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Art annex almost ready

By **Brandon Hollingsworth**
News Editor

For years, space constraints have been a problem for art students and faculty at JSU.

Hammond Hall was quickly outgrown, forcing some classes into a former house on the edge of campus. After a while, holding classes in a building not designed for such use raised safety concerns. Scheduling was driven by what classrooms were available and when.

That era of art department history is coming to a close.

The Gladys M. Carlisle Applied Arts Building is scheduled to open on Saturday, Sept. 15. When it does, the Carlisle annex will provide long-sought and much needed space for

the department, its students and its faculty.

Brand-new facilities will house drawing, design, ceramics and photography classes. More room means less cramped quarters.

Professors will receive new office space. State-of-the-art classrooms and workspaces will give students better tools and conditions under which to create.

Though the fall semester began on Aug. 29, the building isn't quite ready for occupation.

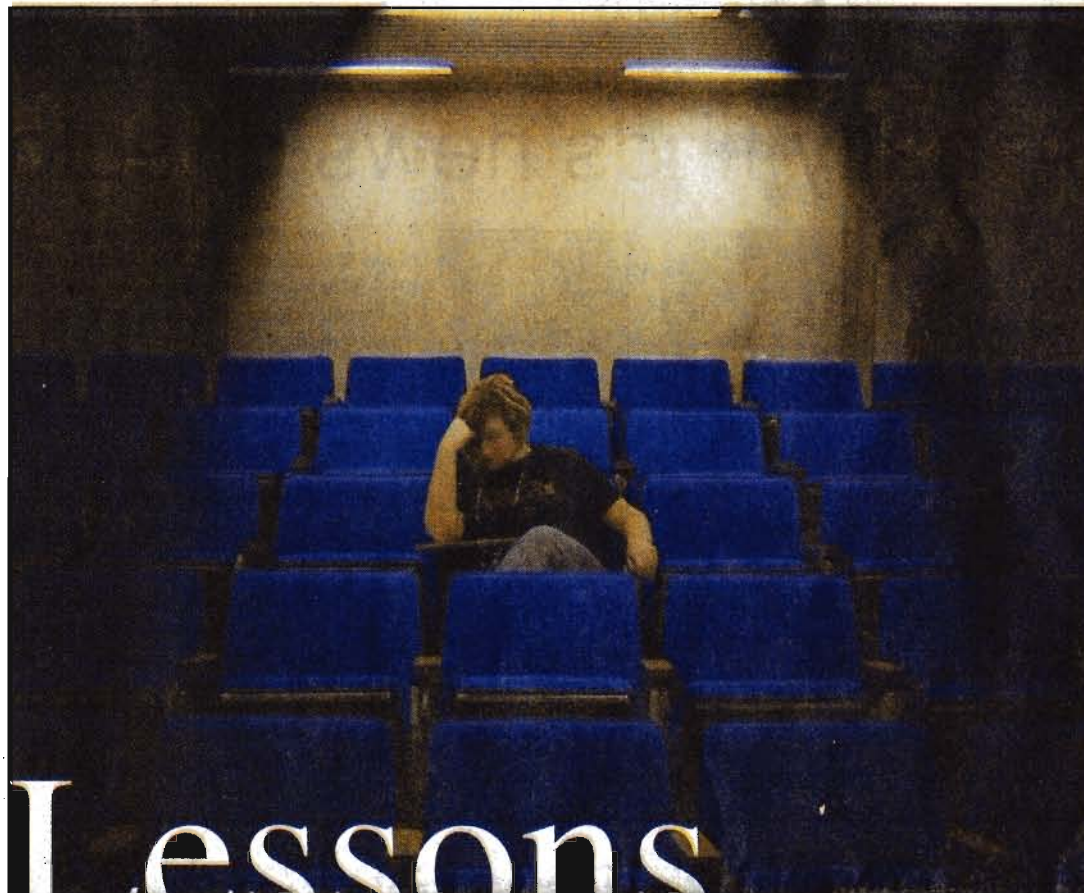
So far, students and faculty have juggled their schedules and daily routines as they held classes in temporary quarters at Hammond Hall and the old art annex near Paul Snow Stadium.

The transition should be a smooth one, said department head Dr. Charles Groover.

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Construction continued on the Gladys M. Carlisle Applied Arts Building this week. Scheduled to open on Saturday, Sept. 15, the art annex will home to new facilities and classes for drawing, design, ceramics and photography, among others. Photo by Matt McRae/ *The Chanticleer*



More than inflation to blame for vending hike

By **Bethany Harbison**
Copy Editor

Most students and faculty are adjusting to the new, higher prices of vending at JSU. But it's not sitting well with everyone.

Economics professors Dr. Doris Bennett and Dr. Christopher Westley took the time to delve deeper into the reasons behind the price hike.

Bennett focused on the price of a 20 oz. soda, which rose from \$1.00 to \$1.25. This increase was the first in four years for JSU.

"If they had just kept up with the inflation over those four years and adjusted the

they raised soda prices in general because of increased costs of packaging and ingredients," Bennett said.

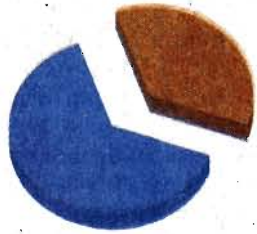
"The packaging is plastic, which comes from petroleum. If they're anticipating higher oil prices, then it makes sense that they would raise prices to try to cover higher costs in the future," Bennett said.

Westley took another view of the issue, saying that the inflation rate is a national figure that covers as many as 120 goods.

"It is hard to look at the

QUESTION of the WEEK

Have you ever knowingly plagiarized on an assignment?



■ No 66%
■ Yes 34%



"No, not knowingly. I can't remember a time when I knowingly copied word-for-word."

-Nathan Bryan
Junior

Next week's question:

How much money have you spent on your books for class this semester?

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Lessons learned

A recent report shows Virginia Tech could have done more. Other universities, JSU included, now look at their policies to deal with potentially dangerous students.

By Kevin Jeffers
Managing Editor

Photo and illustration by Matt McRae/The Chanticleer

The sounds of gunshots at Virginia Tech University on April 16, 2007 still resonate in the Blacksburg community. The town finds what it can to rally around and lift its spirits.

This was evident by the Hokies' home football opener on Sept. 2, where scenes of bright faces, hoping for a positive, new existence – one where students would not always be subjected to constant questions about the tragedy – were seen around the stadium.

Those gunshot sounds resonate elsewhere, too.

A senseless slaying of 32 innocent people is not something people get over easily, especially at a university, where safety should be inherent.

In response to the massacre, universities across the country were left to reevaluate their emergency policies for such situations.

JSU responded accordingly, issuing a task force to investigate the school's emergency plans for shootings. The task force has since made several recommendations to President Dr. Bill Meehan concerning the school's communication and

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New JSU center to be eco-friendly

By Brandon Hollingsworth
News Editor

Features such as natural ventilation and recycled materials will help make JSU's Little River Canyon Field Center the university's first "green" building, designed with environmental concerns in mind.

When finished, the field center in DeKalb County will house offices for JSU and National Park Service staff, an auditorium, three classrooms and a museum.

"It's the first of its kind," Pete Conroy, director of the Little River Field School, said. "It's a LEED certified building, the first JSU's ever done, and one of the first that any university's done in Alabama."

LEED stands for "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" and is a designation awarded to structures that meet certain earth-friendly criteria. LEED recognizes "performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality," according to the U.S. Green Building Council.

The Little River Canyon Field Center will employ many techniques intended to lessen the impact on local ecosystems. The center will use geothermal sources for

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No man's land



Parking space, or lack thereof, is a common gripe among JSU students. This is especially true at the beginning of the fall semester. Perusing the parking lot in front of the Houston Cole Library and Martin building can prove to be a particularly trying task, as evidenced by this backup of parked cars during noontime of Thursday, Aug. 30. Photo by Matt McRae/The Chanticleer

"If they had just kept up with the inflation over those four years and adjusted the dollar price for inflation only, it would be about \$1.15," Bennett said.

She also said that the reason for the extra ten cents isn't clear, but it could be attributed to the Coca-Cola Corporation's unusually high profit margin.

According to Bennett, Coca-Cola's profit margin is 23.94 percent, the highest in the soft drink industry.

"Another explanation is that Coke may not want to change prices very often," Bennett said.

"If their plan was to not change the price for another four years, [the increase] might not even be enough if inflation continued to increase at the same rate."

The cost of fuel is often blamed for inflation, but Bennett found an uncommon connection between fuel prices and campus vending prices.

"I read an article that said

figure that covers as many as 120 goods.

"It is hard to look at the national inflation rate and say that it is a factor here," Westley said.

"The inflation rate in Calhoun County is going to be different than the national inflation rate. What is more likely a factor is that the cost of living has increased, the cost of inputs, especially gas, has increased tremendously since the last time they increased prices."

Inflation is an increase in the money supply, but, according to Westley, is not always to blame for price hikes.

"What is probably happening is a combination of the increased costs of oil and gas, and the fact that they do have some monopoly power on campus," Westley said.

"They are the sole provider of snacks and soft drinks in any given building."

Announcements

• The Catholic Student Organization will be holding meetings at TMB on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday, Sept. 13 at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Terry Casey at 782-5491 or Dr. Fred Williams at (256) 454-1061.

• The JSU Public Relations Organization will hold a meeting in Self Hall 216 on Friday, Sept. 17 at 1:00 p.m.

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Campus Crime

Wednesday, August 29

• A male student reported theft of property at Ayers Hall between the hours of 8:22 p.m. and 9:28 p.m. The stolen item was a Dell computer.

Thursday, August 30

• A male student reported an unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle on campus. The break-in occurred between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Among the items stolen: 200 jazz CDs, a driver's license, wallet, debit card and digital camera.

Friday, August 31

• A female professor reported theft of property at Martin Hall. The theft occurred between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The item stolen was a Canon digital camera.

Saturday, September 1

• A female reported a theft of property at the Alumni House. The crime occurred between the hours of 8:00 p.m. Aug. 31 and 2:00 p.m. Sept. 1. Among the missing items: urns, plants

Poster? I hardly know her



If there is a positive to the severe lack of rain northeast Alabama has endured over the summer, it certainly showed on Tuesday, as students flocked outside to the annual Poster Sale on the Quad. The Sale took place Tuesday, Sept. 4 and Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. The event would have been moved to the TMB if any rain did occur. Photo by Matt McRae/ The Chanticleer

WLJS finally finds news director

By Kevin Jeffers
Managing Editor

After a long and trying two-week search, WLJS has finally found its new news director.

Amanda Clayton Gober, a graduate English student, will begin anchoring NPR's *Morning Edition* on Monday, Sept. 10.

She will host the show every Monday through Friday morning from 6:30 to 9, reading Alabama news twice every hour and weather once an hour.

"I'm excited about the opportunity," Gober said. "There's something very classic about radio. It's fun." Gober actually began her journalism career in the print field, writing for both the *Cherokee Herald* and the *Cherokee Post*.

"I was sort of thrown into radio after working in print. So it will be a good opportunity to learn more about FM radio," Gober said.



Gober



Hollingsworth

She has previous broadcast experience, working three years for WEIS AM in Centre, where she served as the station's news director.

Brandon Hollingsworth, former WLJS news director and current News Editor of *The Chanticleer*, still has a spot in his heart for news radio, and was pleased with the selection.

"I think the listeners are going to be in very good hands with her," Hollingsworth said.

When reached for comment, WLJS Program Director John Nickolson was caught a little off-guard.

"I actually didn't hear about it until now," Nickolson said.

Media advisor Mike Stedham actually hired Gober, not Nickolson.

That is not to say that Nickolson is displeased with the hire, however.

"I'm glad to have the position filled. It's an important position for the station," Nickolson said.

The hire will not become official until Gober signs her contract, however. She said she plans to do so on Thursday, Sept. 6.

NPR's news programs can be heard on 91.9 FM, 92J every weekday; *Morning Edition* from 5 to 9 a.m., *Day to Day* from noon until 1 p.m. and *All Things Considered* from 4 to 5 p.m.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

• The JSU Department of Academic Affairs invites eligible faculty to submit portfolios and documentation of accomplishments for promotion and tenure consideration. Guidelines for the portfolio, as well as the schedule for the promotion and tenure process are available on the DAA website.

• Financial aid and scholarship refund checks will be available in campus mailboxes no later than 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, according to the Financial Aid Office.

• 76 cadets are attending the basic session of this year's Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy. The session, sponsored by JSU and held at McClellan, is in its 142nd year. The LEA runs through Nov. 8.

• Four JSU professors are back from a conference on new techniques for genetic research. Drs. Benjie Blair, LaJoyce Debro, Mark Meade and Chris Murdock attended the real-time PCR techniques conference in Sunnyvale, California.

- From wire service

SGA Welcome Week begins with Art annex: It's getting there

and 2:00 p.m. Sept. 1. Among the missing items: urns, plants stands and hanging candles.

Information in the campus crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-6704, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

The Week in Events

Thursday, September 6

- Organizational Council Formal Meeting at the President's House. 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- SGA Involvement Meeting, TMB Auditorium, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Interfraternity Council Meeting, 302 TMB. 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Greek Organization Recruitment Speaker, Leone Cole Auditorium. 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- NPHC Fall Convocation, Merrill Building. 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 7

- Gamecock Soccer Classic vs. Youngstown State. 7:00 pm
- JSU Cross Country vs. UTC at Chattanooga. 5:00 p.m.
- NPHC General Council Meeting, 220 Stephenson Hall. 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 8

- Dog show, TMB lawn. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 9

- Traffic Court, Student Life Conference Room. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- JSU Volleyball vs. Albany. 2:00 p.m.
- Gamecock Soccer Classic vs. The Citadel. 3:00 p.m.

Monday, September 10

- Student Senate Meeting, TMB Auditorium. 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Panhellenic Council Meeting, Curtiss Hall. 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11

- 9-11 Remembrance, Leone Cole Auditorium. 7:00 p.m.

SGA Welcome Week begins with Get on Board Day, Pep Rally

By Kanani Miller
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Aug. 29, SGA kicked off Welcome Week with the first of many events for Get on Board Day, at Gamecock Field.

The premise for this week is to welcome new freshmen to JSU and show them what the campus as a whole. Many of JSU's organizations set up booths to show freshmen what they each have to offer.

"My objective was to reach out to freshmen and tell them about Freshmen Forum because it is the first stepping stone into being a part of the SGA," Mardracus Russell, advisor for Freshman Forum said.

SGA President David Jennings was also at the event.

"Getting students involved keeps them here and interested in JSU," Jennings said.

"It's all good when you meet new friends. SGA is always glad to lend a helping hand."

Along with the opportunity to learn more about JSU, those attending also received free food, drinks and snow cones.

On Thursday, Aug. 30, the festivities continued with an All Sports Pep Rally, where SGA handed out free water bottles at the gate as well as a calendar for upcoming September events.

Many students attended this event and were entertained by several competitions, including SGA's dance competition and a round of "Cocky Says" to get the audience involved.

Guests were also entertained by the Southerners, who performed a few numbers including JSU's Fight Song.

JSU's athletic teams were introduced and a roll

call of the organizations in attendance took place. Both of university's cheerleading squads did a few stunts to pep up the crowd.

The pep rally was intended to create enthusiasm for JSU's athletic programs and boost overall school spirit.

Welcome Week continues on Thursday, Aug. 6 with the SGA Involvement Meeting and ends Saturday, Aug. 8, the day of JSU's home football opener, with a tailgate party at 12:00 p.m.



These guys dance like there's no freaking tomorrow at SGA's All-Sports Pep Rally on, which was held on Thursday, Aug. 30 at Paul Snow Stadium. Photo courtesy of Shalon Hathcock, SGA

Art annex: It's getting there

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Drawing tables, desks, kilns and specialized tools are already in place inside the building, making the move less a process of physically moving and more a process of getting used to a new work environment.

"If all goes as planned, [students] should just go to the new building on September 15th, and the classes are all ready to teach in," Groover said.

The opening date for the Carlisle annex has been pushed back several times. Rumors of structural problems, like failure to properly seal the concrete, were unfounded, Groover said. There were a few cracks in the concrete floors, but those flaws have since been repaired.

"[The contractors] went back and refinished that," Groover said. "The floors are well finished now."

Groover said the delay has more to do with smaller items, such as finishing touches on the parking lot and pieces of equipment not yet installed.

On the inside, the annex features facilities designed to keep students and professors busy for some time to come.

Among services the building will offer are

laboratories for digital and film photography, two-dimensional design space and large, open classrooms for drawing.

While the new annex was under consideration for several years, it was a visit from a National Association of Schools of Art and Design group that helped swing opinion in favor of constructing the new building sooner rather than later.

"In their last visit, we had some safety issues in that old building - which we knew about - that we had to address, so we addressed it by building a new building," Groover said.

As far as Hammond Hall goes, the art department's headquarters will still be there, Groover said, along with the art gallery and classroom space for art history, graphic design and other courses.

Looking into the future, Groover said the Carlisle annex will be around for a long time.

The university's master plan calls for the Department of Music to move into a new facility, allowing the art department to move into Mason Hall, which will be remodeled to serve the department's needs.

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WORLD & U.S. NEWS

• **President Bush** made a surprise stop in Iraq on Monday, on his way to an economic conference in Australia. Bush's six-hour visit included talks with **Gen. David Petraeus**, whose highly-anticipated evaluation of the war is due this month.

• **North Korea** on Sunday agreed to disable its atomic programs by the end of this year. **Christopher Hill**, the State Department's point man on negotiations with the Communist nation, said the deal may influence a meeting later this year among South Korea, Japan, China, Russia, the United States and North Korea.

• Former Tennessee **Sen. Fred Thompson** is officially a candidate for the Republican nomination for president. The former star of NBC's "Law and Order" announced his intentions in a webcast to supporters this morning.

• Idaho governor **Butch Otter** is preparing to name a successor to Republican **Sen. Larry Craig**, who resigned on Saturday in the midst of a sex scandal.

- From wire services

Green building

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heating and air conditioning, utilize recycled materials for insulation and plant local flora to cut down on irrigation needs

Gas prices down in tri-county area

By **Brandon Hollingsworth**
News Editor

The prices of gasoline in Calhoun, Etowah and Talladega Counties are down this month, while the rates for new construction are up, according to the most recent *JSU Economic Update*.

The bulletin, issued bimonthly by the Jacksonville State University Center for Economic Development, summarizes economic statistics from unemployment rates to grocery prices in the three-county area.

Gas prices for regular unleaded stand at \$2.62 in the tri-county area, down 8.7 percent from August 2006. The 12-month high was \$2.90, in June, and the 12-month low was \$2.01, in February.

Penn Wilson, editor of the update, explained the decrease.

"We're moving kind of late into the summer. The peak vacation time has probably already passed," Wilson said.

"There's not as much demand right now for gas. The requirements for fuel in the wintertime — petroleum-based fuel — are not here yet. That may be part of the answer."

The tri-county study area's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in July, higher than the national and state averages for the same period.

Alabama's unemployment rate in July was 3.7 percent, less than a point below the national average of 4.6 percent.

Calhoun County clocked in at 4.1 percent, with Etowah at 4.4 percent and Talladega at 5.8 percent. Despite those figures, said Wilson, Calhoun County enjoys a "robust" economy, citing the influence of the Honda plant in northern Talladega County and the Kronospan flooring

plant along Hwy. 202 in southern Calhoun County.

While the numbers may look disconcerting, Wilson said the tri-county area is in "great shape."

"When we have an unemployment rate around 4 percent, that's virtually full employment. It's good news for the state of Alabama and our region," Wilson said.

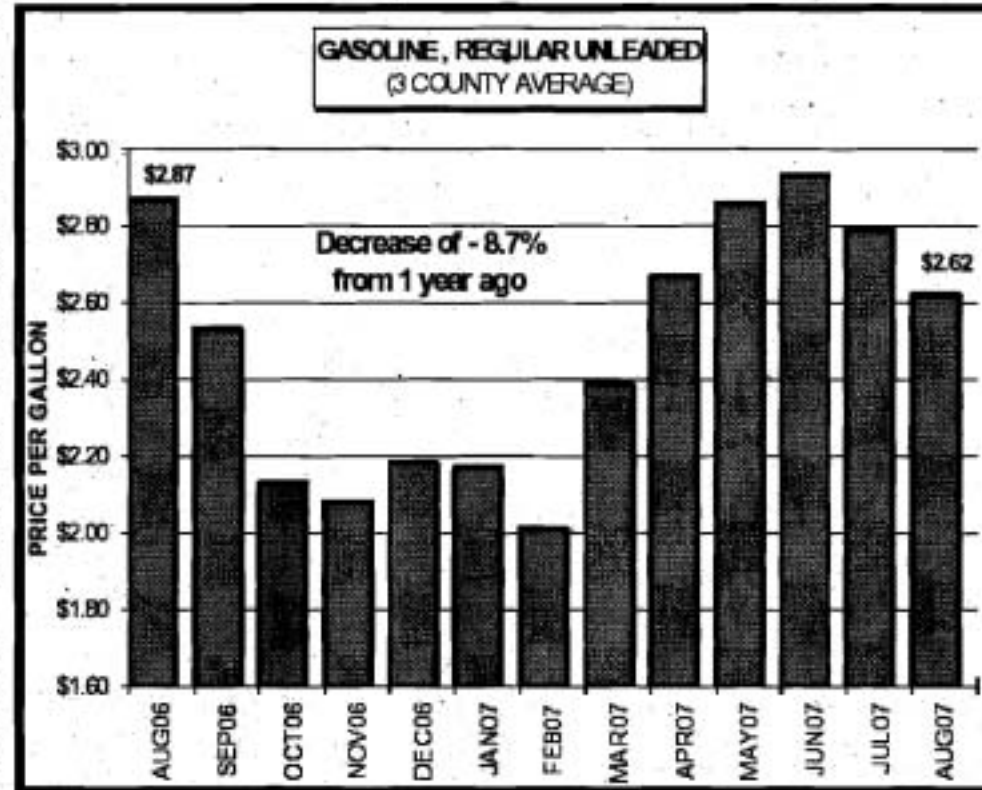
Problems associated with the subprime mortgage scandal and a general softening of the housing market have not significantly stalled home sales or new construction in northeast Alabama.

Permits issued for new buildings in Calhoun and Etowah Counties were up in July 2007 over the same month in 2006.

"Building permits are about where they were last year. Or perhaps a little better," Wilson said. As for home prices, he said, "there's not a

substantial drop."

Home sales in both Etowah and Calhoun Counties fluctuated during the yearlong period from June 2006 to June 2007. The latest figures showed 139,000 homes sold in Calhoun County, with 98,000 sold in Etowah.



Information and graphic courtesy of The JSU Economic Update

COVER STORY: Lessons

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plans of emergency. These recommendations are still being instituted.

On Aug. 30, a new report was released that investigated the whats and whys of the Virginia Tech massacre, in which it showed several inconsistencies with the school's system of communication in emergency situations, as well as widespread confusion regarding privacy laws among the faculty. Teachers at the school were also not exactly sure how to handle a potentially dangerous student.

Now JSU, like every other college campus in America, must question the same issues.

Is our communication clear enough?

What do privacy laws allow or not allow?

These are questions that not every teacher at JSU can answer.

Where do teachers go?

Teachers at Virginia Tech knew Sueng-hi Cho was a strange kid - stranger than most, anyway. His high school teachers knew it, too. They did

loner kid in the back of the class - are not unique. Situations like the massacre he lead are, though.

That still doesn't take away from the fact that something like this can happen any day, anywhere.

At JSU, problem students are dealt with on a more regular basis than most people may realize.

Rick Naugher is the Director of Counseling and Career Services.

"I've been here for eight years, and on numerous occasions we've sort of nipped things in the bud," Naugher said.

"A department head or Dean brings [a problem] to me," Naugher said. "There are also instances where teachers have directly called the UPD, which is also perfectly fine."

Naugher said that flagged students are subjected to an intervention committee. The committee pulls the student's mental health and other personal records, and if necessary, brings forth the student for questioning.

A registration hold is put on any problem stu-

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ing, utilize recycled materials for insulation and plant local flora to cut down on irrigation needs.

The notion of an environmentally-friendly building met with mixed reactions when first proposed.

"Some are more comfortable doing the same that they've done in the past," said Conroy. "Others are looking at ways to be innovative and use new technologies, and not only save money but protect the environment."

The university is not only helping the environment, but saving money. The \$6.5-million price tag for the field center was provided entirely by outside sources, according to Conroy.

The ideas implemented at the Little River Canyon Field Center are finding wider applications across the state. Conroy said that JSU is competing in a "friendly manner" with Auburn University to construct LEED-certified buildings. Auburn's is going up near the Shelby County seat of Columbiana, and will house an environmental science education center.

Teachers at Virginia Tech knew Sueng-hi Cho was a strange kid - stranger than most, anyway. His high school teachers knew it, too. They did what they could within their limits. But no one could have stopped what was to come.

Cho killed himself and 32 of his schoolmates, virtually out of nowhere.

According to the latest report, Virginia Tech's teachers were not exactly clear on how to report problem students.

Does every JSU teacher know who to go to with such problems?

"As far as instruction from the University on this particular question, we haven't had any," Dr. Russell Lemmons, Professor of History, said. "People will say vague things about calling students aside and going over to the Counseling Center, but nothing more specific than that."

"We've gotten nothing from the University."

Convolved as the policies may be to some, Lemmons was correct in that JSU does indeed have policies in place to handle problems with a student who a teacher may feel is mentally unstable. A teacher would first need to go to his head of department, who then turns the case over to the Counseling and Career Service (CCS).

Another key finding of the latest Virginia Tech report was the amount of confusion regarding privacy with potentially dangerous students.

According to Terry Schneider, Chief of Police of the JSU Police Department, there should be no such confusion.

"The laws are misunderstood," Schneider said. "There are no laws that prohibit any caregiver, teacher or counselor from sharing information on individuals they believe could hurt someone."

Schneider said privacy laws do prevent information that a student shares from being made public by the student's counselor or officer. Those laws are not in effect, however, if the student is deemed as a danger to himself or others.

How are our cases handled?

Situations like Cho the student - the introverted

sonal records, and if necessary, brings forth the student for questioning.

A registration hold is put on any problem student until they meet certain requirements the committee gives the student. After the student meets said requirements, the hold will be lifted.

If the student fails to meet those requirements, or continues to be a problem, he or she is subject to expulsion and further health screenings, according to Naugher.

"There have been a couple of such instances," Naugher said.

JSU's plan of action

Schneider and Naugher both feel that JSU is adequately suited to handle problem situations with potentially dangerous students.

With the latest report from Virginia Tech, Schneider says that the recommendations that were made from the task force now must be evaluated again, but he does not see anything in the report that would suggest anything he did not already know.

The recommendations that have already been made by the task force include formal changes in communication and adding an active shooter plan to the other JSU emergency plans.

Schneider also said that because of Jacksonville's uniquely close proximity to Anniston's chemical weapons plants, Calhoun County and its schools are better suited for most emergency situations than many institutions elsewhere.

"We're very adequately suited," Schneider said.

As far as reiterating what the school has in store for any unforeseen problems, namely situations such as the massacre at Virginia Tech, there is still a stigma that JSU has been mum, despite the active work of the task force.

"I think the administration is afraid of creating the impression that something like that could happen here," Lemmons said. "Even though it could. It could happen anywhere."

What's your plan to pay for the costs of life?

Annual Costs of Living Averages in the U.S.

- Mortgage & Property Tax	\$12,480
- Utilities	\$3,380
- Transportation	\$11,760
- Food	\$7,900
- State Income & Sales Tax	\$4,205
- Recreation	\$3,970
- Healthcare	\$2,590

Source: Places Rated Almanac, 2000

What's an Army Officer's Starting Salary Worth?

Starting Salary	\$42,303
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OUR VOICE

A memo to spammers

Recently, there have been some issues on our Web site, www.thechanticleeronline.com, regarding certain members being blocked and their posts deleted. We wish to reiterate that this is by no means preventing anyone from free speech. Some users just don't choose to adhere to our terms of service. Just so everyone is clear as to what is allowed and what is not, we have compiled a little list.

Allowed: different opinions, trashing how bad our articles may be (in your opinion), feedback, – positive or negative – on the content and letters to the editor.

Not Allowed: posts with profanity of any kind, spam, racist, sexist or discriminatory remarks, spam, spam or spam. That includes any hypothetical links to any hypothetical petitions calling for the resignation of any hypothetical university president.

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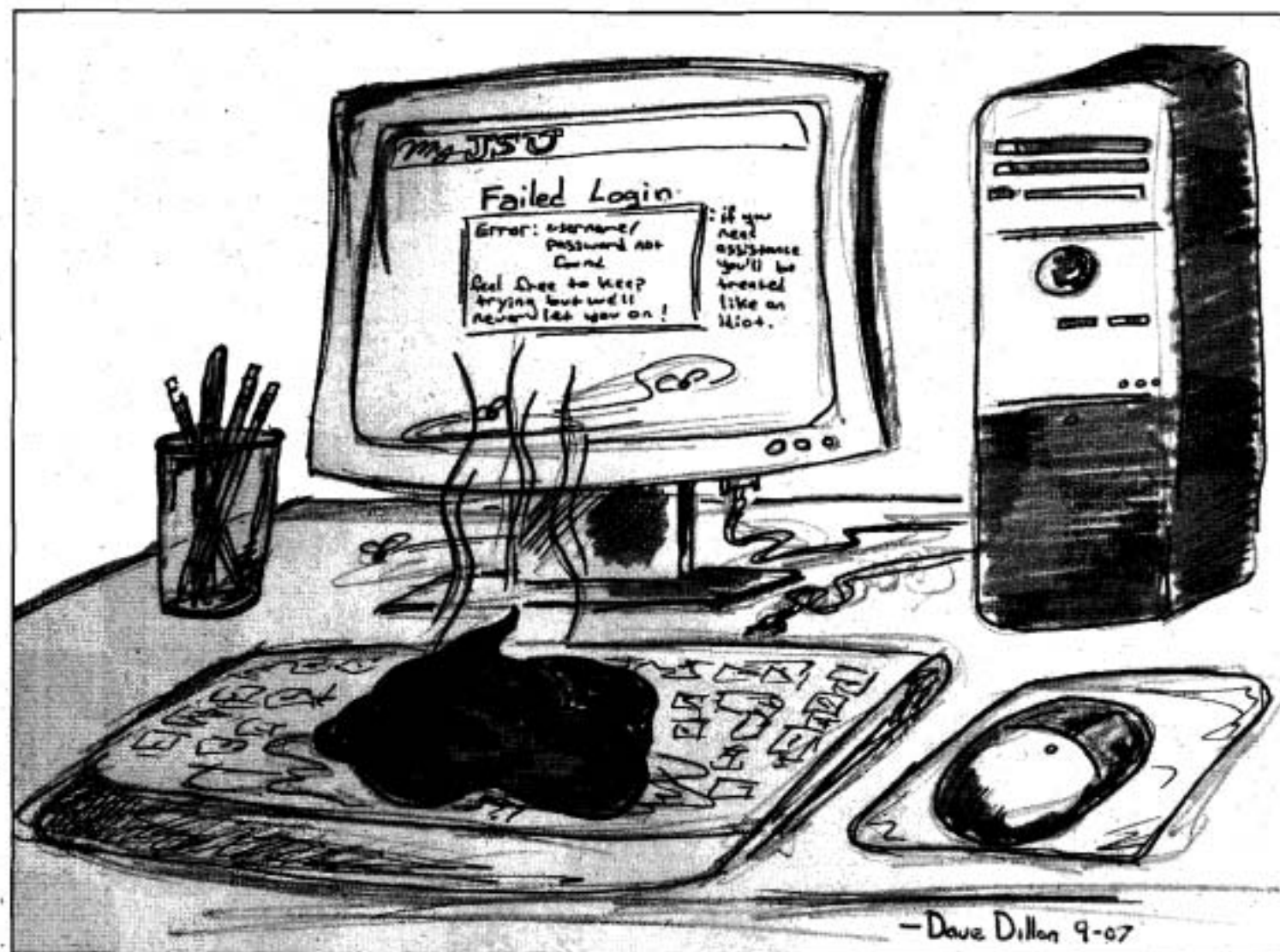
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The usual aggravations

Dr. Meehan's Error

DAVE DILLON

Political Cartoonist



MORE ON MEEHAN

The double standard of Meehan's snafu

By Rufus Kinney
Special to *The Chanticleer*

Three things bother me the most about Dr. Meehan's plagiarism. The first is that Dr. Meehan to my knowledge has never admitted to personally having made a mistake and he certainly has never apologized to The JSU community for his plagiarism. He had a perfect opportunity to do that during his annual address to the faculty on August 28, but did not take advantage of it. It is one thing to say, "I take responsibility," and quite another to say, "I apologize for my mistake." The latter would have been very much appreciated by many JSU students and faculty, including me.

A second thing that bothers me is the ap-

ing author will be held responsible and can be sued for a lot of money? If you sign your name to a credit card application and don't bother to read the fine print, aren't you still legally responsible for the exorbitant interest rates? If you sign on to an adjustable-rate mortgage without reading it carefully, aren't you still going to have to make all those outlandish payments or face foreclosure? Dr. Meehan is indeed responsible, but is not being held responsible by the people who are whitewashing him and making him out to be a hero.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the whitewashing of Dr. Meehan has created a double standard at JSU whereby our students are held to one standard on plagiarism, a very high standard, and the President is essential-

he. The double standard is intolerable, but passive old JSU will probably tolerate it anyway. If this were the University of Montevallo the President would already be long gone.

We learned just yesterday that JSU has been rated in the third tier of Southern universities with Master's level programs, well beneath Montevallo, which does not surprise me, but also beneath the University of North Alabama, which both surprises and bothers me—you know, the school that won all the national titles at Division II in football, titles JSU would have won if we hadn't moved to Division I-AA. Now they're ahead of us academically as well. How in the world can we expect to move up to a higher tier with a President who is a

aggravations

By Webb Dillard
Contributing Writer

New semester, and it's the same old aggravations. How much did you pay for that video editing book? ONE-HUNDRED-AND-EIGHTY-DOLLARS? Does it come with a TV?

A Spanish textbook is \$150.00. ¡Sí, cientos y cincuenta dólares! Ninguna TV.

Two freaking books equal a car payment? I still have three books I need to buy. I can't even type in the words I really want to use right now.

School started on the August 29, right? So, why in the blue hell are we not getting our financial aid checks until September 10?

That is a week-and-a-half of classes without having the money to buy the dang-blasted, expensive books. I don't know why every year this surprises me.

Oh, wait. It is different. How many different ways have we had to sign up for classes over the last five years? Seventeen? Banner, Blackboard, Gem-mail, G-mail, etc. Log onto the JSU Web site and you have to go through 30 screens just to see what today's date is.

Why is it, on the first day, there is always at least one teacher that keeps you the ENTIRE first day of class? Come on teachers, it's not like we even have the \$450 dollars worth of books we need for your class, Underwater Origami 101. This same teacher is the one who assigns the first three chapters in the text you do not have yet.

Enough talk about books, money and teachers.

What about walking into a new class late and the only seat open is the one in the far back corner of the room. The teacher has already started discussing his or her syllabus. The class is looking at you like an idiot. It's almost like a death march in front of the entire class.

Come on, I know you hate it too. Your face starts getting red, hands sweating, heart racing. Then, just as you pass the podium... "Name?" The teacher calls you out.

I especially like the lame "walk and duck at the same time" most of you do when coming in late. It almost looks like you are trying to board a helicopter with the fear that the blades might hit you if you stand up straight.

I did walk into a wrong classroom this year. Oh, the class had definitely already started. I stood there in front of the entire class and said, "IS THIS SPANISH?" D'oh!

Nope, it wasn't Spanish.

Oh yeah, it's great to be back.

have been very much appreciated by many JSU students and faculty, including me.

A second thing that bothers me is the apparently widespread attitude that Dr. Meehan is somehow almost a hero in all this, taking charge and appointing committees to see that the highest ethical standards for writing are always followed, like the hero on the white horse riding in to save the day. But in fact it was Dr. Meehan's own mistakes that created the problem in the first place! Speaking for the committee that whitewashed Dr. Meehan, Judge Sam Monk said, unbelievably, "I do not see any evidence, or have not seen any, to indicate that Dr. Meehan was in any way personally or individually responsible" (*Jacksonville News*, August 22). This from a judge? Isn't a judge, of all people, most aware that plagiarism is illegal and that in cases like this the plagiariz-

ed are held to one standard on plagiarism, a very high standard, and the President is essentially held to none in the sense that he has not been censured or faced any remonstrations of any sort, but to the contrary, has been widely praised and hardly criticized at all. Is this what we want for JSU? Students aren't going to be happy about it and I don't blame them one bit. Are we not entering the Twilight Zone of Academe when we allow, through our silence and passivity, a situation like this with hardly a murmur of protest? For doing exactly what Dr. Meehan did (and he did it repeatedly), students will receive zeroes and flunk the course. Dr. Meehan would fail my class with a low F. Students should know that they have the right to ask Dr. Meehan about his plagiarism and why they are being held to a higher standard than

well. How in the world can we expect to move up to a higher tier with a President who is a plagiarist? It isn't going to happen, and the degrees these students are working so hard and so honestly to earn will not be worth as much as they otherwise would be. That's an unnecessary shame because at JSU students are supposed to come first, but, sadly, they don't. It's rhetoric. And JSU should be bigger than any one person, even someone as nice and as genuinely charming as Dr. Bill Meehan, but apparently it isn't.

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Learn and build - don't slash and burn

By Jerry Chandler
Special to The Chanticleer

In an age when "Gotcha" media garner the highest ratings, it's not hard to understand the falsetto firestorm surrounding recent revelations that former JSU News Bureau chief Al Harris copied, sometimes whole cloth, material used in JSU President Bill Meehan's newsletter. Harris admits he was wrong, and takes full discredit for the deed.

Still, the material appeared under Dr. Meehan's name. And that prompted at least one JSU professor to say the president ought to step down.

Instead of focusing on lessons learned, some would simply slash and burn. They'd have the head of the most charismatic, respected leader Jacksonville State University has produced in decades.

First, understand that Meehan was unambiguously unaware of Harris' actions. Second, know that in the wider society - the one beyond academia - CEOs' messages are

regularly ghostwritten. Those who assume perches of unapproachable perfection need a bit firmer rooting in the reality of how things really work. This doesn't mean axing ethics, or eschewing integrity. It means determining intent.

Intent is the real issue here. And there was no intent on Meehan's part to put his name on a piece of plagiarized journalism. Intent is inherent in stealing someone else's work. Intend to do it, and you should be nailed. Plagiarize is an active verb, not a passive one. That's English 101.

I love teaching. Aside from my family, it's the most fulfilling thing in my life. But I also write for a living, inhabiting the day-to-day trenches of a reporter. I understand the importance of attribution, the primacy of accuracy. You don't live long down in those trenches without them.

From this ground-level perspective, Bill Meehan did nothing wrong. When accusations of plagiarism surfaced, there was no stonewalling. In an era where the first in-

stinct of those in power is to cover their own back, that's rare.

What's not rare is ranting. Media love it. It is the raw material of talk shows, grist for the gullible. If you let it, it can drown out civil discourse, and kill the ability of an institution to learn from mistakes past.

So far, signs are that sanity prevails. It would be hype to say this university is engaged in "soul searching." What it is engaged in is a good faith, unselfconscious effort to ensure that safeguards are put in place so this kind of thing doesn't happen again.

It's an effort devoid of drama, demanding of hard work, and inherently low key. It's an effort that would build, rather than burn.

Anybody care to join us?

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ENTERTAINMENT

FILM REVIEW

Something wicked this way comes

By **Summer Hunt**
Senior Writer

Halloween...in September?
Oddly enough, it's true.

Rob Zombie puts a new twist on an old classic as he takes on John Carpenter's 1978 classic film *Halloween*.

Before you think that this is just another sequel or write it off as a crappy by-product, Zombie deserves a chance. All the same characters are here – Michael Myers, Dr. Loomis, Laurie Strode – just with different faces and more background information.

Zombie has taken special care to elaborate on the fine points in this gory remake. Whereas the original glossed over a lot of important details pertinent to the story, moviegoers will leave the theater with a better understanding of how Michael Myers came to be the serial killer that he is. And while loyal viewers of the first *Halloween* will notice several changes, many scenes remain intact.

Those who are familiar with Zombie's other films (*House of 1000 Corpses*, *The Devil's Rejects*) will notice a familiar face or two. Zombie's wife, Sheri Moon Zombie, plays Deborah Myers, Michael's mother. Tyler Mane, another recurring actor in Zombie's first two films, dons the



infamous Myers mask and jumpsuit. There are also a handful of other memorable characters from Zombie's past two movies that appear in the *Halloween* remake (Sid Haig, Danny Trejo, and Udo Kier all make appearances).

Newcomer Daeg Faerch plays young Michael Myers. This creepy little blond kid is perfect in the role as the quiet, yet

deranged, young psychopath. Also relatively new is Scout Taylor-Compton in the role of Laurie Myers Strode. Sadly, it would have been better if her character required less talking.

Another concept reminiscent of Zombie's previous work is the amount of gore. Within the first 20 minutes of the film, there is a brutal beating, and it only gets worse from there. While it seems slightly excessive, the gory violence proves not to be gratuitous, but necessary in communicating the true horror of Michael Myers's crimes.

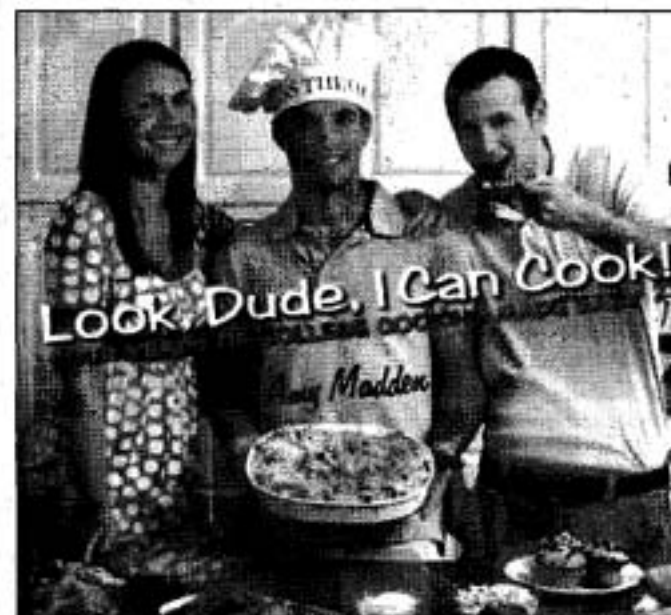
One of the best elements of the entire movie is the use of music. Fans of the old film fear not, for the traditional and haunting *Halloween* theme is still present and accounted for. However, Zombie makes use of irony in incorporating such songs as "(Don't Fear) the Reaper" by Blue Oyster Cult and "Love Hurts" by Nazareth. A movie directed by Rob Zombie couldn't produce a less than stellar soundtrack, at least in my opinion.

While some of the acting in this remake does leave a little to be desired, I found it to be some stiff competition for the original. And with all the dead bodies around, I do mean stiff.

Ah, I slay myself.

B+

BOOK REVIEW



So easy a college kid could do it

By **Jessica Summe**
Senior Writer

Look, Dude, I Can Cook! is marketed to college students, but you can tell it was written by a mom – a mom who just happens to be a former caterer, recipe-winning chef and semi-finalist in a Food Network competition.

When author Amy Madden isn't using embarrassing "college slang" in her introductions to the four "years" of her cookbook (or in her recipe titles – "Homeboy" Egg and Cheese Muffins, anyone?) she's busy trying to convince you to eat healthily, with turkey wraps or tofu stir-fry, and an unreasonable number of

recipes, it's not enough to feed you on a regular basis.

Madden also supposedly starts off with "simple" recipes in the "Freshman" portion of the book, but the Comfy Shepherd's Pie involves 18 separate steps, not including looking up "sauté" in the back of the book, calling Mom to ask if sauté means medium or high heat, and giving up.

By the way, did you know that meat and candy thermometers are an "essential" to take to college, along with a basting brush, garlic press and handheld lemon zester? And I don't even know what a springform pan is, but apparently we're supposed to have one. And then Madden lists

Music Corner

ALBUMS OF THE WEEK

Liars
Liars

A flash! and *Liars* starts off on a fierce riff and the drums (once dead) pound as if their lives depend on it.

The opening track to Liars' self-titled fourth album reminds one of being either in a muscle car evading past ghosts or as a low-ranking member of a motorcycle gang. Either fantasy requires me to wear leather. The preposterousness of this outfit bothers me more than the frantic vibe that "Plaster Casts of Everything" provides.

The song is quite a departure from previous Liars outings (last year's *Dram's Not*).

Dead was a release that demanded one's entire concentration. It was an album of anti-pop, with tribal drumming taking the forefront as instrument. The beauty of that *Flowers of Romance*-type experiment, lay in the sheer poignancy of lead singer Angus Andrew's tormented delivery amid such chaos.

This time around, Andrew's delivery is still sharp and disarming, but



WLJS Top Ten Records of the Week

1. Liars - *Liars*
2. Fog - *Ditherer*
3. No Age - *Weirdo Rippers*
4. Turbo Fruits - *Turbo Fruits*
5. John Vanderslice - *Emerald City*
6. Manchester Orchestra - *I'm Like a Virgin Losing a Child*
7. Interpol - *Our Love to Admire*
8. Nina Nastasia & Jim White - *You Follow Me*
9. The Deaf - *This Bunny Bites*
10. Caribou - *Andorra*

ALSO IN ROTATION

Every Time I Die
The Big Dirty

ment. The beauty of *Flowers of Romance*-type experiment, lay in the sheer poignancy of lead singer Angus Andrew's tormented delivery amid such chaos.

This time around, Andrew's delivery is still sharp and disarming, but the music has changed once again. As with the very first track, *Liars* is completely more accessible than their previous two albums. All tracks retain *Liars'* past experimentation, but there is fun to be had now. Songs like "Cycle Time" and "Freak Out" mimic the great garage bands of the 1960s with an entirely original spin that only *Liars* could provide.

Only two tracks, "Leather Prowler" and "The Dumb in the Rain," lose the feeling. Both try to completely mimic past efforts, and end up sounding like weak demos thrown on the album to keep the "weirdness" at a pesky level.

Liars is a terrifically mean addition to this year's otherwise soft/less-demanding releases, but don't expect to hear this kind of music on the next album. These guys evolve (or devolve as the case tends to be) with every release, but they do it, quite simply, the best.

- Matthew L. Reese

B

Shout Out Louds
Our Ill Wills

The Shout Out Louds follow up their debut album, *Howl Howl Gaff Gaff* with *Our Ill Wills*, released Sept. 11.

The album starts out with possibly the best song on the entire album and the first single, "Tonight I Have To Leave It." Within the first minute of the album, you can hear a strong resemblance to The Cure. Frontman Adam Olenius's sound is very similar to Robert Smith's. If you are a fan of The Cure, you will love this album. If you are a diehard fan of The Cure, you may see it as a rip-off.

Though the entire album is a great listen, the album has some songs that stand above the rest. The highlights of this album include "Tonight I Have To Leave It," "Your Parents Living Room," "You Are Dreaming" and "Hard Rain."

There are a few songs that bring down its overall feel. "Blue Headlights" and "Meat is Murder" are avoidable.

- Matt McRae

A-

Every Time I Die
The Big Dirty

Every Time I Die's fourth studio album, *Big Dirty*, is nothing new. It has been done before, and better.

Try as they might to improve, they come off as Pantera wannabes. Too often it sounds like the band could not think of more to add to the songs.

The highlights include "We're wolf," "Buffalo Gals," and "Rebel Without Applause." These songs grow on you after a while. Pretty soon you might find yourself head-banging along with the music.

There isn't much more to write home about outside of those few tracks. The first song, "No Son Of Mine," is possibly the worst on the album. If you get past it, you will find some songs that are fairly decent.

This album is what one could refer to as a "pump-up" album. High school athletes could listen to it in order to get pumped up for their big games. Then lose.

- Matt McRae

C+

Lo-fi Suicide
Last Trip to the Golden Gate

Lo-fi Suicide's *Last Trip to the Golden Gate*, consists of 11 interesting, yet depressing, songs with music that is hardly relaxing. The band itself is mysterious, listing its members on the liner notes only by their first names, Ryan on guitar and vocals, Jesse as the drummer, and the choir consisting of Jesse, Mike, Sarah, and Jenny.

The music isn't awfully bad, but the lyrics sound as though they were written as a story and then thrown to some random music. If you get around to listening to this band, notice the sound effects that match the lyrics throughout the CD, giving it a little splash of a techno vibe. That aspect was actually pretty cool.

One might enjoy this music after a rainy day where their significant other dumped them unexpectedly. There's always got to be music to seize those moments in life, so give it a shot and listen to Lo-fi Suicide's *Last Trip to the Golden Gate*. It may actually appeal to you. "Alien Tourist" would be the only song I might listen to again, though.

- Julie Skinner

C

you to eat healthily, with turkey wraps or tofu stir-fry, and an unreasonable number of recipes involving artichoke hearts. Her "money-saving tips" are practically non-existent - they boil down to "don't buy from the vending machines" and "split the cost of groceries with others."

While she says that her Easy Beef or Turkey Tacos "taste just like the ones you get at your favorite fast food restaurant," her tacos cost at least seven dollars to make (assuming you already have olive oil, chili powder, salsa and chicken broth) while Taco Bell serves 'em up for 89 cents each. Also, pretty much every recipe involves one ingredient that you don't already own, is fairly costly, and that you won't use before it goes bad. (Fresh rosemary, sun-dried tomatoes and heavy cream, I'm talking to you.)

And if you're living in a dorm, this book is not going to help you out. Most of Madden's recipes involve a stove, and while there are some microwave preparations under "variations" in some of her

springform pan is, but apparently we're supposed to have one. And then Madden lists "Foreman grill" as a "non-essential" item. How else are you supposed to cook chicken and burgers if you don't have a stove or grill? In the microwave?

Now, this book isn't all bad - it's just not meant for college students. The recipes themselves are great, and the full-color photos of featured dishes in the center of the book are gorgeous and really make you want to try out the recipes. The Vanilla French Toast is fantastic, and the Cinnamon-Maple Apples (meant to be served over Buttermilk Pancakes) make a wonderful desert on their own.

It's a wonderful book for an intermediate chef, or for those who want to make really fancy-looking food. But facts are facts and most of the recipes in this book are simply too complicated, time-consuming and/or costly for a college student to make.

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Sports

Alabama State 24, JSU 19

Football drops 3rd straight opener

By Patrick Swafford
Sports Editor

For the first quarter and a half, it looked like JSU's defense would be able to handle Alabama State quarterback Alex Ingram.

ASU coach Reggie Barlow made a quarterback change, and junior quarterback Chris Mitchell brought the Hornets back for a 24-19 win Saturday night in the Crampton Bowl.

With the loss, Jacksonville State (0-1) drops its third straight season opener.

In the two previous years, the Gamecocks battled nationally ranked Furman to the wire, losing by less than a touchdown in the game's final minutes.

The new look of JSU's offense was a huge positive entering the season.

The only evidence of an offense JSU had at game's end was a school record four field goals by Gavin Hallford.

JSU was inside the Alabama State 20-yard line seven times and netted zero touchdowns.

In fact, JSU's lone touchdown came off a 19-yard interception return by T.J. Heath with 1:48 left in the first half.

Already facing a 6-0 deficit, Ingram was flushed out of the pocket and nearly brought down by the JSU defense before carelessly throwing the ball away.

Heath picked off the errant pass

and fought off an ASU defender all the way to the end zone.

After the Heath touchdown made it 13-0, Mitchell made his presence known.

"The change at quarterback hurt us," JSU coach Jack Crowe said of Mitchell. "I think we were programmed for one style of play and we gave this guy room for him to be himself."

The junior from Mobile came in with less than two minutes before halftime and connected with Marcus McCall for a 32-yard touchdown strike as time expired, sending ASU into halftime down 10-6.

Mitchell was 10-of-11 for 206 yards on the night.

While JSU's new look on offense gave them problems late, it was the tried and true running game that abandoned the Gamecocks throughout the game.

The inability of the backfield to generate any sort of running game put the pressure on the shoulders of Hardin and Johnson who failed to lead the offense into the end zone.

Late in the game, the Hornets were stacking as many as nine men in the box to make JSU beat them through the air.

The Hornets nearly doubled JSU in total offense, holding them under 300 total yards for the first time since Tennessee-Martin did it last



Above:
Runningback
Daniel Jackson
carries the ball.



Left: Cornerback
T.J. Heath dives
for the end zone.

Photos courtesy
of James Harkins/
JSUFan.com

season.

ASU scored two more touchdowns in the game's final 10 minutes of play, and had 10 plays that gained more than 20 yards.

"For us to give up 10 plays for over 20 yards a piece in one football game is probably a first," JSU head coach Jack Crowe said.

Ask and ye shall receive

Face it, when 23 percent of your readers want to see more from your section, it's hard not to take notice.

In fact, it's enough to make me write a column.

To say that I was excited when the results of last week's Question of the Week showed that the majority of you wanted better sports coverage is an understatement.

To be honest, you've just made my job a lot more fun.

If there's one lesson I've learned from my previous jobs of waiting tables and working the bar, it's that you always give the people you serve what they want.

Toni Merriss brought me back for my second tour of duty behind this desk for one specific reason - to do this job better than it's ever been done before.

That means we have to give you better content.

You want it? You've got it.

From an obvious glance, you can already tell that we've made more than a few visual changes to the way we look. That's only the beginning.

Look for more in-depth coverage from us starting this week. After each football game, you'll find a report card where I grade the JSU offense, defense and special teams.

Yeah, I can already hear the angry screams coming from Jack Crowe's office.

I've given you a bigger sports staff.

If you ask me, I've got some of the best damn sports writers this campus has to offer.

Jared Gravette and Jered Staubs are two guys that I've worked with in the past, so bringing them on board was a huge addition.

You'll probably find Gravette at our home volleyball games, including the home opener this Sunday.

Staubs covers soccer for us this fall. He knows the sport and can probably cover it better than either Gravette or myself.

Will Payne is new to the game. He came here



Patrick Swafford

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Report Card

Offense: D+

The inability to get any kind of running game going didn't do much in terms of opening the offense up. It wasn't working last Saturday. JSU knew it and so did Alabama State.

Defense: C

Up until Chris Mitchell entered the

A Glance ahead

JSU makes its return to home this weekend to take on one of the school's biggest rivals, UT-Chattanooga.

Last season's contest ended in a bit of controversy when UTC head coach Rodney Allison elected to take a roughing the kicker penalty and go for the win with 29 to play.

By taking the penalty, Allison erased what would have been a game-tying penalty. JSU held the Mocs out of the end zone and escaped with a 13-10 win.

UTC leads the series 25-7 and has won six out of the eight meetings played in Jacksonville.

However, under Jack Crowe, the Gamecocks are 2-1 against their bitter rivals from the Southern Conference.

While JSU had its troubles with Alabama State last week, UTC was dropping a 29-17 loss to Division II Carson-Newman.

knows the sport and can probably cover it better than either Gravette or myself.

Will Payne is new to the game. He came here with a love for sports and a desire to learn how to write about it.

I'm not done with the improvements around here. Just bare with me, it's a work in progress over here.

Don't just take my word for it. Read what we write and form your own opinion. That's what we're here for.

Whether you like what you read or not, I want to hear from you.

Email me and let me know what you think. Give me your opinions. Tell me what you'd like to see us do or write about. Ask me questions. I may even use some of these emails in an upcoming column or a blog.

Just remember this: 23 percent of you wanted better sports coverage.

Be careful what you wish for. You just might get it.

A huge weekend for sports

Man, this is a big weekend on campus. Everyone is at home.

Soccer plays Friday night and Sunday afternoon in the first-ever Gamecock Soccer Classic.

Volleyball plays host to Albany Sunday and the girls are getting their OVC championship rings before the game.

Cock Rugby even kicks off Saturday at noon.

By the way, in case you didn't know, you can get into all JSU athletic events for free with your student ID.

As you've probably seen while driving or walking past Paul Snow Stadium, we've got a new video scoreboard that will make it's athletic debut this weekend when we host UT-Chatanooga.

I, for one, am kind of excited about all of this. I spoke with JSU's Sports Information Director Greg Seitz Monday and got a small idea of what we might be seeing this weekend on the big screen.

The athletic department has recorded a video entrance for the football team, as well as video mug shots of all the players for the starting line-ups.

Yes; before you even ask, there will be everyone's favorite part of a video board - instant replays.

Some people have been a little critical of the upgrade. Personally, I like it.

Paul Snow is about as old school as a stadium can get without those metal bleachers that you see at little league baseball fields.

Just like this paper, the stadium needs an upgrade every once in a while.

However, I have just one problem. Why didn't they ask me to record anything?

Wait, don't answer that.

I'll see you on gameday.

Defense: C

Up until Chris Mitchell entered the game, the defense was its usual dominant self. Mitchell was only in for five plays before the Hornets found the end zone.

Special Teams: A+

Gavin Hallford knocks down 4-of-5 with a longest of 42 yards. Enough said.

While JSU had its troubles with Alabama State last week, UTC was dropping a 29-17 loss to Division II Carson-Newman.

UTC had a worse time running the ball against Carson-Newman that JSU had against ASU, which makes this a very interesting game.

Both teams struggled to stop their opponents and neither team could run the ball successfully.

In the end, more so than ever, the team that performs better on the ground will walk away with their first win of the year.

However, this one's going to be close. The Gamecocks will finally find the end zone on offense and just like last year, this will come down to JSU's defense shutting down UTC in the late stages of the game.

Patrick's prediction: JSU 17, UT-Chatanooga 14

Volleyball struggles at Lady Vol Classic; prepares for home opener

By Jared Gravette
Staff Sports Writer

Playing from behind isn't a place that the Jacksonville State volleyball team finds itself in very often. But over the weekend, that's exactly what happened.

Many would argue that JSU plays their toughest competition at the beginning of the season rather than the end. In the last two seasons, the Gamecocks have more than held their own in big tournaments against powerhouse schools like Louisville and Missouri.

Last weekend was no different as the Gamecocks took on Appalachian State, Belmont and Indiana in the Comcast Lady Vol Classic in Knoxville, Tenn. One thing is for sure, head coach Rick Nold doesn't like to open up with a cupcake schedule.

"The teams we are scheduling are teams that if we don't come out with the right attitude, then we are going to get beat. To me, it's good that we saw that. We could schedule teams to just get wins, but we want to make sure that we understand that it is going to be that way in conference. If we come out and we're not on top of our game, then we are going to get beat. As a team, you have to learn that," Nold said.

JSU opened up on Friday afternoon against Appalachian State. After splitting the first four games, the Gamecocks took the fifth and final set 15-12. The Gamecock offense was led by senior Abbey Breit who led the team with 15 kills to go along with 15 digs. The comeback was one of the bright spots for JSU Friday night.

"I think that says a lot about the determination they have," Nold said when asked about the comeback. "I think we got down by being inconsistent with some of the things that we had worked on. To me, it says a lot about their attitude and knowing how well we can play if



Senior Abbey Breit led the Gamecocks with 15 kills and 15 digs in their five game win over Appalachian State. Photo courtesy of James Harkins/ JSUFan.com

we push towards it."

Despite a huge match from senior Rebekah Nichols, the nightcap didn't go quite as well for the Gamecocks as they fell to Belmont 3-1.

All four of the Gamecock seniors held up their bargain against the Bruins. Nichols exploded knocking down 18 kills and recording a .567 attack percentage. Breit had 18 kills of her own to go along with Joi Watts' six. Abbey Vierling had a good game on defense with 14 digs. According to Nichols, senior leadership is a key to the success of the team going

forward.

"We have to have senior leadership. We have to really try and carry the team because the freshmen are still getting used to it. They don't know the play that were used too and the attitude we have to have. It's just really important for the seniors to step up and try to lead the team," Nichols said.

Despite the performance of the seniors, the Gamecocks seemed to be missing something in the nightcap on Friday.

"Against Belmont, I didn't feel like we came out with the right attitude all the way through. That's something that we really haven't run into in the last couple of years. The attitude has been there the whole way through. We talked a lot about that before the Indiana match. We kind of came out with a different mindset," Nold said.

On Saturday, JSU was nothing but ready for the Indiana Hoosiers. Freshmen Caitlin Vorbeck and Brooke Schumacher both had outstanding matches. Vorbeck knocked down 12 kills while recording a .333 attack percentage. Schumacher, the team's setter, added seven kills of her own and also dished out a match-high 43 assists.

"All the freshmen are finding ways to contribute. Different situations will call for a different person, but they are doing the things that they need to. It's just going to be a season long process," Nold said.

The Gamecocks won the first two games by a score of 30-26 but had trouble closing out the third game falling 32-30. The Hoosiers eventually took the final two games and the match 3-2.

"It was real exciting. It was back and forth the whole time. We were ahead and then they were ahead. It was really nerve racking but

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Cross Country opens season with win

By Will Payne
Staff Sports Writer

Coming out of the season opener this past Saturday, both the men's and women's JSU Cross Country teams can be nothing but optimistic for the upcoming 2007 season.

Gamecock runner Jeff Rhodes took the top spot with his first collegiate win in the men's three-mile run, with a time of 14:43. He finished three seconds ahead of Abraham Kiprotich.

JSU cross country coach Steve Ray was pleased with his squad's showing.

"Considering the work week we had, they actually ran better than I thought we might," Ray said.

Claiming the next three spots were all runners from JSU: Ryan McKay placed third with a time of 14:49, Marius Sava finished fourth

with a time of 14:51, and George Kapkiai finished fifth with a time of 15:04.

"The top four guys ran very strong and finished within 20 seconds of one another," Ray said.

Placing four runners in the top five was good enough for JSU to accumulate a total of 19 points and place first overall in the men's meet.

The women's team also had a good showing, finishing second overall. Kennesaw State took first place.

"The strange thing about cross country is that on every single weekend there can only be one winner," Ray said.

"Does that make everyone else a loser? I don't think so."

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it was so exciting to play in," Vorbeck said. "I was really kind of proud of how I did because I didn't expect to play well at all just because I'm not really used to playing in college yet."

Many of the freshmen are starting to get over the early game jitters and have started to settle in. The senior class has played a big role in encouraging the freshmen class no matter what.

"The team has helped so much with making sure we all feel comfortable around each other, especially the seniors. They have been really good about making sure that if I do mess up then it's OK. Every play, I get more comfortable around them and I feel better about it," Vorbeck said.

JSU will be back in action on Sunday, Sept. 9, when they will play host to Albany at Pete Mathews Coliseum at 2 p.m. Before the game, the volleyball team will be honored as the 2006 OVC Champions.

JSU Soccer opens season 0-2

By Jered Staubs
Staff Sports Writer

JSU's women's soccer team got off to a shaky start over the weekend, losing both games they played in the Wright State Fall Classic.

In the season opener Friday night, the Gamecocks' youth and a flurry by Wright's Amy Miller led to a 3-1 win by the tourney hosts. Miller scored three goals in a span of six minutes, two on penalty kicks.

JSU coach Julie Davis felt the first penalty awarded was a bit of home cooking, but the others showed the results of six freshmen playing their first game.

"The second goal we just lost track of the offense, and the third goal was just a bad foul we took in the box," she said. "Our inexperience showed for that little time period, but all in all I thought the freshmen played well."

In fact, the lone Gamecock goal was scored by freshman Kaitlyn MacLellan. MacLellan gave JSU a glimmer of hope by scoring on a free kick from just outside the box in the 71st minute, but JSU could never come closer.

JSU was better in the finale of the Classic, but was unable to overcome a slow start in an eventual 3-2 loss to Evansville. The Gamecocks had second half goals from senior Courtney Moore and freshman



Sophomore forward Amber Delaney counted for three shots on goal over the weekend. Photo courtesy of James Harkins/JSUFan.com

Kim Kimmel, but were unable to overcome three first half goals by the Purple Aces.

The ongoing controversy at the goalkeeper position does not appear headed for a timely solution. Kate Kelly played the first game and Elizabeth Selasky played the second game, and neither dazzled.

Kelly and Selasky made 11 and 13 saves, respectively, and both allowed three goals, so Davis said there was very little separation created over the weekend.

"They both faced a lot of shots and made some key

saves to keep us in the games, but there's room for improvement," she said. "They both need to improve on second saves and demand more from the defense."

Both will likely see playing time in the first annual Gamecock Soccer Classic, to be held this weekend. Davis says that she has longed to host a tournament, and finally will have that opportunity in her third year.

"It's never been done here, but we're looking forward to it. It gives our team something to play for, besides just winning games. There's going to be an All-Tourney Team, MVP, best offensive player, best defensive player, along with the winner and runner-up awards."

JSU will host Youngstown State Friday and The Citadel on Sunday as they search for their first positive result of the young season.

GAMECOCKS BRIEFS

• Tracy Linton, JSU's all-time leading rebounder in women's basketball, Craig Holman, who pitched the Gamecocks to four straight NCAA Division II World Series, former football standout David Gulleedge, and two-time All-GSC selection, and All-America defensive back Terry Harris will be formally inducted on November 9.

• Jacksonville State kicker Gavin Hallford was named the Ohio Valley Conference co-Specialist of the Week on Sunday after setting a JSU school record four field goals in the Gamecocks' season opener at Alabama State.

• Jacksonville State junior cross country runner Jeff Rhodes was named Ohio Valley Conference Co-Runner of the Week on Tuesday after winning his first collegiate cross country race on Saturday when he ran a 14:43 5K in the JSU Season Opener.

• Former Jacksonville State standout relief pitcher Bill White has been added to the Texas Rangers active roster. He tossed Jacksonville State's 16th no-hitter in school history on March 12, 2000, vs Alabama A&M after recording 12 strike-outs.

- From wire reports

Saturday is a rugby day

By Patrick Swafford
Sports Editor

Coming off an undefeated regular season and the Division III South division title, JSU's Rugby club, known affectionately as "Cock Rugby", opens the 2007-08 season at home this Saturday.

Cock Rugby finished one win away from the regional finals before falling to Wake Forest and ending their season.

"We did well last season," Rugby Club president Chris Steketeer said. "We beat Sewanee, who was undefeated at home for about four years at their place. It was really funny because they had about 100 fans there. I've never seen 100 fans leave a field so quickly."

Before last season, Sewanee was dominating the division and JSU's win last year changed the landscape of the entire division.

"Unfortunately, this year, we don't have the benefit of being a sleeper team," Steketeer said. "People know that we have the ability to win so they're going to be more likely to step up their game."

Rugby is not recognized as an official sport at JSU so the team is considered a club by university standards.

This year's fall schedule features three home games, including this weekend's season opener against Lee, whom Cock Rugby annihilated 80-7 last season.

Cock Rugby will also host Auburn on Oct. 6 and Mississippi State Nov. 3.

The team will also take part in three tournaments this year where they will face some of the South's biggest names.

Cock Rugby will play Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech and Auburn at the Georgia Rugby Union tournament and Tulane

and Florida State at the Battleship tournament in Mobile.

Cock Rugby will kick off the fall season this Saturday at noon on the Intramural Field behind Rudy Abbott Field.

• Rugby rules to live by

The game of rugby involves 15 players on each side and each game consists of two 30 minute halves.

Unlike football, there are no downs and possession can literally change in the blink of an eye.

In football, teams can advance the ball with a forward pass.

In rugby, forward passes are illegal. Teams can pass the ball around by way of a lateral pass.

The only way a team can advance the ball forward is by kicking it.

However, once the ball has been kicked, it's live and can be picked up by anyone on the pitch.

Players can only be tackled if they hold the ball. Once in possession of the ball, then there's a pretty good chance someone's going to get the crap knocked out of them.

Teams score points by advancing the ball toward the in-goal area at the end of the field (more or less, it's the endzone) and grounding the ball. This is called a try and is worth five points.

After the try, the scoring team gets a conversion kick. If successful, it is worth two points.

Teams can also score by kicking the ball through the uprights with either a drop kick or a penalty kick. This is worth three points.

Finally, players don't wear pads in rugby. Protective head gear and mouthpieces are OK, but not much else.

2007 Fall Rugby Schedule

9/8	vs. Lee University
9/22	@ Emory/ Kennesaw
9/29	@ B'ham Men's Club
10/6	vs. Auburn
10/13	GRU Tournament (@ Emory)
10/20	Red & Black Game
10/27	SEC Tournament (@ Birmingham)
11/3	vs. Mississippi St.
11/10	Battleship Tournament (@ Mobile)

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