if they had more than one of each of these appliances in their room, they had to be removed.

The policy was created to discourage electrical equipment, said one resident, but it is causing more students to take forensic science and investigation courses than ever before. But does it help or hurt the field?

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The Vault is the Jacksonville Square’s newest restaurant. Pictured is the restaurant’s unique table, located inside an old bank vault. See a review on www.thechanticleeronline.com. Photo by Katie Burkhalter

Stacy is a graduate student working on her Master’s in the science of criminal justice, and if current figures are any indication, she’s far from alone.

On the rise

About 80 percent of Jacksonville State University’s criminal justice students have a concentration in forensic investigation, according to Dr. Dean Buttram, who teaches the forensics classes in JSU’s Criminal Justice department.

“And we have four concentrations,” Buttram says. “So we’ve got one [concentration] pulling at least 80 percent of the weight.”

Dr. Jason Linville heads up the Master’s Degree in Forensic Science program at UAB. He began his work in the field in 1998, before forensics’ popularity took off. He and others

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 Katrina Poole
 Freshman

“I’m spending most of my money on rent. That’s basically all I have to spend it on.”

- Katrina Poole
 Freshman

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What are you spending most of your financial aid money on?

School 35%
Bills 29%
Other less savory expenditures 16%
Video games 13%
Rent 6%

Tim Nichols is forced to pack up his daughter’s extra fridge to take home. Photo by Alison Nichols

secret’s out

The JSU Faculty strongly oppose[s] any move up in NCAA Division standing at this time,” the draft said. It also called for “careful, third party estimates as to the amount of student tuition required for this change.”

Despite the faculty’s objections, JSU remains committed to a “fast track” to the subdivision, according to a report in the Aug. 19 edition of The Anniston Star.

On another front, the issue of plagiarism at JSU resurfaced, this time in the form of a proposed resolution establishing a formal position on the practice.

One point of contention hinged on

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Congressman Rogers speaks at TMB

By Anna Keefe
Staff Reporter

Congressman Mike Rogers spoke on Monday, Sept. 17, in the TMB. Rogers spoke about his education at JSU and career development. Photo by Hannah Rea / The Mimosa

Congressman Mike Rogers speaks to this young man on Monday, Sept. 17, in the TMB. Rogers spoke about his education at JSU and career development. Photo by Hannah Rea / The Mimosa

Congressman Rogers finished here at JSU with a double major in political science and psychology. "Political science because I knew I wanted a career in politics, and psychology just because it interested me," explained Rogers.

Rogers then went on to graduate school, earning a Masters of Public Administration from JSU. He said that attending graduate school with his wife made things a lot easier for them both.

Rogers said that he and his wife went on to attend Birmingham School of Law for four years while working full time.

According to Rogers, it is much easier now than it was then for a student to make his way through college.

"If your goal is to finish, you can find a way to do it. One of the neat things about this country now is that we have a lot of financial aid out there available, primarily at the federal level, that makes it possible," Rogers said.

Rogers also pointed out that you have to start somewhere, and it does not necessarily need to be in your chosen field. He got his start working in a juvenile detention center using his psychology education. Rogers then went on to work the third shift in a psych unit for four years.

The congressman then worked for a law firm for 12 years, started his own law firm, worked for United Way and the county commission before making it to his current position.

Rogers stressed the importance of finding a good mentor. While taking classes here, Rogers became friends with his teacher Glen Browder, with whom he remains close to this day. Rogers has worked on Browder's state legislative campaign. Browder also hired Rogers to work part-time for a political consulting business.

Mike Rogers ended his talk with general life advice for students. "Set your goals high, whether academically or professionally. Think around the curve and try to anticipate what you are going to find."

After the speech, Mechan presented Rogers with a paver, which was engraved with the congressman's name and his degrees, that will be placed in the alumni house.

Attendees were treated to coffee, orange juice and pastries. The next speech in the Speakers' Bureau series will be on Oct. 24, according to Mechan. That talk will be delivered by FOX 6 sports reporter and JSU alum Jeh Jeh Pruitt.

Students get free health checkups

By Ilana Osborn
Staff Reporter

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The Student Health Services department offered free checkups to students. This included blood pressure screenings, blood glucose tests and general health assessments.

The checkups were held on Monday, Sept. 17, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Health Services office located in Hammond Hall.

The purpose of these checkups is to promote health awareness among students and encourage them to take care of their physical health.

Free checkups were available to all students, regardless of their insurance status. This is part of the university's commitment to providing comprehensive health care services to its students.

The checkups included basic health assessments such as height, weight, and body mass index (BMI) measurements. Students also had their blood pressure and blood glucose levels checked.

These checkups were conducted by trained professionals and provided valuable information about students' health status.

Students who participated in the checkups received a detailed report on their health status. This report included recommendations for maintaining or improving their health.

The Student Health Services department is committed to promoting health awareness and providing preventive care services to students. They encourage all students to take advantage of these free checkups and other health services offered by the department.
Students get free health screenings at Health Fair

By Kanani Miller
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, JSU Peer Educators, JSU Housing and Counseling & Career Services sponsored the fifth annual "Bring a Friend to the Health Fair" in the TMB Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event was an opportunity for students to come out and be screened for a variety of common health problems. There were many booths offering free health tests such as cholesterol, vision, blood pressure and diabetes screening.

Some students took advantage of this opportunity to become more aware of their health. "Peer Educators came to my class and informed all of us about the Health Fair and it seemed like a good idea to come out and get tested," said Debra Matich, a student who attended the health fair.

Among the many testing booths were a few booths set up for different types of cancer awareness. Matt Shultz managed the prostate cancer awareness booth.

"I wanted to let men and women know about the importance of annual prostate exams," Shultz said.

At the breast cancer awareness booth, Cindy Tubbs explained her reasons for working the health fair.

"I wanted more women and men to be aware of breast cancer and to stress how important it is to do monthly self-exams," Tubbs said. "Also, I have been testing people's blood pressure and letting them know if they are within a healthy range."

According to Todd Prater, Peer Educator Advisor, its purpose was "to address the need for students to become more aware of their health and of the many diseases and conditions that affect that organ."
Faculty senate:
Resolution on plagiarism to come later

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whether to include specific mentions of plagiarism committed by former JSU News Bureau director Al Harris over the summer. In three “Town and Gown” columns written for the Jacksonville News, Harris copied material verbatim from several Web sites.

Some at the meeting argued that mentioning Harris and JSU President Bill Meehan, under whose names the columns appeared, would miss the larger point of plagiarism in general and the trickier issue of ghostwriting.

Rayburn suggested holding off drafting a resolution until he gets a chance to talk to Meehan, a proposal that was approved.

Psychology professor Dr. Heidi Eyre pressed for a delineation between plagiarism and ghostwriting.

“What happens when our students turn in a paper and say, ‘My roommate ghostwrote it?’” Eyre said. “Are we calling that plagiarism? And if they say, ‘But the president of the university did it,’ we need a clarification about where the boundary is.”

Her query prompted a fresh round of debate about whether ghostwriting would be included in the formal statement.

The meeting adjourned after the resolution was tabled until the next Faculty Senate meeting, slated for Oct. 8.

Museum workers attempt to screw on Sue's head. Photo by Brandon Hollingsworth/ The Chanticleer

Sue: T-Rex exhibit “chance of a lifetime”

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rector Cheryl Bragg said.

The museum has added enhanced exhibits to complement Sue, including several that feature the fossils of other types of dinosaurs. Interactive videos and touchable replicas will be made available to visitors.

The museum hopes that the exhibit will attract local schools.

“We have already booked 10,000 students for the exhibit,” Marketing Manager Margie Conner said. “That is usually the total for an entire year.”

Several events will occur Saturday to coincide with the grand opening. WVOK K-98 will be on hand with a live midday radio remote. Refreshments will be served, and kids will receive freebies.

Special programs and events have been set up in celebration of the dinosaur.

“Paleo Hunt!” will take place each Sunday during Sue’s stay. This scavenger hunt allows kids to become a junior paleontologist, searching the museum for hidden clues and secrets.

Several lectures will be given during the course of Sue’s stay in Anniston, including one from JSU professor Dr. Roger Sauter on Sept. 27 titled The Life, Adaptations and Relatives of the Tyrannosaurus Rex.

There are only two cast replicas of the dinosaur in existence, according to the Field Museum. Both models were created by the museum with funding provided by the McDonald's Corporation. McDonald’s is also the sponsor for the traveling Sue exhibit.

“McDonald’s has been a very generous sponsor,” Conner said.

Local restaurants in the chain will be filled with many types of Sue-related items. Cups, junior boards and even t-shirts have been created for these stores, according to Conner.

JSU students will get a discount when they go see the Cretaceous creature.

“JSU students with a valid student ID will be able to enter the exhibit at half price,” Conner said.

The Anniston Museum of Natural History is the first place in the state to host Sue, according to the Field Museum. It is also the only place that has had Sue in the southeast portion of the United States, with the exception of Atlanta Children’s Museum in Georgia about five years ago.

Before Anniston, Sue was in Spokane, Washington. After its stop in Anniston Sue will take a break from touring.

COVER STORY: Study of forensic science on rise in college

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say that the depiction of forensic science and investigations on television is often times misleading.

“TV programs take something that doesn’t work 100 percent of the time and transform it into something 100 percent of the time,” said David B. Decker.

The reality

Most students who enter criminal justice or forensics programs must choose one of two paths: become a scientist or become a police officer. Those candidates have to go through police academies or spend long hours in laboratories — not exactly the

Here are some of the more unusual applications of forensic techniques to crime-solving:

Computer forensics: Investigates electronic devices for documents, files and other evidence tied to a crime.

Forensic animation: Computer animation that
form to percent of the time and tran-

Unfortunately, that depiction
shapes real public opinion about
the nature of criminal activ-

TV getting into it for the right

The perception
The impressions formed by
watching CSI stick with people
and color the way they view
investigations, and it irks forensics
practitioners.

"A lot of juries now expect, at
a crime scene, to find every
element that you need to charge the
crime," Johnson says.

But in actuality, half the
crimes don't even come with
any blood or semen or any other
DNA evidence that these shows
have really pushed on the pub-
lic.

Often victims and juries be-
come frustrated with the pace
and limitations of forensic re-
search, believing that what is
achieved on television in an
hour should be replicated in
real life, according to Johnson.
Not surprisingly, observers call
it the "CSI Effect."

Concurrent with the swell
of popularity for forensics is a
rise in the number of students
taking forensics courses. But
is that phenomenon producing
quality scientists and investig-
gators? Are students who see
crime scene investigations on
TV getting into it for the right
reasons?

"Yeah," Linville says. "And
those who aren't in it for the
right reasons, they learn very
quickly it's not what they ex-
pect. It's very difficult for a lot
of the [incoming] students to
understand what forensic sci-
ence is."

But even for those who think
they have a handle on what it
takes to be in forensics, there
still be surprises.
FCS, FBS... it's all BS

The issue has been up for debate for some time now on whether or not the JSU football team should move up in NCAA standing from its current place in the Football Championship Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-AA, to the Football Bowl Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-A.

Since the faculty has finally voiced their opposition to the move, The Chanticleer would like to applaud them for their decision.

Moving up to FBS would in all likelihood mean students would have to pay more tuition to fund a team that, over the past two years, has barely been a winning one (6-5 two years in a row, no playoffs).

Our suggestions: first start winning consistently in the current division (i.e. National Championships), sell out Paul Snow Stadium without the help of a female kicker to do so, then students maybe, and it's still a big maybe, will feel somewhat justified in paying the extra tuition needed.

 Seriously, who wants to pay more to have our asses kicked? -Not us.

YOUR VOICE

No special treatment for Meehan

I like President Meehan, and I truly doubt JSU could find a better president to replace him, but he should not get special treatment.

Rufus Kinney’s article, “The double standard of Meehan’s snafu,” touched on issues that should not be ignored. JSU’s integrity will be compromised if it does not enforce its policies consistently. Absolving Meehan of responsibility because he was using a ghostwriter is like acquitting someone on the basis that they were drunk while committing the crime.

By hiring a ghostwriter, Meehan voluntarily placed himself at risk.

Grad students need love too

For many people, returning to school for a graduate degree is an important decision and one that causes many questions to arise. Will I be able to handle the workload? Will my job interfere with class time? When are classes even offered?

Recently, it seems that the last question - when the classes are actually offered. For most degrees, such as business, education or English, graduate classes are only offered at night, the two most common being 6:15-9:15 or 4:30-7:30, to make it more convenient for those returning.

But in truth, it makes it harder on the students returning for education classes when, if they are already teachers, they do not leave their jobs until around 4 p.m. and have to be in class ready to learn by 4:30. And what if these students are part of the majority who return full time to pursue a degree and do not have a daytime job? Almost no consideration is given to these students when making up the schedules of when classes are to be held.

When classes meet only at night, it gives the full-time students no option but to find a daytime job and forgo whatever night job they already have due to their new obligations. Let’s be honest, good-paying day jobs that will work around your schedule are few and far between, especially in a college town like Jacksonville.

Come on, people. Yes, the majority of
Souvenir Cups

I would like to express my displeasure with the lack of souvenir cups at the recent JSU home football game. While I do not mind the drink prices – God knows they're cheaper than a pro sports event – I do take issue with the fact that not having these cups is wrong on a couple of levels.

For instance, I take great pride in JSU and representing them however I can, including at work. So when I pour up my ice cold Diet Coke in my JSU cup at work and somebody throws down their Alabama cup and then somebody throws down their Auburn cup, I throw down my souvenir JSU cup and I'm all like, "How'dya like my 'Cock?!"

I'm proud of my university, what can I say? And you can keep these cups for years, I mean YEARS. I didn't even have to buy dishes when I moved to Atlanta. Which leads me to the next point: Styrofoam instead. Are you kidding me?

I saw not one recycling receptacle for Styrofoam cups, which are imminently un-reuseable. Somewhere out there a fish is trying to digest the good time we had at the first home football game.

The only reasoning I can come up for this decision not to use souvenir cups this year is twofold: we have some people who obviously did not tune in and watch Live Earth, or we were afraid the wording for the cups was cribbed from somewhere else too.

To whoever made this decision, I can't see the reasoning. Yes, it keeps the cold drink longer, but it was 100 degrees and we were out- side – it's already melted when you get to your seat anyway. New scoreboard on the field house, new Jumbotron and Styrofoam cups (still no Mike Parris on the radio, but that'll have to wait for another vicious diatribe). Please bring back my plastic cups. Save the fish, and help me to support JSU at work.

Clay Sparks

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The Juice is loose again - thank God

Last week in my Media Ethics class - a course I apparently need badly according to one of my lesser-informed Communications professors (coughDoctorHedrick cough) - I was asked to submit a topic for an upcoming research paper.

Premise: the paper needs to be about an issue or event, preferably high profile, in which the media used questionable means in their handling.

I chose the 1994-95 O.J. Simpson murder case. In my infallible 23-year-old opinion, that was the event in which society started to turn into the celebrity-driven, scandal-hungry culture that is today.

Real, important news has become less important than what Paris Hilton wore (or didn't wear) today to a lot of consumers and viewers. Seriously, you can't turn on CNN of FrePulsicans without your daily dose of Lindsay Lohan.

Back to O.J., though. He's back in the news. Simpson was arrested and charged with ten count 'em ten charges for kidnapping and attempting to steal some memorabilia that he claims somebody stole from him (brilliant, I know). One of the charges could carry up to a life sentence.

For a guy who was found innocent of a murder that most people agree he committed (I offer no such opinion), his undoing may be for getting payback for a guy who took a sobbet bobble head from him or something.

That's a little funny, right? Which is kind of my point on celebrity-starved consumption.

If this were your neighbor Lloyd Normal who kidnapped someone for stealing his lawn mower, we wouldn't be discussing the case on three different cable news networks at the same time.

We care because we recognize Simpson's name. Is this hypocritical of the media? Probably. Should it stop?

Hell no. Bring it on. I love this stuff. I love hearing what my favorite and least favorite stars are up to. Almost as much as I love vaguely obscure Nickelodeon references from my childhood (Dina from Salute Your Shorts was so hot).

I love sleaze magazines (I am Artie! The strongest man in the world!). I love red carpet wrap ups (R-E-C-Y-C-L-E Recycle!). I even love watching Britney Spears' gallivanting cellulite on live television (C-O-N-S-E-R-V-E Conserve! Seriously, when is Rocko's Modern Life coming out on DVD?).

And I'm not alone.

It is a populist's media in America. Sad? Sure. Is it going to change anytime soon because it's probably unethical? Nope (I need more allowance Yo-do-lay-HEE-HO9!)

As far as The Juice goes, here's hoping that he squeezes his way out of this situation like he couldn't squeeze into that leather glove.

We need his smirk. We need his books.

We need another scandal from him in a few years.

And Doug could have stolen him a few years ago.

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Can’t find a Vedder man: Into the Wild soundtrack

By Kevin Jeffers
Managing Editor

Christopher McCandless was the kind of kid who would never have wanted a movie or a book written about him. Writer John Krakauer did the latter about him anyway (posthumously), with 1996's Into the Wild. This year, Sean Penn is telling McCandless’ tale through film.

The true story of a guy who gave up his material life to drive to Alaska in his van and live off of and in the wilderness (only to have his life ended by his own naive inhibitions) moved millions of readers.

McCandless’ reckless abandonment from society struck a nerve, especially for those who have ever felt detached from everyday life’s absurdities. Such people can tend to identify with the poignant music of Pearl Jam, as well, which is why frontman Eddie Vedder was a perfect choice to score his friend Penn’s film.

Vedder does a brilliant job of keeping the soundtrack consistently personal with the tone of the book (and presumably the film, which is to be released on Sept. 21). Only one track, the single “Hard Sun,” could feasibly stand alone. But having a soundtrack full of pop songs would fly in the face of McCandless the man, which is something the excellent book was careful not to do. The album comes in at a Weezerish 33 minutes, largely due to the amount of instrumental bumper tracks. But the brevity does not detract from the importance.

It’s apparent Vedder is attempting to move into the realm of other world-conscious artists like his idols and comrades Bruce Springsteen and Neil Young. Even sans the dueling and incendiary guitar wailings of fellow Pearl Jam members Mike McCready and Stone Gossard, Vedder is able to carry an arena’s worth of emotion with only his gravely baritone and strummy guitars.

Such simplicity would have maybe even made McCandless proud.
Kanye West

Graduation

People criticize Kanye West for saving his good beats and using them on his albums. Ladies and gentlemen, I’m here to tell you this works.

Tracks like “Champion” and “Stronger” show you why he remains consistent and why people want to work with him.

Another strong track is “Flashing Lights,” which features the talented voice of Dwele, who I would call today’s Donnie Hathaway. Other strong tracks include “Can’t Tell Me Nothin” and “Barry Bonds,” which features rapper Lil’ Wayne. Oh yea, Kanye can rap, too. Lyrically, Kanye got stronger, no pun intended. His first two albums were lyrically impressive, but the third time around was a charm. His lyrics over “Flashing Lights” are an interesting play on the clichéd love song, but stand out so that a picture is painted in the mind of the listener. The big finish, “Homecoming” and “Big Brother,” shows Kanye’s loyalty to his birthplace of Chicago and to Def Jam President Jay-Z, who stated that “Big Brother” was his second favorite Kanye song behind “Jesus Walks.”

The only disappointing standout is there are only thirteen tracks. With Kanye’s talent and the amount of time he spends making songs, it wouldn’t have hurt to have three extra songs to play. Purchasing the album over iTunes gets you a bonus track, but with Kanye’s musical genius, the bonus track is irrelevant.

Rogue Wave

Asleep at Heaven’s Gate

Though the title suggests pleasant dreams, it is hard to sleep through this album.

This indie rock quartet headed by Zach Rogue (whose real name is Zach Schwartz) is back with Asleep At Heaven’s Gate. The album dropped on Sept. 18, 2007.

Though it is only their third full-length album, the band already has two members, both bassists, who have been replaced since the band’s conception.

They have appeared on several movie soundtracks, including Spider-Man 3 and Napoleon Dynamite. Also, they have been featured on Music from Heroes and Music from the O.C.: Mix 5. They also toured with Feist during September.

The album is good, but nothing amazing. The lyrics are amazing and possibly the best part of the album. You can’t help but fade off with it. It starts off very promising, but suffers to keep the interest of the listener as time marches on to the beat of the snare. Furthermore, all the songs begin to sound as though they are differentiating less and less from one another and more like you are playing a matching game of what song sounds most like another.

The highlights include “Harmonium,” “Christians in Black,” “Cheaper than Therapy” and “Lake Michigan,” the first single.

The rest of the album is okay, but nothing worth writing home about. I won’t say to stay away from any of the other songs, but only because the lyrics are superb.

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Southern anthology surprises and satisfies

By Jessica Summe

Contributing Writer

Anthologies are tricky. It’s not one writer with one plot that you either like or dislike. Instead, it’s several different authors with varying voices, characters and writing styles. Most anthologies end up somewhat like a bowl of popcorn – while the bulk of it may be satisfying, there are always those kernels that are too greasy, too salty or burnt.

A great anthology is like a stained glass window – several different and separate elements blending together to form a harmonious whole. Edward P. Jones achieves this effect with New Stories from the South: 2007 – The Year’s Best, the 22nd volume in the series.

Jones assembles an eclectic collection of writers for this year’s anthology. The authors include experienced storytellers like Rick Bass, James Lee Burke and George Singleton, but there are also several newcomers to the field: Joshua Ferris, Holly Goddard Jones, Angela Threatt. That’s only six out of the eighteen, but every single writer brings something special, something all their own, to the collection.

While you could methodically work through the book and give a thumbs-up or thumbs-down on each of the 18 stories in this collection, it would ruin the effect. This book isn’t like most anthologies, where one or two stories stand out from the rest. It also doesn’t matter if you take the stories one at a time or gobble it down in large chunks – this book is good. Even the introduction is an enjoyable read. The stories are meaty and filling, literary without being boring.

And not a single one has that feeling of incompleteness, the “I’m just a short story” whisper underneath the words. All the stories give a tiny, but complete, glimpse into that complicated, confusing and wonderful world that is the South.

All the elements of the South are here: the various accents, Southern gentility, Southern mentality, Southern hospitality; floods, fires, family, motorcycle gangs; old money, new money, no money; tractors, trailers, music, mansions, alcohol; cows, calves, guns, dogs and deer.

Among these everyday, common things are a few standout details that stick in the mind long after you’ve finished reading – a gem-encrusted 19th century exhibition sewing machine, polka-dot boxers, an avocado face mask on a man being rescued from a flood and a marijuana-eating former police dog.

While there are many humorous bits, don’t think this is a book of fairy tales, either. Some of these stories are sad, even disturbing, but they reflect life, and that’s what the whole point of this collection is – to show life in the South, the good, the bad, the mediocre and, above all, the true.
**Gamecocks suffer from long bomb blues in Memphis**

Four long touchdown passes give JSU second loss of season

By Patrick Swafford
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State's running game finally did its job in the red zone, but four big scoring plays by Memphis put an end to the Gamecocks' chances as the Tigers rolled to a 35-14 win Saturday night in Memphis at the Liberty Bowl.

The Gamecocks (1-2) were nearly crippled by big plays.

Memphis took advantage of a few key mismatches between the receivers and secondary and exploited them to the tune of four touchdown bombs by quarterback Martin Hankins.

Hankins completed 16-of-22 passes for 289 yards, including touchdown passes of 48, 58, 20 and 38 yards.

"On the defensive side of the ball, we gave up 484 yards," JSU head coach Jack Crowe said. "The issue is the ball going over the red zone instead of through the red zone. Some of that is match-ups and some of that is we're going to have to deal with."

Cedric Johnson got his first start in a JSU uniform and performed well, hitting on 23-of-39 passes for 214 yards. Johnson's ability to avoid pressure kept JSU's offense on the field and dominated the time of possession by over 13 minutes.

However, Johnson also led the Gamecocks in rushing with 71 yards, which marks the fourth consecutive game that JSU has gone without a 100-yard rusher, dating back to the Eastern Illinois game on Nov. 18 of last year.

The Gamecocks have also been out-rushed in all four of those games.

Through the opening stages of this season, JSU has found difficulty running for a significant gain and, through the first two games, failed to punch the ball into the end zone from inside the 20, something that Crowe's offense is generally

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**Football**

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"On the defensive side of the ball, we gave up 484 yards," JSU head coach Jack Crowe said. "The issue is the ball going over the red zone instead of through the red zone. Some of that is match-ups and some of that is we're going to have to deal with."

Cedric Johnson got his first start in a JSU uniform and performed well, hitting on 23-of-39 passes for 214 yards. Johnson's ability to avoid pressure kept JSU's offense on the field and dominated the time of possession by over 13 minutes.

However, Johnson also led the Gamecocks in rushing with 71 yards, which marks the fourth consecutive game that JSU has gone without a 100-yard rusher, dating back to the Eastern Illinois game on Nov. 18 of last year.

The Gamecocks have also been out-rushed in all four of those games.

Through the opening stages of this season, JSU has found difficulty running for a significant gain and, through the first two games, failed to punch the ball into the end zone from inside the 20, something that Crowe's offense is generally

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Though a defensive breakdown led to an early goal from the nation's highest scoring offense, JSU was able to weather the storm and keep things close.

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Cross country’s McKay and Binning place in top ten at Crimson Classic

By Will Payne
Staff Sports Writer

The JSU men’s and women’s cross country teams were both well represented with strong performances from runners Ryan McKay and Lesley Binning in Tuscaloosa during last Friday’s Crimson Classic.

McKay had his third top ten finish of the season by placing eighth individually in the 8k course with a time of 25:11.81. Overall, the men placed fourth with 107 points, finishing behind teams Alabama, Mississippi State and LSU while managing to finish 22 points ahead of rival Samford.

“Ryan has been intentionally holding back during our first two meets as there was no real urgency for him to charge to the front,” JSU head coach Steve Ray said. “To finish in the top fifteen award places in this field is a huge accomplishment.”

The women’s team finished sixth overall with a total of 173 points. UAB placed first with 33 points, followed by Alabama, LSU, Mississippi State and Samford.

Lesley Binning finished the 5k course in eighth place in 18:31.3 for JSU.

“Lesley probably turned in her best cross country performance ever at JSU,” Ray said.

“I thought she ran a very smart race, and as a result, she beat some pretty good runners.”

The men’s and women’s cross country teams have the next two weeks off before heading off to Auburn to compete in the Auburn Invitational on Sept. 29.

Lesley Binning finished in eighth place on Friday. Photo courtesy of James Harkins/JSUfan.com

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Staff Sports Writer

The Jacksonville State volleyball team continued their dominance in conference play over the weekend as they defeated UT Martin 3-0 on Friday night and Murray State 3-2 on Saturday, extending their winning streak in Ohio Valley Conference play to 29 matches.

The Gamecocks (5-4, 2-0) came out Friday night against Tennessee-Martin looking like the same team that absolutely destroyed everyone in their path last season on the way to the OVC title. They made quick work of the Skyhawks, defeating them 30-18, 30-25 and 30-21.

Seniors Abbey Breit and Rebekah Nichols controlled JSU’s offensive attack, knocking down 14 and 12 kills respectively. Breit also added 12 digs on her way to recording another double-double.

“It was probably one of our more consistent games,” JSU head coach Rick Nold said. “UT Martin is a very good team. They have got a lot of experience, and I was expecting a tough match. I thought we did a really good job of coming out and being ready to play, and we were able to get the win.”

Saturday’s game was not quite as easy for the Gamecocks as they barely escaped the campus of Murray State with their OVC winning streak in tact.

The game was a defensive battle throughout as the Racers held the Gamecocks to a .183 attack percentage.

The match went back and forth and was eventually settled in the fifth and final game.

JSU came out firing in the fifth game, winning the first four points, but the Racers came roaring back and eventually took the lead 12-11.

The game would go back and forth from that point on. Up 15-14, Murray State actually had a chance to put the Gamecocks away but couldn’t capitalize. JSU would win the next three points on their way to a 17-15 game five victory.

“They just have a different style of play than we do. A lot of times you get into a match, and it’s a battle of whose style is going to win,” Nold said.

“You see that in a lot of sports. It could be basketball. Who is it going to be a fast-break team, and who isn’t? For us, we were just in and out. Sometimes we were trying to play their game instead of ours,” Nold said.

The Gamecock attack was led once again by Breit and Nichols. Breit knocked down 18 kills to go along with 20 digs, but it was Nichols that came up huge on the offensive side of the court with a career-high 24 kills.

“We rely a lot, if you look at our offense, on her (Nichols) and Abbey (Breit) as kind of a focal point,” Nold said. “Rebekah, actually through the whole weekend, came out with great timing and confidence. She kept the pressure on Murray and offensively was probably our best option.”

The defense of the Gamecocks also played a pivotal role in the victory.

Abby Vierling accounted for a career-high 32 digs as the senior class stepped up big on both sides of the court.

The Gamecocks took on instate rival Samford last night in OVC play. For more information, check out our Web exclusive at http://www.theschallers.com.
AROUND THE OVC

Besides the JSU/EKU game at 2 p.m. on Saturday, the OVC features three more in-conference games this weekend, starting tonight when Murray State plays at Tennessee Tech. On Saturday, Southeast Missouri travels to Birmingham to take on Samford, and UT-Martin goes on the road to play in-state rival Austin Peay.

Tennessee Tech RB Derek White was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week. Austin Peay LB Daniel Becker and Tennessee State DE Shaun Richardson were named Co-Defensive Player of the Week and Tennessee State K Eric Benson earned Special Teams Player of the Week honors for the second straight week.

Jacksonville State was involved in a small piece of NCAA history during its game at Memphis on Sept. 15. During the game Sarah Thomas served as one of the officials, marking the first time a woman had been an official in a Division I football game. JSU has been involved in other firsts for women at the Division I level, such as when Ashley Martin became the first female to score in a Division I football game in 2001 when she kicked three, extra points in the team’s 72-10 win over Cumberland.

In volleyball, Austin Peay OH Dodi Szymska was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week while Eastern Kentucky Lib Brittany Nobilio earned Defensive Player of the Week honors.

UT-Martin MF/F Katie Behrens and Samford

FOOTBALL

Football: Hosts EKU this Saturday

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While the running game failed to put up yardage, they did manage success inside the red zone for the first time this season when Anthony Jones charged through Memphis’ defensive front from 2 yards out just before halftime.

Fullback Alphonso Freeney gave the Gamecocks their final score of the night just before the end of the game on a 1-yard run.

Despite the absence of Taurean Rhetta, Johnson had success moving the ball through the air, completing five passes to Josh Moten and James Wilkerson for a combined 144 yards.

Johnson’s performance against the Tigers earned him the start this week.

JSU may also see the return of Taurean Rhetta to the lineup this weekend. Rhetta missed last week due to injury.

Preview

Last season, the Gamecocks crushed Eastern Kentucky 28-0 with the greatest defensive performance in JSU’s Division I history.

For years, EKU has been known as one of the best passing teams, but running backs Mark Dunn and Bobby Washington are among the best in the OVC.

While JSU has struggled in the running game this season, there’s a possibility that sophomore Shawn Green could have his redshirt removed for this weekend.

Green was very productive in late game duties last year as a true freshman and may be the shot of adrenaline the stagnant running game needs.

Report Card

Offense: B-

JSU got two red zone rushing scores and Cedric Johnson got the ball moving a lot better than we’ve seen all season.

Defense: C

Memphis torched JSU’s defense on deep passes four times, and no individual player scored a touchdown for the first time all season.

Special Teams: D-

Gavin Hallford missed both field goal attempts and Zach Walden had a punt blocked. It’s rare to see JSU’s special teams have this bad of a game.

A Glance ahead

After three weeks, we finally enter the most important part of the schedule - conference play.

The Gamecocks’ offense improved quite a bit last week in Memphis, but the lack of a running game still hurt them.

Look for some improvement in the backfield if Shawn Green makes his season debut.

Eastern Kentucky is loaded at the running back position with Dunn and Washington, and having a quarterback with Holland’s speed essentially gives you a third running back.

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UT-Martin MF/F Katie Behrens and Samford F Lauren Cook were named OVC Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors while Austin Peay D Tyler Adair picked up Defensive Player honors.

- From staff reports

GAMECOCK BRIEFS

- Kristen Fuller won the consolation draw of the Silver Draw on Sunday at the Ole Miss Fall Tennis Classic last Saturday. Fuller defeated Amanda Taffler of Southern Illinois, 7-5, 7-5, to salvage the weekend after dropping her first match, 6-3, 6-1, to Menna Kamal of Arkansas State on Friday.

- JSU mens basketball will open the 2007-08 schedule on Nov. 9 at Georgia. The schedule also features 15 games at Pete Mathews Coliseum and a home-and home series against Central Arkansas Nov. 24 and Dec. 1 and a home game in this year’s ESPN Bracketbuster. The Gamecocks’ opponent is still to be determined.

- JSU womens basketball will open the 2007-08 season Nov. 9 at Pete Mathews Coliseum against Alabama State. The Gamecocks will play 13 home games, including clashes with Furman on Nov. 17 and Troy on Nov. 28. JSU’s non-conference road schedule is highlighted with games at Alabama on Dec. 22 and at Colorado on Dec. 30.

- Patrick’s prediction: Jacksonville State 24, EKU 17

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- Eastern Kentucky is faced at the running back position with Dunn and Washington, and having a quarterback with Holland's speed essentially gives you a third running back.

Neither team's quarterback has put up outstanding numbers through the air, but on the ground it's a different story.

Defensively, this is going to be a great match up.

EUK's defense is nasty. EKU's first game is at home and they win.

The key match-up is EKU's running game versus JSU’s defense.

If JSU can shut down their run, the Gamecocks will cruise to a big win. JSU's defense is strong, but we think this will be a war from beginning to end.

I think EKU strikes first, but when it's all said and done, their running game will run into some problems.

Either way, it's going to be close.
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