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"Life is just one crushing defeat after another until you just wish that Flanders was dead."

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What's the best part about

2004 JSU Employee of the Year dies at age 50

By **Bethany Harbison**
News Editor

Members of the Jacksonville State University family gathered in Patterson Hall on Saturday, Feb. 9, to pay their respects and say goodbye to their friend, family member and coworker, Stephanie Przedwojewski.

Przedwojewski, 50, who once worked on the JSU landscaping crew, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 6, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Originally from New Hampshire, Przedwojewski began work at JSU on Dec. 15, 2000 after her sister Suiko Roper, who works as a secretary in the JSU biology department, told her that JSU was a great place to work.

Her immediate supervisor Steven John-



Przedwojewski

ston called Przedwojewski a "very, very, hardworking individual" who cared about others. "I always said that she would swim the Potomac for anybody," Johnston said.

As a landscaper, Przedwojewski helped plant trees and shrubs around campus, harvested leaves and, as Johnston said, did anything to help beautify the JSU campus. She was also named the JSU Employee of the Year in 2004.

Przedwojewski worked tirelessly to serve her country as well. She was a

member of the National Guard.

In April 2003, her unit was called to Iraq, and she served there for just over one year. Johnston said while in Iraq, Przedwojewski did plumbing and mechanical work.

"She believed in her country and in this university, and wanted to do all she could to help them both be their best," Johnston said.

The truest testimony to Przedwojewski's work ethic, according to Johnston, was the fact that though she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer not long after arriving home from Iraq, she continued to work at JSU, insisting on no special treatment.

"A lot of folks had given up on her, but she bounced back and was out here sweating and landscaping even after she

got sick," Johnston said.

President Dr. William Meehan attended the Memorial Life Service for Przedwojewski, and he said the service truly was a celebration of her life. Her family was present, pictures of her throughout her life were displayed and her favorite food, pizza, was served.

"She was always thoughtful and always had a smile on her face," Meehan recalled. "She was fun to work with."

Johnston said that at there was a "great turnout" at Saturday's service for Przedwojewski, one that included most of her coworkers, many of her military friends and the Meehan family.

"There were a lot of emotions, but more laughing and remembering of good times than anything," Johnston said. "But there were quite a few tears shed as well."

JSU ROTC learns from a legend about the core values of

Honor and valor



Fresh faces in SGA Senate

3 freshmen recently appointed

By **Zach Childree**
Staff Reporter

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- Spending time with my sweetie 29%
- Nothing 26%
- Giving out Hulk Hogan Valentine's Day cards 26%
- The day-after Valentine's Day candy sales 16%
- Receiving candy 3%



"Spending time with my girlfriend, boating in the Coosa River. I am planning a candle-lit dinner on the boat."

— Derrick Bowan
Freshman

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What's the best part about baseball season?

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Yes facing forward and heads held high, 80 cadets, clad in identical army combat uniforms, sat and listened to the stories and lore of a legend.

Only 107 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor are alive today, and only one of them lives within the bounds of Alabama.

He is Col. Ola L. Mize, but his friends call him Lee.

And on Feb. 7, 2008, in Rowe Hall, home of the Jacksonville State University ROTC, the 76-year-old Mize leaned over the podium, telling tales from his 31 years of military service.

"I know I talk in circles," Mize

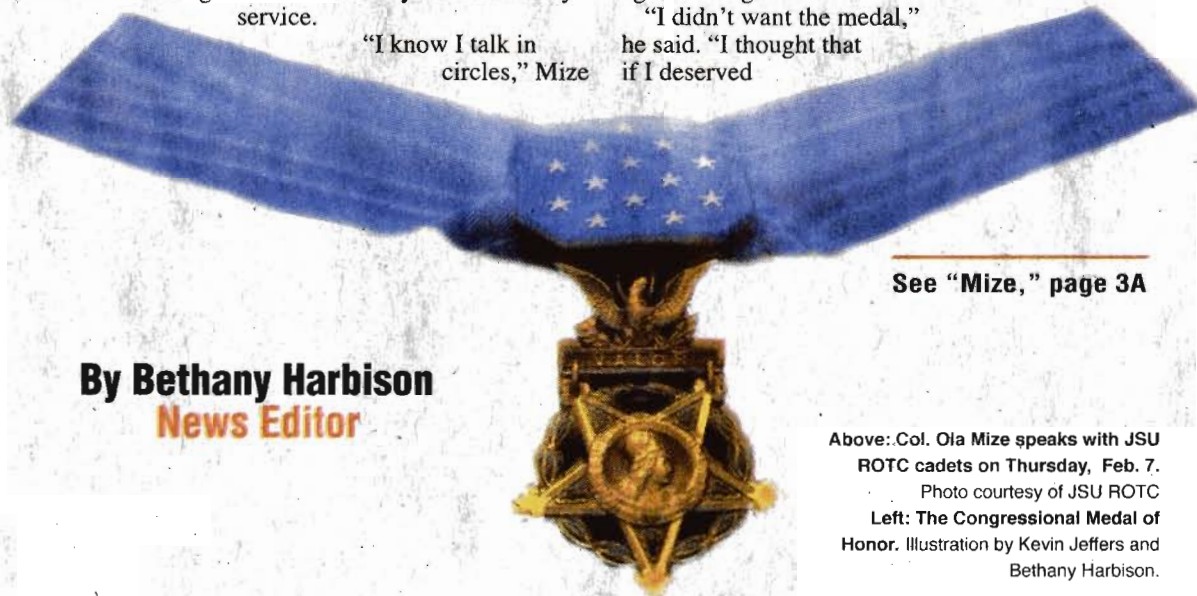
said. "But I tell you I've loved the military since I was knee high to a duck."

Mize shipped off to war five times during his career, serving in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and each time he went, it was because he wanted to go.

It was in June of 1953, near Surang-ni, Korea, that Mize and his platoon fought off a battalion-size force of Chinese troops — heroics that later earned Mize his Congressional Medal of Honor.

Mize turned the medal down over and over, again and again.

"I didn't want the medal," he said. "I thought that if I deserved



By Bethany Harbison
News Editor

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Above: Col. Ola Mize speaks with JSU ROTC cadets on Thursday, Feb. 7. Photo courtesy of JSU ROTC
Left: The Congressional Medal of Honor. Illustration by Kevin Jeffers and Bethany Harbison.

JSU on alert in case of severe weather

By Zach Childree
Staff Reporter

Feb. 5th seemed a normal Tuesday night at Union University. Students were studying, socializing and resting after classes.

That all changed a few minutes later, when an F4 tornado struck the Union campus, destroying 40 percent of student housing. While no one was killed in the storm, 51 students were treated for injuries, some serious.

With an outbreak of severe weather at such an odd time of the year and so close to home, many students are left asking if Jacksonville State University is ready for severe weather.

"I think that being close to the mountains would probably protect us a little from tornados," said Isaac

Pulham, a music education major.

Dr. Jonathan Herbert, professor of geography and climatology at JSU, said that Jacksonville's proximity to the Appalachian Mountains wouldn't stop storms.

"The idea that mountains or rivers protects any given area from tornados is actually kind of a myth," Herbert said.

However, in the event of severe weather, alerting the students is a lot easier than it used to be.

Dr. Ted Klimasewski, interim department head for the department of physical and earth sciences, said that with the advent of the Doppler radar, the time given to respond to a tornado warning, also called "lead time," in 1980 was 5 minutes.

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The Student Government Association appointed three freshmen to the SGA Senate on Feb. 8, 2008.

"In my 3 years of working with the SGA, it's never happened before," said SGA President David Jennings. "From my understanding, it's pretty rare."

One of the students appointed is Michael Finn, who is an accounting major and French minor. He hopes to go to law school after JSU.

Also appointed were freshmen Kelsey Butler and Thomas Whalley.

Finn was born and raised in Jacksonville and attended Jacksonville High School.

Already serving on the Freshman Forum, Finn applied for an open senate seat because he wanted to be more involved on campus.

Finn believes that being a freshman uniquely qualifies him for the SGA senate.

"I still understand the transition from high school to college," he said. "I think a lot of freshmen tend to get left out and aren't informed about what's going on."

Finn said that because he also serves on the Freshman Forum, he is in a good position to be a voice for freshmen in the senate.

And for any student concerned that they don't really have a voice in the way the university is run, Finn will



Finn

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Helping hand

The Center of Hope also serves as a haven for recovering addicts. JSU's Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma are reaching out to help with physical labor and friendship.

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With rain due on Tuesday, Feb. 12, this student looks to the sky. Photo by Webb Dillard / The Chanticleer

CAMPUS BRIEFS

• Following the trial of Alabama Power Company vs. **Barbara Wilson and Rufus Kinney** on February 8, **Judge John C. Thomason** asked the lawyers of each side to prepare briefs in lieu of closing arguments. The brief from Alabama Power is due this Friday and the reply from Mark Martin, attorney for Wilson and Kinney is due by Feb. 22. After reading the briefs and weighing the evidence, Thomason will make his ruling on whether or not the power company can cut down Wilson's three pecan trees and Kinney's wild cherry tree.

• Career Placement is featuring JSU Alumnus **Dr. Greg Robinson** as the speaker in their next distinguished alumni lecture series on Tuesday, Feb. 19 in Rm. 234 of Martin Hall at 12 Noon. Robinson is a chemist who has garnered awards such as the Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow.

• **Freshman Forum** is now conducting the 6th Annual Project Valentine, which is a service of TripleHeart Organization. Until March 12, they will be accepting donations of used cell phones. Any age or condition of phone is acceptable, as long as it is capable of dialing 911 and has a corresponding charger. The donated phones will be distributed to candidates awaiting organ transplants.

• The **Eta Mu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** sold chances for a Valentine's Day giveaway. Grand prize was dinner for two at one of three restaurants and a movie. Second was bowling for two and \$25 and

Triple threat



This June, three JSU students will join young women from across the state as they compete for the title of Miss Alabama — and the three are connected by crowns. **Jessica Andrews (left)** crowned Miss JSU 2008 **Lauren Moon** this January. **Haley Arrington (right)**, who currently holds the title of Miss West Central Alabama, crowned **Andrews** as Miss Lake Martin 2008 on Saturday, Feb. 9. Photo special to *The Chanticleer*

Katie Freeman
Staff Reporter

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Brothers in arms

JSU students adopt "siblings," form bonds

By **Adam Alexander**
Staff Reporter

The Big Brother/Big Sister organization is one of the oldest mentoring systems in operation today. BBBS provides kids with that which they need most: emotional support and guidance.

According to **Tara Phillips**, a JSU student and a volunteer big sister, the system that BBBS sets up works very well. The volunteer visits the child to which he is assigned at least once a week, and all that the job entails is being a good influence, playing games and just being there for the child. Tara says that she loves her little sister and has a lot of fun volunteering.

"Most of the kids come from difficult situations to grow up in," Tara said. Some of them come from neglectful parents, some just have trouble socializing. Either way, Tara feels that the BBBS is a necessary and very helpful program to kids.

Tara isn't the only volunteer from JSU, though.

"JSU students have been a backbone of our program," said **Teresa Johnson**, a volunteer at BBBS of Northeast

Alabama in Gadsden.

Just this past Monday, Feb. 11, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity held a fundraiser in the TMB to lend a helping hand to the BBBS organization. Representatives said the fundraiser did well, but as of press time, no dollar amount was available.

If you would like to become involved in the BBBS program, visit www.bbbs.org and click the "volunteer" tab. The Web site provides all of the necessary information, including people to talk to, a section for donations (which comprise 75 percent of the group's funding) and a search engine to find the office nearest you.

Big Brother/Big Sister is a completely independent, volunteer organization. It is kept alive by the kind and caring people in the world who have taken it upon themselves to help those struggling through childhood. These people provide hope for the upcoming generation, and they are always looking for more help. If you feel that your social skills could be valuable to them, pay their Web site a visit. You could have a major impact on someone's life.

Announcements

- JSU Ambassador applications are now available at the visitor center and are due Feb. 29. For more, call ext. 5260.
- Students for Organ Donation at JSU is a new organization on campus. Those interested in joining or learning more about organ donation should e-mail frenchsoccerrules@msn.com.
- The Lambda Pi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. invites you to "Skee-week 2008- Rated:PG", February 17-23, 2008. Come join the AKA's as we celebrate 100 years of sisterhood! For event times and locations, see flyers posted on campus or write AKAlambda-pi@yahoo.com. See you there!
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc will be holding a yard sale, Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the TMB Lawn. Contact AKAlambda-pi@yahoo.com for more info.
- The English Competency (ECE) will be Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 6:00 - 7:30 and Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Registration began Jan. 30 and ends Feb. 20. No late registration. Optional workshops will be Monday, Feb. 18, 6:00 - 7:30 and Tuesday, Feb. 19, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Rm. 110 of Merrill Building. Registration is not required for the workshops. Questions about the ECE may be directed to **Susan Sellers** at ext. 5512 or by email at ssellers@jsu.edu.
- Phi Eta Sigma members are invited to apply for national scholarships. Call **Rhonda Kilgo** at ext. 8247 for details.

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Center of Hope focuses on recovery

Local thrift store helps addicts overcome, JSU Greeks lend a hand

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Campus Crime

chances for a Valentine's Day giveaway. Grand prize was dinner for two at one of three restaurants and a movie. Second was bowling for two and \$25, and third was 12 roses and chocolates. Winners of the Feb. 11 drawing were Kimberly Rowe, Keyrunta Houston and Sinamen Nixon.

— From staff, wire reports

OOPS LOL... Mistakes from previous issues:

• In the Feb. 7 issue, SGA Senator Paul Wilson was incorrectly identified in a photograph on Page 2 as Ryan Wilson.

Katie Freeman Staff Reporter

On any given weekend during the school year, a college town like Jacksonville is home to a number of parties.

Chances are, alcohol is available, and more than likely, the average student has joined in on the drinking at least once. Some people have even done things that are a little more illegal, but it's all chalked up to the normal "college experience," and most move on with no problem.

However, some people can't move on. For those folks, that party is not a good time — it is a nightmare.

The bad news is that drug and alcohol abuse affects people all around us. The good news is that there is a way out. That way out can be paved in part by the people at the Center of Hope.

The Center of Hope is a Christian recovery center. The center's church, main office and

housing facilities are located in Anniston, Ala. However, it is probably more known by students as the thrift store located in the old Wal-Mart building here in Jacksonville.

Pastor Garry Burns is the head pastor at the center. He, as well as the entire staff, shares a special bond with every person that comes in seeking help. Every staff member there (including pastors) has struggled with drug or alcohol abuse at some point in their lives.

The program at the center lasts a year. Burns explained that the reason for the program's lengthiness is that it can take at least that long for people to straighten their lives out.

"It took a while for them to get their lives in that mess, and they should take the proper time to get out," Burns said. "We don't want them walking out those doors feeling like the weight of the world is falling on their shoulders. They should be able to only look

ahead when they leave here."

For the people who complete the entire year, graduation ceremonies are held every two months.

James and Russell (who asked that their last names be kept anonymous) are the most recent graduates. James says that he has gotten very close to his family since being at the center, and Russell is actually the newest member of the Center of Hope staff. He is now a counselor, and he hopes to help people the way he was helped.

Places like the Center of Hope are built on the actions of good people. Volunteers from JSU's Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. are a few of these good people.

"When we go down there and do the community service, I think it's just good for them (the residents) to be around our positive energy," Darryl C. Hamilton, president of Phi Beta Sigma, said. "They're going through the program, and

that's a lot to deal with, but when they have some outsiders around to talk to, it has to help with the encouragement part of the process."

They've painted windows, cleaned the parking lot, rearranged shelves and priced items, among other things.

"Anything that we can be used to do, that's what we're there for," Hamilton said.

At the end of the day, people will still go to parties, and people will continue to abuse drugs and alcohol. Unfortunately, no matter how hard people try to prevent others from abusing drugs and alcohol, there will still be folks who go down that dark, depressing path.

But if more people could be a little more like the good folks of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and the Center of Hope, perhaps this community could be an exception.

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Campus Crime

Thursday, Feb. 7

• JSU student Patrick M. Rose reported a theft of property from Mountain Street NW in Jacksonville. The stolen property consisted of a sign, the estimated value of which is \$75.00.

Information in the campus crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Sells Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-4704, or contact JSUJPD at 782-5050.

Week in Events

Thursday, February 14

- Amber Wagner in concert, Performance Center, Mason Hall. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- Alpha Xi Delta Bake Sale, 2nd Floor TMB Lobby, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- STAT Bake Sale/Membership Drive, 2nd Floor TMB Lobby, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Friday, February 8

- Prayer, sponsored by Muslim Students Association, McCluer Chapel, 12:15 - 1:00 p.m.
- Cinderella Scholarship Pageant, Leone Cole Auditorium.

Saturday, February 9

- Preview Day, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Yard Sale, JSU Quad, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 11

- Senate Meeting, TMB Auditorium, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma BBQ, JSU Quad. 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Blue Love Grams, 2nd floor TMB, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Mize: Korean War vet speaks to JSU cadets

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it, every man in that platoon deserved it. But President Eisenhower made me come home from Korea."

Mize reluctantly left Korea and, on Sept. 7, 1954, he stood before Eisenhower in Denver, Colorado — terrified.

"What would you do if you were a country boy redneck from Northeast Alabama meeting the president of the United States?" Mize said. "My legs were shaking so bad they sounded like a bass drum."

As Eisenhower presented him with the medal, which is the highest military honor one can receive, he leaned over and whispered in young Mize's ear, "Lee, I was in the 15th infantry too." And he was — in World War II. Mize said that simple statement from the president of United States was enough to put him at ease.

During Mize's speech last Thursday, the audience grew still as he offered advice of how to lead and how to survive to the young, attentive cadets.

Good, strong leadership, as Mize explained, requires one to recognize that he or she is responsible for the welfare of the women and men under their control. He said that as leaders, the cadets will be forced into do-or-die moments that will require them to make "drastic decisions," decisions which will bear life-or-death consequences for an entire group of people.

"Never have them do something you wouldn't do or haven't done," Mize advised.

Mize considers himself a bit of a rebel, a point he illustrated with half a dozen colorful tales of his time in the service.

Once, when his troops were goofing off, Mize decided he had had enough foolishness. So, he gathered them all up in a room, barricaded the doors, placed two tear gas grenades on each end of the hall, cut off the lights and left them in there for half an hour. He said they were screaming and throwing up all over one another, but that they

Severe weather: JSU prepared in case

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"Now lead time is 30 minutes," Klimasewski said. "So JSU has 30 minutes to take action after a tornado warning has been issued."

Even with advances in weather alert systems, many students usually aren't in a place where they can be made aware of alerts.

President Dr. William Meehan said the university is looking for better ways to inform students of severe weather.

"There is a university policy where we alert the building and make sure that everyone takes cover," Meehan said. "We need better ways to contact students and we're investigating those."

Many JSU students also aren't aware of emergency preparedness plans or even where exactly they should go in the event of severe weather.

James Spann, meteorologist with ABC 33/40 in Birmingham, said that if you are living on campus on a higher floor, you might want to get to know your downstairs neighbors.

"You really need to have a friend on the ground floor so you can access their place anytime a warning is issued," he said.

Spann also recommended that students have a NOAA weather

UPD TORNADO WARNING POLICY

- EMA sirens will sound a steady signal for 2 to 3 minutes.
- Building occupants should move to an appropriate area of the building in which they are located. Personnel should move to an interior area of a lower floor. Stay away from windows.
- UPD personnel, using mobile public address equipment, will transmit instructions to individuals outside of buildings to take shelter in the nearest available facility.
- Unless notified otherwise, tornado warnings are issued for a period of 30 minutes from the time that the siren sounds. If the siren sounds again, this indicates that the warning has been extended for another 30 minutes from the time of the subsequent sounding. If no further siren is sounded after 30 minutes the warning is over.
- The University Police Department will continue to monitor the emergency weather broadcast during the warning and will provide updated information if contacted by telephone.

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radio in case of emergencies.

Klimasewski said that JSU does have a procedure in place during university business hours to alert students to severe weather threats.

"Each building has a building manager who is responsible for taking action during a tornado warning," he said. But during off time (before 8 a.m. or after 5 p.m.), Klimasewski said that students should be alert to severe weather alerts and take action accordingly.

Spann said that if you are in your car and you see a tornado, do not try to get under a bridge.

"We never recommend getting under a bridge," Spann said. "All of the objects in the tornado can produce serious injury as it passes. Being below ground level is much better."

Dr. Klimasewski agreed.

"Don't go under an underpass to hide," he said. "The confined space under the underpass makes winds blow even stronger through the narrow gap. It's similar to holding a hosepipe so water comes out in a stronger spray."

Klimasewski said that when it comes down to it, each person should use common sense when dealing with a severe weather situation.

"Reaction to a tornado warning must be a personal responsibility," he said. "A building manager or police cannot force a person to take action during a tornado warning."

Freshmen: SGA Senate welcomes three

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tell them otherwise.

"(The SGA is) the student voice on campus," Finn said. "Concerns are brought to the SGA, and then the president takes those concerns to the board of trustees."

Jennings said that students can make a difference in university decisions by being more involved.

"We're lucky to have Dr. Meehan, who actually listens to the students," he said. "It's all about how much the students agree on something. We can get change."

Finn believes that the most important issue facing the SGA currently is the proposed stadium

expansion. Finn said that most students do not feel that the stadium needs to be expanded.

"There has got to be a better use for \$36 million," he said. "We have open discussions about it, and most students are against it."

Finn encourages students to get involved with the campus.

"Stay up to date with activities," he said. "There is always something happening on campus."

As for the people here on campus, Finn said that JSU really is the friendliest campus in the South.

"I've had very few run-ins with unfriendly people here," he said. "You do, in fact, feel like a family on campus."

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Mize's higher-ups were not nearly as pleased with his mode of discipline as Mize was. But even today, he contends that it was the right thing to do.

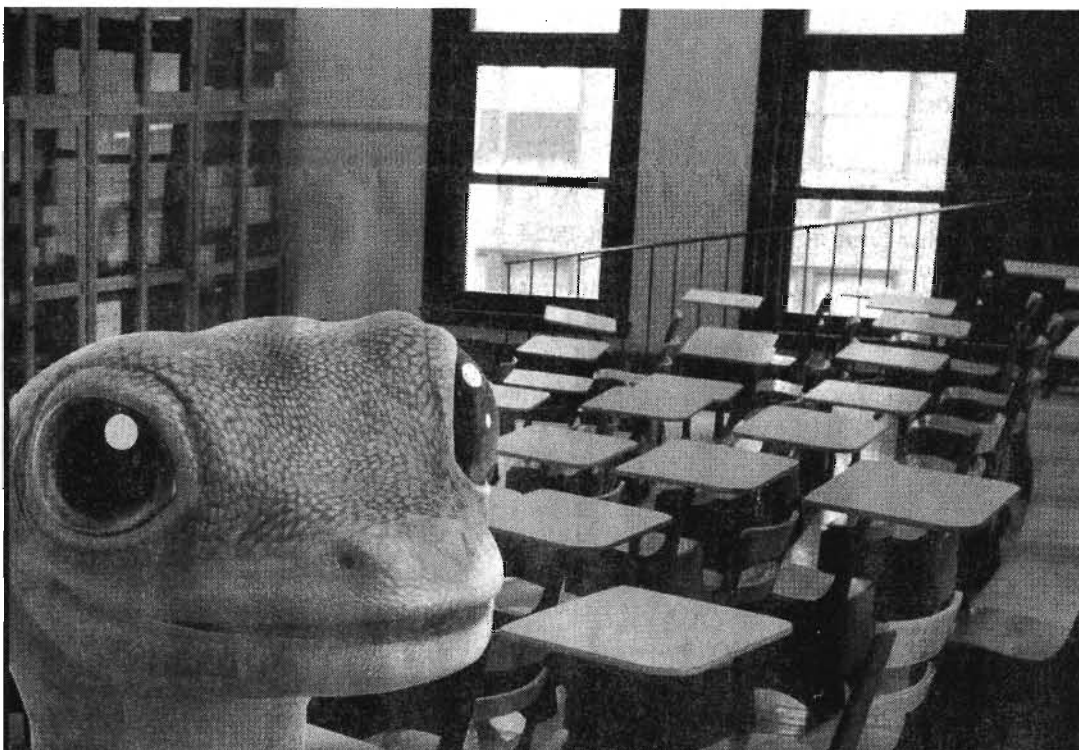
"I tell you this stuff like this for a reason," Mize said. "You may be in a situation sometime where you have to take a drastic measure."

Mize explained that fear during battle had never been an issue. For him, the fear came later, upon recollection of what he had done and seen. He explained to the cadets that everyone handles their fears in their own way.

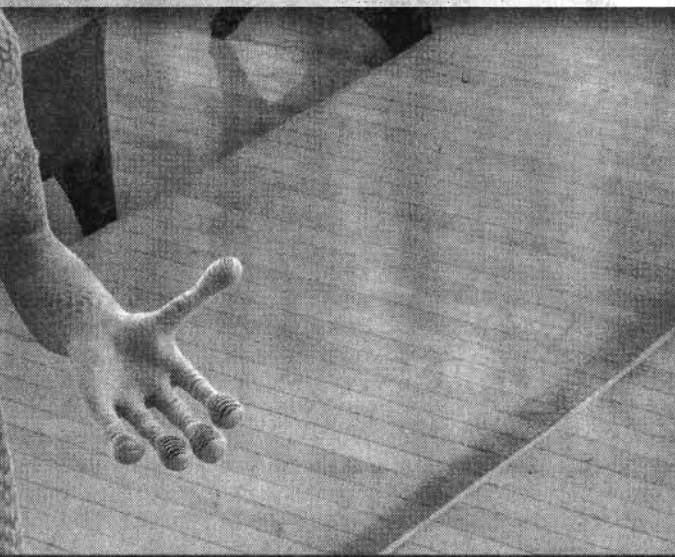
"I've seen men turn completely gray-headed overnight," he said. "It can do a lot to you."

At the conclusion of Mize's speech, friend and decorated Vietnam veteran Rich Vaughan stood and said that over the years, he has encountered over a 100 individuals who served under Mize — but has yet to find one who would not want to work with him again.

"He might seem like a rebel or a renegade," Vaughan said, "but (Mize) has a heart bigger than this room."



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OUR VOICE

Meehan right on fees stance

Everything has its price. We pay taxes so we can have roads, schools and the Department of the Interior. We pay health insurance so we can get medical care when we need it.

And yes, at colleges and universities across the nation, we pay for usage of recreation facilities, labs, technology classrooms and university services.

Usually, such costs are deferred through separate fees charged to the students. But that has not been the case at JSU. The University of South Alabama, for example, charges no fewer than ten separate fees, for everything from registration to transportation.

Things are, at least viscerally, different here. This institution has a president adamantly opposed to student fees. Dr. Meehan is joined in this opposition by the president of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Jim Rayburn, and, presumably, the students themselves.

The issue was most recently raised at the Jan. 28 Board of Trustees meeting, during which Johnny Williams of Creative Marketing Management presented a plan proposing a boost in student fees to cover the cost of improvements to Paul Snow Stadium. Meehan and Rayburn have

ing institution. With a growing student population comes a bigger need for constructing new buildings and expanding old facilities, as we've seen recently.

With the state's education budget facing a \$500 million shortfall in fiscal year 2009, Governor Riley and Legislature are talking about reducing funding for colleges and universities to 2007 levels.

So, the new money would have to be found *somewhere*.

Growth costs money. No one is disputing that. But what is less clear is where the money comes from and where it will come from in the future.

Obviously, the first source of income is student tuition. What better way to raise money (for oh say, an expanded stadium?) then to bump up the price for students to attend here. Thus, the notion of adding student fees is not all that surprising.

However, Williams and others who support the expanded stadium (and no doubt a subsequent move up in football division) will be hard-pressed to find widespread support of their idea from the students.

We understand the necessity of student fees. And we wholeheartedly support Mee-

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Dear Kevin, You rock. Love, Kevin

Sincerest Kevin,

Happy Valentine's Day. I know how you hate exclamation points, so I'll spare you! Oops.

Anyway, just noticed you were single this year. Again. That's cool, though. This day isn't meant to make you aware of the blatantly obvious.

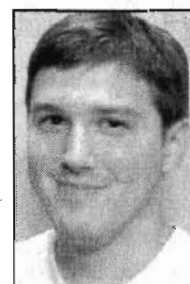
This is a day for love. And those who are in love. Which, unless you count your increasingly unhealthy obsession with Natalie Portman, doesn't include you.

Sorry, sorry. Not trying to make you feel worse here. Just trying to give you my best, is all.

Sure, everyone you know who has a boyfriend or girlfriend is all cutesy this time of year. Half of your friends are engaged. The majority of the people you graduated high school with a million years ago are all married and/or have kids and/or already divorced by now and/or remarried.

So that's bonus for you, right?

You've been spared the torment of failed marriage,



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Thing is Kevbo, Kevmeister, Kevy Kev, Kevils — you're no different from any other single person out there on this, the day that is all about love (and not corporate greeting card companies).

You know what I'm talking about.

Earlier today, even, you were talking to one of your

single friends and he brought up Valentine's Day.

"Ugh. I hate that day," he said.

Even though you've expressed exactly the same yourself very recently, hearing it from him got you to thinking about it.

Should the word "hate" be used anywhere near Valentine's Day? Ideally, no.

Sadly, though, that's how most single people feel on

schedule is a girlfriend? That how it was a relief that you didn't have to worry about someone on VD this year?

Shouldn't all single people think of it in that way?

For the optimists — which you are — yes.

What you need, and what all of your single comrades need, to do is simply be happy for what you have.

But, more importantly, you should be happy for what the ones in love have.

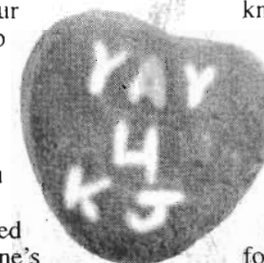
You've been in that place before. You know, love. It was pretty cool. You remember it fondly.

And you'll have it again one day.

Then, the stress surrounding Valentine's Day will be that of "What to get her this year?" instead of "Oh f*%^

it's Single's Awareness Day yay for the happy f*%^#@g couples whoopity-f*%^#@g-doo."

Don't be bitter, whatever you do. And tell your single friends the same thing when they



which Johnny Williams of Creative Marketing Management presented a plan proposing a boost in student fees to cover the cost of improvements to Paul Snow Stadium. Meehan and Rayburn have since expressed concern about the necessity of such fees.

That doesn't seem to be the whole story. JSU is a burgeon-

sequent move up in football division) will be hard-pressed to find widespread support of their idea from the students.

We understand the necessity of student fees. And we wholeheartedly support Meehan's stance against fees.

If we want to sustain growth, more innovative solutions must be found.

YOUR VOICE

Importance of weather radios

Last week, a devastating tornado outbreak hit several states, killing many people. One of those tornadoes struck Union University in Jackson, Tenn. Although no students died in the storm, I cannot fathom the thought of a large tornado hitting the campus of JSU.

Some of the students at Union did not know the storm was coming or disregarded the warning.

I strongly recommend that students purchase a NOAA weather radio for their dorm, house, apartment or especially if they live in a mobile home. It will warn people of coming bad weather such as a severe thunderstorm or tornado. The radio also alerts the person of industrial emergencies such as toxic chemical spills, which is crucial due to our location near the Anniston Army Depot.

These radios are especially crucial at night when one is asleep. In the middle of the night, one may not be watching TV to see if the storm is

coming. Do not depend on the tornado sirens because those are designed only for people who are outdoors, not indoors. Sirens are hard to hear if one is asleep. The NOAA weather radio alert tone will sound to wake one up to hear the warning for their county, so that they can figure out what kind of action he or she needs to take.

NOAA weather radios are also battery-operated so that if the power goes out, one can continue to receive crucial weather information. The new weather radio models allow one to program their own county into the radio so that the alert goes off only for the county entered into the radio. Most models cost around \$30 dollars with some going for around \$40 dollars. If a student has roommates, have everyone pool their money together to get one. It could mean the difference between life and death.

— Aaron Tanner

The majority of the people you graduated high school with a million years ago are all married and/or have kids and/or already divorced by now and/or remarried.

So that's bonus for you, right?

You've been spared the torment of failed marriage, though you've had your share of failed relationships. And hey, not all of them were even your fault! Oops again.

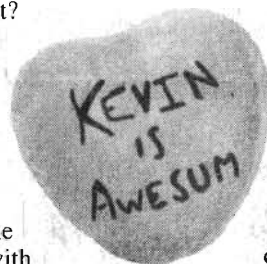
Oh, was that a sore spot?

Sorry ... I know you've had some Valentine's Days in the past with which you had someone to share. Maybe not this year. Or last year. Or the year before. Wait, you did the year before.

Wow, seems like forever ago.

Hey! Don't get mad at me for bringing it up!

Okay. Apology accepted.



cently, hearing it from him got you to thinking about it.

Should the word "hate" be used anywhere near Valentine's Day? Ideally, no.

Sadly, though, that's how most single people feel on this day. You yourself — and in your most honest moments, you'll admit this — have also badly dreaded Feb. 14.

Two years ago you didn't. And two years before that you didn't. You went crazy for your girlfriend on this day.

The things you were making fun of Matt for? That was you not so long ago.

Funny when you think of it like that, isn't it? And wasn't it you, Kevonator, who just recently told one of your best friends the last thing you need with your insanely busy



that of "What to get her this year?" instead of "Oh f*% it's Single's Awareness Day yay for the happy f*%#@g couples whoopity-f*%#@g-doo."

Don't be bitter, whatever you do. And tell your single friends the same thing when they mention how much they hate this day.

Tell your family and your friends how much you love them. It's as much about that as it is significant others.

Buy up all the discounted chocolate on Feb. 15.

Take an extra second or two this Valentine's Day to remember your exes fondly, and be happy for the ones who have found that someone else. They deserve it.

But most of all, just keep asking your friends if they know anyone cute for ya.

Gotta go. Ttyl big guy.

— Kevin XOXO

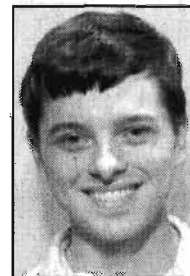
During strike, time enough at last

And so it appears the end is at hand. Not an apocalyptic thing, mind you, but the three-month-old Writer's Guild of America strike.

To be fair, I've missed my TV shows as much as anyone else. Without *Supernatural* and *The Office*, it can be hard to remember it's Thursday. I was just getting into *Reaper* when its episodes went into perpetual reruns. The rise of reality programming to fill the gaps has been maddening. And even though its salad days are far behind it, I even miss *Saturday Night Live*.

No doubt, I've missed a lot. But maybe the biggest effect of the strike has been what I haven't missed.

I've been concentrating more on my homework. Instead of spending the evening aimlessly flipping across the dial, I've been engaging in one of my favorite hobbies, drawing. I've been reading more (though I was no book slouch to begin with). I painted abstract expressionist pieces. Whether it's to get the mail or to drive to Birmingham, I've been getting out more. I've been talking to people. I learned to send text messages. It's a



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cultural revolution!

Okay, so maybe it isn't that important, and pretending the writers' strike has been a personal epiphany for me is melodramatic. But I have discovered that when the distraction of television is absent, I have a lot more time than I'd imagined.

Suddenly, there was time for all those things I put off or ignored because I thought there weren't enough hours in the day. The hours, it turns out, were not lost or missing altogether, but instead consumed by my television habits.

Instead of lamenting the loss of free time, I picked up some interesting books and read. I played my bass clarinet and my piano. I caught up on back issues of *Science News*. I did the things I never thought about doing before, back when the glowing box in my

bedroom offered something funny, provocative or just plain distracting.

The past few months have been an interesting period. I miss my favorite television shows, and I'll be very happy when they're back later this spring.

At the same time, however, I rediscovered — somewhat sheepishly, because I knew all along — that there's a Big Wide World out there, one that keeps moving whether I'm paying attention or not. I don't want to lose that again.

So, when the weather gets warmer and spring allows us to throw our coats back in the closet for another year, I'm not going to reach for my remote quite as often. I'll set a tape (yes, I'm that antiquated) and I'll do what I want to do, not setting my life by a TV network clock.

Of course, I'll carry a radio with me so I can still listen to *All Things Considered*. Let's not get too crazy with it.

My shows will still be there to watch whenever I want, but as I've come to realize, my life won't be so easy to rewind and play back.

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Music Corner

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

Jack Johnson
Sleep Through the Static

The Jack is back. Johnson, the surfer/singer-songwriter from Hawaii, has returned for his fifth full-length album, *Sleep Through The Static*.

The same old Jack is what you need to expect. Nothing really all that new is found in *Sleep*. The laidback surfer attitude is still influential to the music.

The album is very mellow and can often give you images of waves crashing on the beach, especially on "Same Girl." It is an especially good album to wind down to at the end of the day.

The highlights include "If I Had Eyes," the soft and sweet "Angel," "Same Girl," "Go On," and "Enemy." Unfortunately, the rest of the album may really help you sleep through all the static. In some cases, it is almost too mellow for its own good.

The formula Johnson has used on *Sleep* doesn't seem like it has strayed too far from all his other music. While it has worked quite well and brought him much popularity, the formula has worked much better on previous albums. If you are looking for quintessential Jack Johnson, *Sleep Through The Static* doesn't disappoint.

They say that the sign of a good artist is that they continue to evolve. If this is true, Jack has got his work cut out for him on the next album. But, overall it's not bad.

B-

— Matt McRae



ALSO IN ROTATION

Xiu Xiu
Women as Lovers

If there's one word I can use to describe San Francisco-based indie rock band Xiu Xiu's latest release *Women as Lovers*, it would be different.

Different says a lot about an album, but it says even more when describing an album by a band whose musical efforts generally tend to dive into the far end of the weird pool.

Xiu Xiu (pronounced shoe shoe), takes the term experimental to a whole new level.

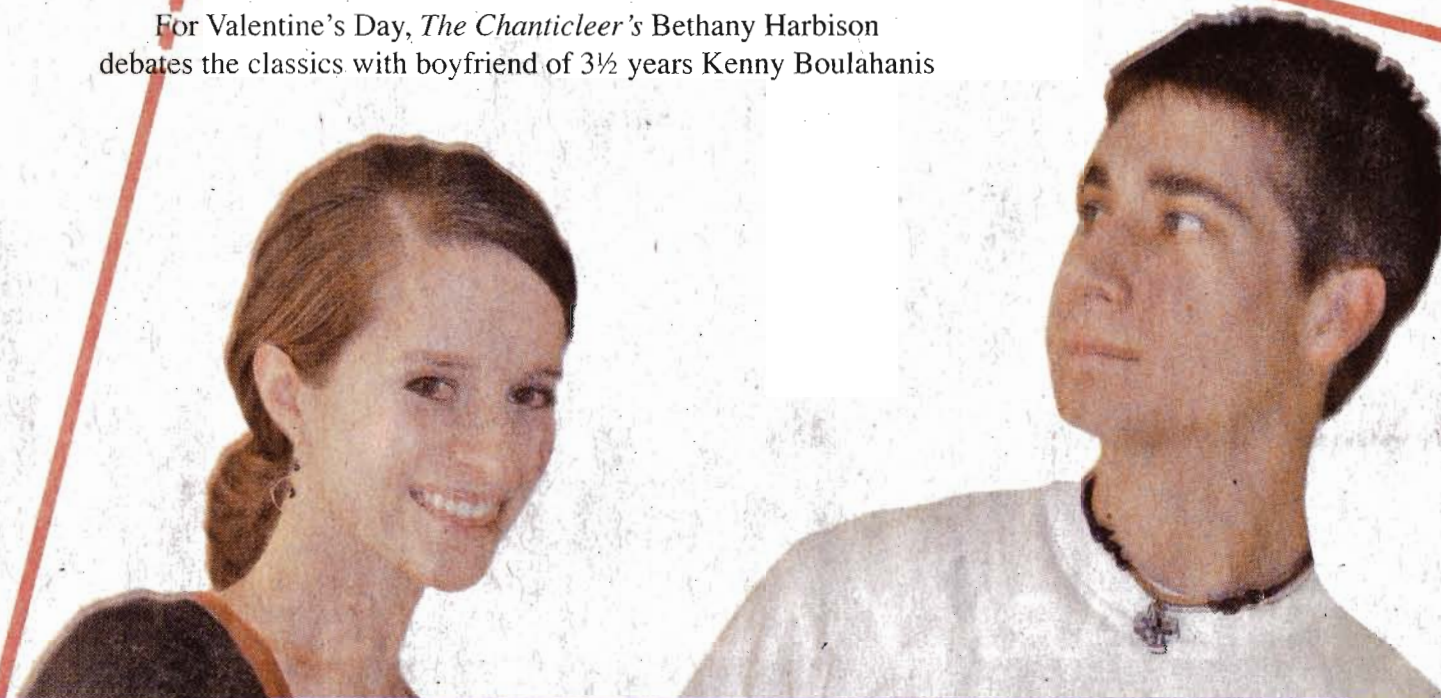
Women as Lovers is an interesting release that



Romantic comedies. Chick flicks. Girls love them. Guys hate them. Either way, with these movies most couples have a ...

love / hate relationship

For Valentine's Day, *The Chanticleer's* Bethany Harbison debates the classics with boyfriend of 3½ years Kenny Boulahanis



You've Got Mail

Bethany

This one might just be my favorite — my mom and I can quote entire conversations. "I go online. My breath catches in my chest until I hear 3 little words, 'You've got mail,' I hear nothing, not a sound on the streets of New York. Just the beat of my own heart. I have mail...from you." Oh wow, gets me every time.

Kenny

Who seriously would want to fall in love with somebody over an e-mail and not even know what they look like? I know people say looks don't matter, but we all know that's a lie. And if you watch a movie enough to quote it, then you obviously should be watching more basketball games with me.



Titanic

Her

I'll never forget the first time I saw this movie — I was in the sixth grade, and when Jack told Kate to hold her breath, I held mine too. This movie was beautifully filmed, and it has just enough romance, violence and morbidity to satisfy anyone's tastes, I'd say. And yes, it still makes me cry.

Him

For one thing, the length of the movie is ridiculous. Who wants to watch a movie about two people on a sinking boat "falling in love" for four hours? I'd rather be sleeping, watching a basketball game, or even studying for a test than wasting time wondering why in the heck she throws the necklace in the water at the end.



The Notebook

The girl

I don't even want to hear you complain about this one. Remember sitting in the theater when this came out? I was sobbing uncontrollably by the end, and you know very well that you teared up a little too. I saw you

The guy

First off, I was not "tearing up." I was scratching my eye. I mean, sure, it is a good love story, but it's nothing like the love story in *The 300*. Now that's a movie I'll watch again. *The Notebook* is okay, but it doesn't live up to the



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Women as Lovers is an interesting release that deserves a good hard listen and a little bit of thought to really comprehend its whole scope. The music is a spacious but forceful concoction of sopping wet harpsichords, detonating percussion, submerged rock, atonal scaffolding and unhinged electro-pop. Featuring squawking saxophones, out-of-tune strings, out-of-sync rhythms, spacey keyboard effects and the snaking vocals of front man Jamie Stewart, the album has an immense collection of sounds and texture that's only one half of the magic.

The album's themes of lust, voyeurism, revenge, love and an overwhelming sense of eroticism are lyrical marvels and go along nicely with music that properly reflects upon the album's nature.

The album may not be an enjoyable to those not in tune with Xiu Xiu's flavor of Indie-Snob music. Key tracks to listen to are: "I Do What I Want When I Want," "In Lust You Can Hear the Axe Fall," "FTW" and "Guantanamo Canto."

C+

— Corey Martin

Bon Iver

For Emma, Forever Ago

Songs of nature and songs of agony are usually left to their own genres of music, but then again, I just heard of this band.

Wisconsin-based Bon Iver — and its main star Justin Vernon — debuts with *For Emma, Forever Ago*. The album's songs are almost all sang in a falsetto. The agony of the songs and pictures of nature are sang vividly throughout.



After the band that Vernon used to play in moved to North Carolina and broke up, he moved to a cabin in the woods for four months and opened his eyes to his heart and to nature. This type of secluded writing style is very respectful, and I wish that I liked the songs that he produced, but I just think this album is horrible.

I consider this album to be just another to collect dust and take up space at another college radio station. The one thing that this album may do for good is to encourage today's youth that anyone, with a little talent and a little money, can make an album.

After listening for one cycle, my first instinct was to throw it out the window, but I had to keep listening to see if I could find something good, and for that my soul will be weeping for weeks.

D-

This album should never get play time, and I will be happy when I get these songs out of my head.

— Matthew Singleton

The girl

I don't even want to hear you complain about this one. Remember sitting in the theater when this came out? I was sobbing uncontrollably by the end, and you know very well that you teared up a little too. I saw you wipe your eyes.

The guy

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A Walk to Remember

She says

This is "our" movie, and you know it. We both, but most especially you, have seen this one at least a dozen times and always know what's about to happen before it does. We also both know that you have a secret crush on Mandy Moore, but it's okay. I still love you. I'm just glad there's at least one chick flick on which we can agree.

He sez

I do admit that out of all the chick flicks, this is my favorite. And yes, it doesn't hurt that Mandy Moore plays a significant role. It's just that she has a good singing voice — I promise! But seriously, when I think of this movie, it makes me think of all the romantic things that I would do, and will do, for you.



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The Gamecocks have made it to the OVC Championship game every year since joining the league, winning in 2004 and 2006. And we have every reason to think this team will be returning for the fifth consecutive year this May.



By Jered Staubs
Sports Editor

The JSU baseball team continues to add to its resume as the premier program in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Gamecocks have made it to the OVC Championship Game every year since joining the league, winning in 2004 and 2006. Coach Jim Case believes there is every reason to think his team will be returning for the fifth consecutive year this May.

"That's our goal, to play in the final game every year," Case said. "It's disappointing that we weren't able to win that final game last year, but we figure that if we keep getting there, we'll win our share."

Austin Peay defeated JSU in the championship game last season. The Gamecocks — who had been 27-2 when leading after six innings prior to the game — allowed a seventh-inning rally that turned a 2-1 lead into a 3-2 loss.

The missed opportunity has left a bad taste in the Gamecocks' collective mouth, and the team realizes it must give maximum effort to erase that result.

"The rest of the league has gunned for us," Case said. "That's a great place to be, at the top, but when you're there, you better be ready to bring it every game."

The leader

Clay Whittemore made a leap to become the Gamecocks' statistical leader last season. This season, the senior is contributing as a clubhouse leader as well.

"The great thing about Clay is that he's such a character kid," Case said. "It's not all about him. He's developed into a leader and

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Softball The Gamecocks have to replace their best two players from last season. Enter Kayla Collins. Page 3B

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Sunrise
to sunset

Trades can make or break a team's future.

Over the last two weeks, some of the biggest names in both the NBA and MLB have been sent packing. Some have unloaded disgruntled superstars and opted for youth, while others seek to build for the future.

The Phoenix Suns looked poised to go deep into the playoffs once again this year, but I'm not so sure about that anymore.

They traded for one of the highest-profile athletes in league in Shaquille O'Neal sending him to Miami for Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks.

The oft-injured O'Neal is supposed to upgrade the Suns defense?

I don't see that happening. Marion is still in his prime and is an excellent defender. He rebounds, blocks shots and can steal the ball from anyone.

As of Saturday night, Marion was ranked in the top 15 in both steals and rebounds per game. Standing at only 6-foot-7, those numbers seem pretty impressive to me.

Hot shots, part quatre
Rifle wins 4th consecutive OVC championship

By Webb Dillard
Senior Writer

The Jacksonville State University rifle team is definitely locked, cocked and ready to rock. Just days after closing out its fourth consecutive Ohio Valley Conference championship, it now sets its sights on sectionals and then the NCAA tourney.

Junior Michael Dickinson and sophomore Jonathan Hall both made the 2008 All-OVC First Team in both Air Rifle and Small-bore Rifle. In March, the same sharp-shooting tandem will travel to Colorado Springs, Col. to compete in the Olympic tryouts held at the U.S. Olympic Training Facility.

Coach Ron Frost attributes the success of the program to "good shooters and great recruiting."

"We just try to help each other as much as possible. Coach reminds us to keep our focus and keeps us on task," junior leader Michael Dickinson said. "But if I, or any one of us, notices one of the guys doing something wrong, we are quick to help."

Jacksonville State will be hosting Tennessee Tech University and Murray State University during the regional sectional.

Looking ahead to the sectional, Coach Frost said, "Murray State is probably going to be the toughest team we face here in our sectional. Murray State actually took a 6 point lead on us Day one of the conference finals."



Freshman Josh Grantham, a native of Enterprise, Ala., takes target practice. Photo by Webb Dillard / The Chanticleer

Coach Frost came to JSU four years ago with very few expectations.

"I wasn't sure what I was walking into. I had been out of the rifle scene for so long, I didn't know how far along this program would be," he said.

"I most certainly didn't expect the team

would be as successful as we have been in the last three years and now including this year.

"Our goals are not going to change. We still expect to win the OVC every year, and before I leave here we will win a National Championship."

Focusing on the future

On the heels of a disappointing 6-5 season, football signs 24 players

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State football team shifted its focus to the future last Wednesday, as the Gamecocks signed 24 players from the class of 2008.

This group adds on to the list of eight prospects that JSU brought in for the spring semester

record.

"We had to have a quarterback situation settled for the future," JSU head coach Jack Crowe said. "We got two guys, both of them undefeated in the major classifications of their state. I think that was first and foremost."

The Gamecocks also loaded up on offensive and defensive linemen in the 2008 class to add

built a solid foundation along the line of scrimmage, and we did that with offensive line signing class," Crowe said.

"We did bring in two in January, along with the one that we bring in the fall, to have what I think are three quality defensive linemen. I think we, secondly, built a foundation of linemen," Crowe added.

The final category that

athleticism that you've got to have on both sides of the ball," Crowe added.

It appears that both Ivory and Wetson may be given the opportunity to get some early playing time along with several of the junior college transfers that JSU added in January.

"I think the quarterbacks will be (ready). They're going to play," Crowe said. "You're

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BRIEFS

• Jacksonville State's **Nick Murphy** was named the Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Week for the second consecutive week. Murphy received the honor after putting up 27 points and 12 rebounds in an overtime loss at Tennessee Tech. The freshman from Bronx, NY, has received the award three times this season.

• The **Jacksonville State softball team's** home opener with UAB, scheduled for Tuesday, was postponed due to the threat of bad weather. The doubleheader will be re-scheduled for a date that has not yet been determined.

• Jacksonville State's **Allie Barker** was named the Ohio Valley Conference Softball Player of the Week after hitting .308 with two home runs and six RBI at the Bama Bash in Tuscaloosa. The Gamecocks won two games against South Alabama but lost to Purdue and eventual tournament champion Alabama.

• Barker, along with teammate **Kayla Collins**, was also named to the Bama Bash All-Tournament team. Collins hit .417 with a double and two RBI.

• Jacksonville State's **Nolinda Garner** was named the Ohio Valley Conference Track Athlete of the Week. Garner led the Gamecocks to a third place finish at the McDonald's Invitational, hosted by Southern Illinois, with a pair of second place finishes. She finished with a time of 8.91 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles.

• The **Jacksonville State track team** broke the school record for the 1600-meter relay with a time of 3:56.90 at the McDonald's

was ranked in the top 15 in both steals and rebounds per game. Standing at only 6-foot-7, those numbers seem pretty impressive to me.

In fact, I consider Marion to be one of the top 10 players in the league. He is the total package and can do just about everything on the basketball court.

Shaquille O'Neal, on the other hand, hasn't done anything this season. He has missed 16 games already this season and is only averaging 14.2 points per game to go along with just 7.8 boards per game.

I could be wrong on this one, but I don't see the Suns going past the second round of the playoffs without Marion.

This was a great trade for the Heat, who are horrible by the way. They unloaded a player who is steadily declining year after year and the 40 million dollars left on his contract.

The two biggest trades in the MLB saw the Mets pick up Johan Santana and the Mariners grab Erik Bedard in exchange for Adam Jones.

What were the Twins thinking?

They received four minor leaguers for arguably the best pitcher in baseball. I'm sure these kids have plenty of potential, but I've never heard of any of them. They could have gotten more for Santana but opted to send him to a National League squad.

This definitely doesn't bode well for Braves fans.

I can't understand the philosophy behind the Mariners trade with Baltimore. Seattle has had some of the most talented baseball players I've ever seen in the last 15 years but can't ever seem to hold onto them.

Alex Rodriguez, Ken Griffey Jr. and Randy Johnson all once wore a Mariners uniform. Now they have traded away their future in Adam Jones. Don't get me wrong, Bedard is great, but he isn't going to help the Mariners win the division. Not on a team with Richie Sexson and Adrian Beltre in the middle of the lineup.

Baltimore is reloading for the future, something the Mariners should have thought about.

Like I said earlier, trades can make or break a franchise. Maybe the general managers for the Suns, Twins and Mariners will realize this one day.

as the Gamecocks signed 24 players from the class of 2008.

This group adds on to the list of eight prospects that JSU brought in for the spring semester.

The biggest objective for JSU was bringing in a fresh group of quarterbacks, and the Gamecocks did just that adding Marques Ivory and Casey Wetson to the mix.

Ivory played at Northside High School in Warner-Robbins, Ga. He never lost a game in his time as a starting quarterback and led his team to back-to-back state championships.

Wetson had his fair share of success at Prattville High School as well helping direct his squad to its second consecutive state championship and a 15-0

major classification of their state. I think that was first and foremost."

The Gamecocks also loaded up on offensive and defensive linemen in the 2008 class to add depth in the trenches.

The group of offensive linemen includes three players from the state of Georgia: D.J. Lashus from Dalton High School, Tori Mobley from Carver High School and Mike Powers from Dodge County High School.

The Gamecocks also added Matt Jones from Hoover High School and twins Taylor and Tylor Chambers from Red Bank High School in Hixson, Tenn., to round out the offensive lineman class.

"We had to make sure that we

what I think are three quality defensive linemen. I think we, secondly, built a foundation of linemen," Crowe added.

The final category that Crowe and his staff looked to fill throughout the recruiting process was athletes.

"Thirdly, you have to get into that athlete category," Crowe said. "Sometimes it's a little hard to define by position because athletes in high school play all over the field. We were trying to get the guys who are known in their communities as the best athlete in town. Actually one of those guys is generally considered the best athlete in Birmingham."

"We wanted quarterbacks, a foundation of linemen and the

of the junior college transfers that JSU added in January.

"I think the quarterbacks will be (ready). They're going to play," Crowe said. "You're going to hear some new names. I think people need to expect to see some things that they have never seen before."

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— From staff reports

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Closing in on tournament berth

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

In need of a big win, the Jacksonville State women's basketball team took care of business last week, as they defeated Tennessee Tech 69-65.

The Gamecocks (10-14, 7-8 OVC) had been struggling on the road of late, dropping their last three games away from Pete Mathews Coliseum by an average of 29 points.

"We need every victory we can get," JSU coach Becky Geyer said. "Every victory is going to count. We've got to get a couple of more wins to secure a spot in the tournament."

JSU came out on fire behind a strong inside presence from sophomore Jolie Efezokhae and freshman Cierra Duhart. The duo scored the Gamecocks' first 18 points of the contest.

JSU led by double-digits throughout most of the first half, but a defensive adjustment by the Golden Eagles cut the lead to six before half time.

"We came out and got an early jump on them," Geyer said. "When our inside did so well, they switched to a zone, and we had to make some adjustments."

"They were in that zone to stop Jolie and Cierra. It took us a little while to get in our rhythm, but I thought we did a

OVC STANDINGS

Team	OVC
SEMO	12-2
EIU	13-3
Samford	11-3
Murray St.	10-5
TSU	8-8
JSU	7-8
EKU	6-7
Morehead	5-9
Tennessee St.	5-10
Austin Peay	2-13
UT-Martin	2-13

• The top eight teams earn a bid to the OVC tournament.

nice job of breaking that down and hitting some things from the outside," Geyer added.

After leading for the first 33 minutes of the game, the Gamecocks fell behind twice in the second half. Megan Lyons' three-pointer put the Golden Eagles up by one with 4:31 left to play, but JSU quickly regained the lead and held off TTU for the remainder of the contest.

"I think we've overall done a really good job of that (closing out games) this year. We just kept playing basketball. We ran some of our special plays, and we scored on those. Our girls

never panicked even though the majority of the ballgame we were up. I thought we did a nice job of just finishing it," Geyer said.

Four Gamecocks scored in double-figures on Thursday night. Efezokhae led the team with 17 points to go along with 10 rebounds, recording her sixth career double-double.

Junior Cassi Stuart scored 13 points, all coming in the second half, and Danielle Beneby and Duhart each added 11.

"When we have five people that score over 10 points, we're 5-0 in those games," Geyer said. "I think our well balanced scoring is what really makes us a hard team to defend."

The Gamecocks are currently sixth in the OVC standings with five games left to play. Eight teams make the conference tournament. JSU is currently three and a half games above ninth place Tennessee Tech, but the Gamecocks aren't comfortable with their position just yet.

"I think there are five teams fighting for four spots, and there is not that much difference between them," Geyer said. "I think right now there are a handful of teams that don't have a guarantee. It's just too close."

JSU will take on Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State this weekend.

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SOFTBALL

No Pappano, no Pittman, no problem

JSU softball looks for success without last season's 2 best players

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State softball team enters the 2008 season with high hopes of regaining Ohio Valley Conference supremacy.

The Gamecocks bring back a slew of All-OVC performers from last year. However, they will not have the services of Daniela Pappano or Karla Pittman this season.

Pappano left JSU as the school's career leader in home runs, RBIs, hits, runs scored, walks and at bats after earning All-OVC honors in four consecutive years.

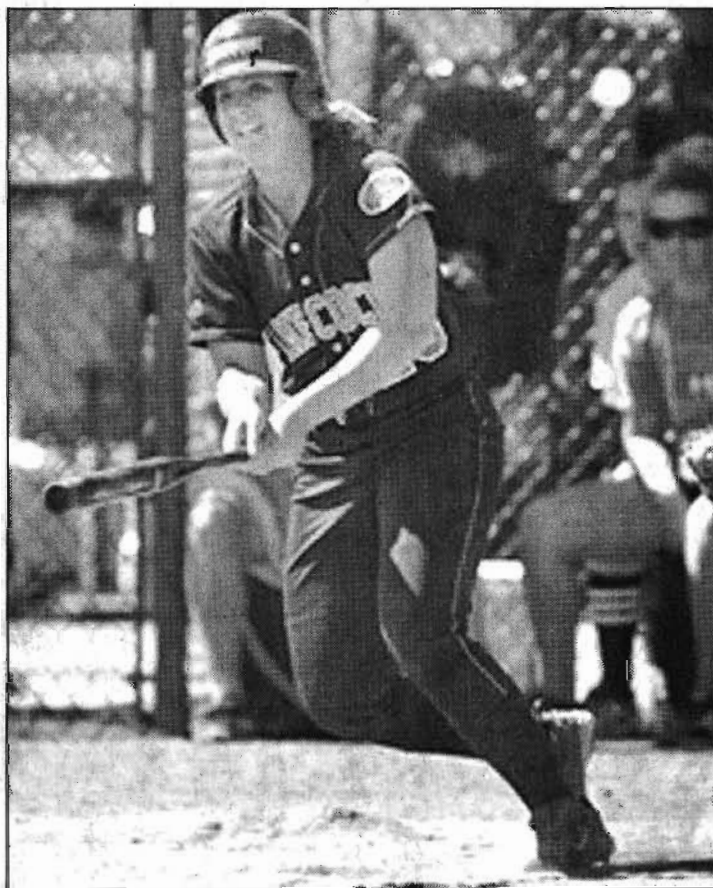
Pittman was arguably the OVC's best pitcher last year, but will miss the entire 2008 season with a leg injury.

"We just found out about 11 days ago that she is out for the season," JSU coach Jana McGinnis said. "She went in for what we thought may be some minor surgery. We thought at the most she might be out two weeks. But when they got in there, they found that she has a very serious injury to her femur bone.

"They said it would take her a year to rehab, so she is going to have to be redshirted. It's big anytime you lose a good pitcher like that, but hopefully good things can come from this. Hopefully somebody else will step up, and it will give somebody else a chance because pitching is key in this game.

Despite the losses of Pittman and Pappano, the Gamecocks return senior outfielder Rachel Fleming, senior designated hitter Alana Hicks, sophomore Chrissy O'Neal and sophomore Nikki Prier, all who earned second team All-OVC honors last season.

"I know that we return some good players," JSU coach Jana



Kayla Collins hits the ball to left field during the Bama Bash in Tuscaloosa. Photo courtesy of jsugamecocksports.com



JANA MCGINNIS

- Head coach, softball
- 15th season
- 440-248 record
- "I have high hopes for this season. Our goal is ... to win the tournament and go to regionals, and win regionals."

McGinnis said. "We did lose Daniella Pappano, who has rewritten a lot of the offense record books. It's hard to replace a player like her. I think that we return a lot of veterans that were key in us having such success last year, and we've added some very good players."

One such player is Florida State transfer Kayla Collins, who should give the Gamecocks a much-needed boost from both a pitching and hitting standpoint.

With Pittman being sidelined for the entire season, the majority of the pitching duties appear to have been handed to junior

Melissa Dowling and freshman Ashley Eliasson.

"We've got Ashley Eliasson, who is a pitcher and a freshman, who I think mentally wise is well beyond her years. She seems older mentally, and I think that is going to carry her a long way. That is going to be huge for us. I think she can help us as the season progresses."

If the Gamecocks are to regain the top spot in the OVC, they will have to find a way to unseat Tennessee Tech, who has won the conference tournament in each of the past two seasons.

"That's our first conference series, a three-game series at Tennessee Tech," McGinnis said. "That could be a huge difference-maker in the season if we can go in there and take two out of three."

"I told our girls that Tennessee Tech isn't the only school we have to focus on. After we play Tennessee Tech, we've still got eight other conference series to go. It would do us no good if we beat Tennessee Tech and then blow the others. We're going to take it one game at a time," McGinnis added.

JSU's season got started last weekend in the Bama Bash held at the University of Alabama. The Gamecocks defeated South Alabama twice but fell to both Alabama and Purdue.

"I have high hopes for this season. Our goal is the same as it always is. It's to win the tournament and go to regionals. And win regionals," McGinnis added. "I really like this team. This team works harder than any team we've had in a long time. They've got good attitude and seem to have good chemistry, so that will take you a long way."

PLAYER TO WATCH

Kayla Collins

It won't take long for Gamecock softball fans to notice Kayla Collins.

The Florida State transfer brings both a big bat and a live arm to Jacksonville State University and should have a big impact for the Gamecocks in 2008.

"Kayla Collins is not only a good pitcher, but she is probably a better hitter," JSU coach Jana McGinnis said.

Collins played two seasons for the Seminoles, but she decided to transfer to JSU after her sophomore season.

"Initially they (JSU) recruited me, and I came up here and I absolutely loved it," Collins said. "But it was always my dream to go to an in-state, big D-I school.

"I told coach McGinnis and coach Mark that I had already committed. They said, 'You know, if it doesn't work out, you're always welcome to come here.' It didn't work out, so I remembered JSU," Collins added.

Collins enters the 2008 season as the only Gamecock to have NCAA tournament experience, and she is expecting big things from this group.

— Jared Gravette

OTHER SPRING SPORTS

• Men's tennis

The JSU men's tennis team is looking to defend its OVC championship this season, but injuries have curbed some of that enthusiasm.

Scott Robertson, who was ranked the league's number two singles player in the preseason poll, has missed about three weeks with a back injury.

Coach Steve Bailey is hopeful that Robertson will be available in the near future, but the team will be without the services of number two player Bernardo Bachino all season.

Because of the injuries, a large burden will fall on sophomore Eduardo Suratt. Suratt was named to the All-OVC team as a freshman last year.

Now a sophomore, Suratt has stepped into the #1 role in Robertson's absence. Bailey also pinpointed Australian Chris Duke as one who has performed better in the absence of the team's big guns.

"Suratt has earned the number one spot," Bailey said, "but we're giving Chris a chance as well, because it's a lot of pressure to be that number one guy every time."

Also adding strength to the middle of the line-up will be seniors Andres Amores and Joey Unkenholz, both of whom have started for most of their four years at JSU.

• Women's tennis

The JSU women's tennis team will have a decidedly Brazilian flavor this spring.

Incoming freshmen Viviane Marani and Martina Dessbessell will occupy the top two singles positions this spring, and join fellow

Softball — probable starters

C - Allie Barker
1B - Nikki Prier
2B - Courtney Underwood
3B - Whitney Elder

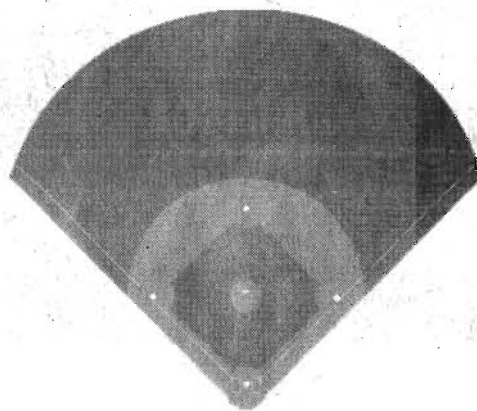
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3B - Whitney Elder
SS - Mary Beth Ledbetter
LF - Rachel Fleming
CF - Chrissy O'Neal
RF - Jackie Jarman

Pitchers: Kayla Collins, Melissa Dowling, Ashley Eliasson, Kelly McGregor



Baseball — probable starters

C - Andrew Edge
1B - Steven Leach
2B - Bert Smith
3B - John David Smelser
SS - Josh Sanders
LF - Todd Cunningham
CF - Daniel Adamson
RF - Clay Whittemore

Pitchers: Ben Tootle, Jordan Beistline, Justin King, Danny Andres, Nick Hetland

BASEBALL

Five in a row: Gamecocks look to get far in OVC again

Continued from page 1B

is helping the younger guys a lot."

The youthful Gamecocks can certainly look to their outfielder for an on-field role model.

Whittemore led the team in batting average (.391), hits (93), doubles (20) and runs batted in (69). He was one of two Gamecocks to start each of the team's 60 games.

A year after being named Second-Team All OVC and OVC tournament MVP honors in 2006, Whittemore was named OVC Player of the Year last season. He also became JSU's first Division I baseball All-American.

Indications are that the trophy case will become even more crowded at the end of the 2008 campaign. Whittemore has been named to the Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Award Watch List and named to the Louisville Slugger pre-season All-American team.

The supporting cast

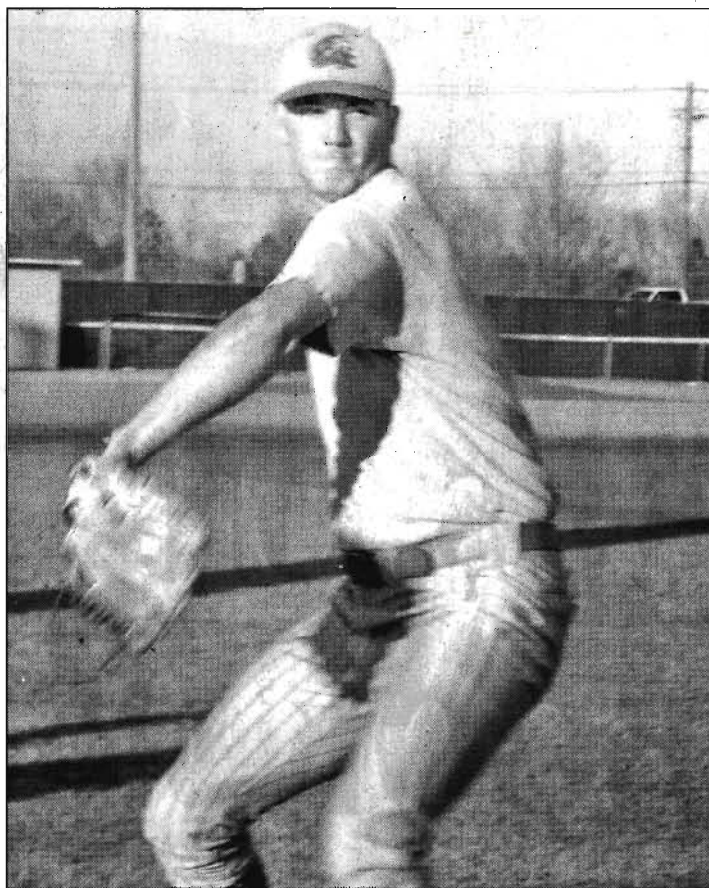
Other than Whittemore, JSU returns only three players who started at least half the team's games last season. Most notable is fellow All-OVC first team selection Bert Smith.

Smith, last season's starting second baseman, was second on the team in batting average at .359 and led the team by a wide margin in stolen bases with 20.

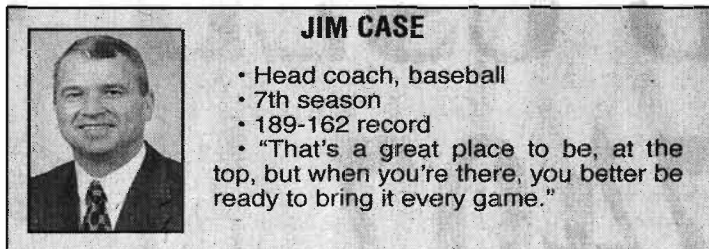
The junior may have trouble playing in every game as he did a year ago, however.

Smith underwent shoulder surgery on Feb. 12. Case said it was unclear whether Smith will be ready for the start of the season.

The other two primary returnees are shortstop Josh Sanders and outfielder Daniel Adamson.



Justin King is one of the pitchers the Gamecocks will count on this season. Photo by Bethany Harbison / *The Chanticleer*



JIM CASE

- Head coach, baseball
- 7th season
- 189-162 record
- "That's a great place to be, at the top, but when you're there, you better be ready to bring it every game."

Both were named to the OVC All-Freshman team a year ago.

Case says that the rest of the positions are still largely open, and will be determined in the two weeks leading up to JSU's first game on February 22.

"The good thing is that with the weather like it is, these guys are having every opportunity to prove themselves," he said. "By the time our season starts in two weeks, we'll have a better idea, but right now there's a lot of

fighting for jobs."

A farewell to arms

The biggest question mark for JSU's 2008 season lies in arguably the worst possible place — the pitching staff.

Foremost, the Gamecocks lost ace Donovan Hand, who was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 12th round last year.

Hand led the team in ERA at 3.78, led the team in innings pitched, and threw all seven of JSU's complete games. The bullpen will miss the consistency Hand provided.

Tony Drinkard and reliever Brett Harris will also be missed. Drinkard started 15 games, and went 7-3 with a 4.15 ERA. Harris went 6-1 with a 3.88 ERA out of the bullpen.

"It will be difficult to replace those guys, no doubt about it," Case said. "The only way to (replace them) is to have the guys that are here bumping it up a notch and the new guys coming in and pitching well too."

The lone returnee who started more than three games last year was OVC All-Freshman Ben Tootle. Tootle went 6-3 in his 17 starts and compiled a 5.91 ERA.

Helping to fill the void will be University of Mississippi transfer Nick Hetland. The senior pitched only 15 total innings for the Rebels, but Case believes Hetland, along with freshmen Jordan Beistline, Jason Zylstra and John David Smelser, will be able to make an immediate impact.

Alex Jones led the team in saves a year ago and ended the year with a respectable 4.02 ERA, so he will likely be the team's primary closer.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Clay Whittemore

With the constant accolades bestowed upon Clay Whittemore, one might think that success has gone to his head.

Instead, the senior right fielder remains focused on the team's goals.

"As long as we win a conference championship, I'll be happy," he said. "We came so close last year, and it's really heartbreaking to come that close and come up short."

Whittemore says he is a quiet person by nature, but he has asserted himself a little more this year in an effort to help the team's younger players.

Whittemore was reluctant to pinpoint any individual goals, but did seem intent to raise his .391 batting average.

"I was close to hitting .400 last year, and I was kind of eyeballing it a little bit, and I probably shouldn't have done that," Whittemore said. "But because baseball relies so much on individual matchups, yeah, the better my numbers are, the better our team will be."

— Jered Staubs

decidedly Brazilian flavor this spring.

Incoming freshmen Viviane Marani and Martina Dessbessell will occupy the top two singles positions this spring, and join fellow Brazilians Eloah Lopes and Julianna Renesto in the starting five.

"Well, we recruited one girl from down there, and I have a coach who I'm friends with in Brazil also," coach Steve Bailey said. "Then, one of the guys who played in Brazil told us about (Marani and Dessbessell) and said we better get to recruiting them quick, so we did."

The lone American who is projected to start for the Gamecocks is Lubbock, Texas native Kimberly Ferris, who will be the number three seed.

The uncertainty surrounding the Gamecocks' international talent led to the coaches voting JSU sixth in the preseason poll. Bailey says that he doesn't really put much into that.

"It's a blind draw," he said. "I hope they forget about us, because we're talented, and we can get to be a really good team."

• Track

The 2008 track and field campaign has begun with several record-breaking performances by JSU.

Freshman Crystal Estes has established a new school record for shot put four times this season. Most recently, she threw a distance of 39'0.50" at the SIU Invitational.

She also set the school record for weight throw, and Amber Wiley set the school pole vault record by clearing 11 feet.

Nolinda Garner has also set a school record in the 60 meter hurdles and ran the second fastest time in school history in the 400 meter dash.

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