

A tale of two Howes



Former Phi Mu Alpha president John Howe claims he was wrongfully ejected from Saturday's football game.
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JSU alum claims he was ejected from football game

By Zach Childree
Editor in Chief

Differing reports are emerging about an incident that allegedly took place Saturday, October 4, at the football game between Jacksonville State University and South East Missouri State University.

JSU alumni and former president of Phi Mu Alpha fraternity, John Howe, claims he was ejected from the stadium because of a misunderstanding.

Howe, who had come from a fundraiser for the Spirit Drum and Bugle Corps in Talledega, claims he was visiting the JSU Marching Southerners in the stands when, from the top of the stadium, he saw a friend walking outside the stadium below.

"I thought I would just drop my empty water bottle and get his attention," Howe said. "But the wind caught it and it hit a couple walking

nearby."

Howe said the couple then alerted a University Police officer nearby who came and pulled Howe from the stands.

Howe said that's when things started to unravel.

"The 20-J's started chanting 'free John Howe'," Howe said.

20-J's are the name of the tuba section of the Marching Southerners.

Howe claims he was questioned by the officer and then asked to leave the stadium.

"As I started to walk away, the 20-J's started chanting again 'John Howe's free,'" Howe said.

University Police chief, Shawn Giddy, has a different story. According to Giddy, UPD Corporal Rickey Gaither was called to question an unruly student he identified as Howe. Gaither reported that Howe had thrown his cell phone onto the

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Coming out in the open

Gay students still face challenges on campus

By Julie Skinner
News Editor

Saturday, October 11, is known as "National Coming Out Day," which began 21 years ago on October 11, 1987.

According to the Human Rights Campaign's website (www.hrc.org), over half a million people marched at Washington for the protection of gay and lesbian rights on this day.

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al Public Radio.

At Jacksonville State University, Dr. Tina Deshotels, a professor in the Sociology Department, is the faculty advisor for SAFE, Sexual Acceptance for Everyone. SAFE was created in 1996 by a Sociology major who felt that the atmosphere wasn't GLBT-friendly and felt left out.

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"When we've done activities on education, we've really tried to focus on reducing the stereotypes around homosexuality," Deshotels said. "We just try to normalize the idea of gayness, and break down some of those myths and stereotypes."

According to Deshotels, some of the biggest stereotypes that GLBT are faced with are the idea that gays and lesbians try to recruit heterosexuals to become homosexual, the criticism towards gay families and the idea that homosexual families will raise homosexual children.

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According to hrc.org, the first National Coming Out Day was covered in 18 states and gained national media attention on the Oprah Winfrey Show, CNN, USA Today and Nation-

friendly and felt left out. "In the notes from one of their first meetings, [the founder] felt that people would question the morality of the group, but stated that the main purpose was to maintain a positive attitude and keep our eyes set on the goal to have everyone accepted at JSU," Deshotels said.

SAFE, which is currently inactive due to not having an organizational leader, is still available to join and even lead. Still today, their goal of educating about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, has stayed the same.

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The fear of "coming out" for many GLBT, has become an obstacle due to fear of how society and their peers will accept them. According to Deshotels, the biggest population at risk for suicide is teens.

"The fear of coming out will mostly stem from rejection, or if they are very

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Rogers, Segall face off in debate

By Bob Johnson
AP Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers and his Democratic opponent for Alabama's 3rd Congressional District seat, Joshua Segall, had different views Tuesday on how much political experience a good congressman needs.

The 50-year-old Rogers pointed to his six years in Congress and eight years in the Alabama Legislature.

"You can hire this very young zealot advocate, who wants to do a good job, but has very little experience," Rogers said, referring to Segall, a 29-year-old Montgomery lawyer making his first run for political office.

Segall responded that the 3rd Congressional District needs a new voice in Congress.

"When you look at experience, you have to ask yourself what has experience gotten you," Segall said. He said Rogers has not done enough to create jobs in the east Alabama district.

The two spoke at a forum at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery. Rogers and Segall discussed a wide range of issues, including the loss of textile jobs in small towns across the district and the water use

dispute between Georgia, Alabama and Florida, known as "water wars."

Segall said he is dedicated to finding high-paying jobs to replace the textile mill positions.

"We need someone who is going to wake up every day thinking how are we going to create jobs today," Segall said.

Segall has blamed the loss of jobs on trade agreements such as the Central America Free Trade Agreement, which Rogers voted for after initially saying he planned to vote against it.

Rogers said he voted for CAFTA at the encouragement of officials in the textile industry. He agreed that 1,500 jobs have been lost in the district, but said they have been replaced by about 1,700 new jobs, many in the automobile industry.

But Segall said many former textile workers don't qualify for the automobile industry jobs and have had to settle for minimum-wage positions.

Concerning "water wars," Segall said people in the east Alabama district, particularly farmers, were hurt severely by the recent drought that ruined crops and threatened water supplies across the state. He said it was worsened by the dispute between Georgia and Alabama over the control

of water in certain reservoirs.

"I don't think you've done anything to stand up against Georgia for us," Segall told Rogers.

Rogers responded that the dispute will be resolved in federal court, but said he favors building reservoirs to prepare for future droughts.

The candidates forum also included the 2nd District Congressional race and the U.S. Senate race. Republican candidate Jay Love had the stage to himself in the 2nd District race. Democrat Bobby Bright was not able to attend because of the death of his sister.

Love promised to fight attempts to raise taxes in tough economic times.

In the Senate race, Republican incumbent Jeff Sessions had other commitments Tuesday and was unable to attend, spokesman Chuck Spurlock said. Democrat Vivian Figures had the stage to herself and said she was running to provide visionary leadership for Alabama in the Senate.

The forum, which included candidates for nine statewide and Montgomery County contests, was televised on Montgomery television station WSFA, with news anchor Kim Hendrix as moderator, and broadcast on Montgomery radio station WVAS.

Sweet success

Frisbee team bakes for funds

By Allison Smith
Staff Writer

Tasty treats and snacks awaited Jacksonville State University students as they walked into the Theron Montgomery Building Friday. The Ultimate Frisbee team held a bake sale on October 3, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., in order to raise some extra money to put toward the team's activities. A cheerful staff composing mostly of the optimistic Frisbee team and their friends sat and welcomed students traveling through the TMB with persuasion and large smiles. The funds were collected in order to support their participation in the costly tournaments and go toward other related requirements.

"We've been representing JSU for two years," said Steven Palmer as he spoke with pride about the team. The charisma shown by Steven and the rest of the participants adequately displays the fact that the Jacksonville State University Ultimate Frisbee group has no intentions of slowing down, if anything, with financial help from things like the bake sale, they plan to expand their horizons.

The Student Government Association

at JSU has contributed by giving money in order to support them. Unfortunately, the money given by the SGA is not enough to suffice for the abundant activity desired by the group. Tournaments are very expensive and often somewhat far away, thus reasonable funds are a requirement. Entry fees alone are very costly, and without a sufficient amount of money, such an obstacle can very easily limit the team's participation.

"The money will go to tournaments, jerseys and gas money," Bryan Sintos said, when he spoke about how the funds would be used. "It's been going well; people are responding," Sintos said when he commented on the student support shown toward the sale.

"We've got a lot of donations from friends," said Andi Baeza.

The team collaborated from start to finish, insuring the sale went well and stayed organized. A lot of food was prepared by members of the sales team and their tasty creations easily caught the attention of many of the students passing by.

This ambitious group said they refuse to let obstacles stop them from reaching their goals.

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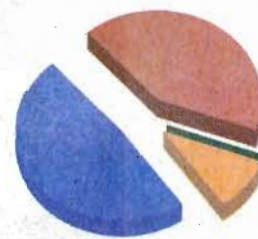
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How do you get around campus?



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ON Campus

Briefs

The Top 10 Candidates for Homecoming Queen were selected on Wednesday, October 1 after the JSU Homecoming Pageant in Leone Cole Auditorium. The candidates for Queen are Jessica Janssen, Megan Hastings, Brittany Marion, Rachael Ginn, Jenna Wade, Kayla McCay, Carrie Hicks, Kristie Osborne, Megan Cordle and Ashley Gray. These finalists will be narrowed to five on October 9, and then voted on by the entire student body on October 16. The Queen and her court will be announced during halftime at the Homecoming game on October 18.

Campus Crime

September 30

- Robert Earl Lewis Jr. was arrested for buying/ receiving stolen property.

October 1

- A theft of property was reported at Crowe Hall. Item stolen include a blue samsung cell phone valued at \$110.00.
- Theft of lost property was reported at Daughette Hall. Items stolen include 8 keys valued at \$25.00.

October 2

- Blake Edwin Early was arrested for a D.U.I. in Brothers Bar Parking Lot.

October 3

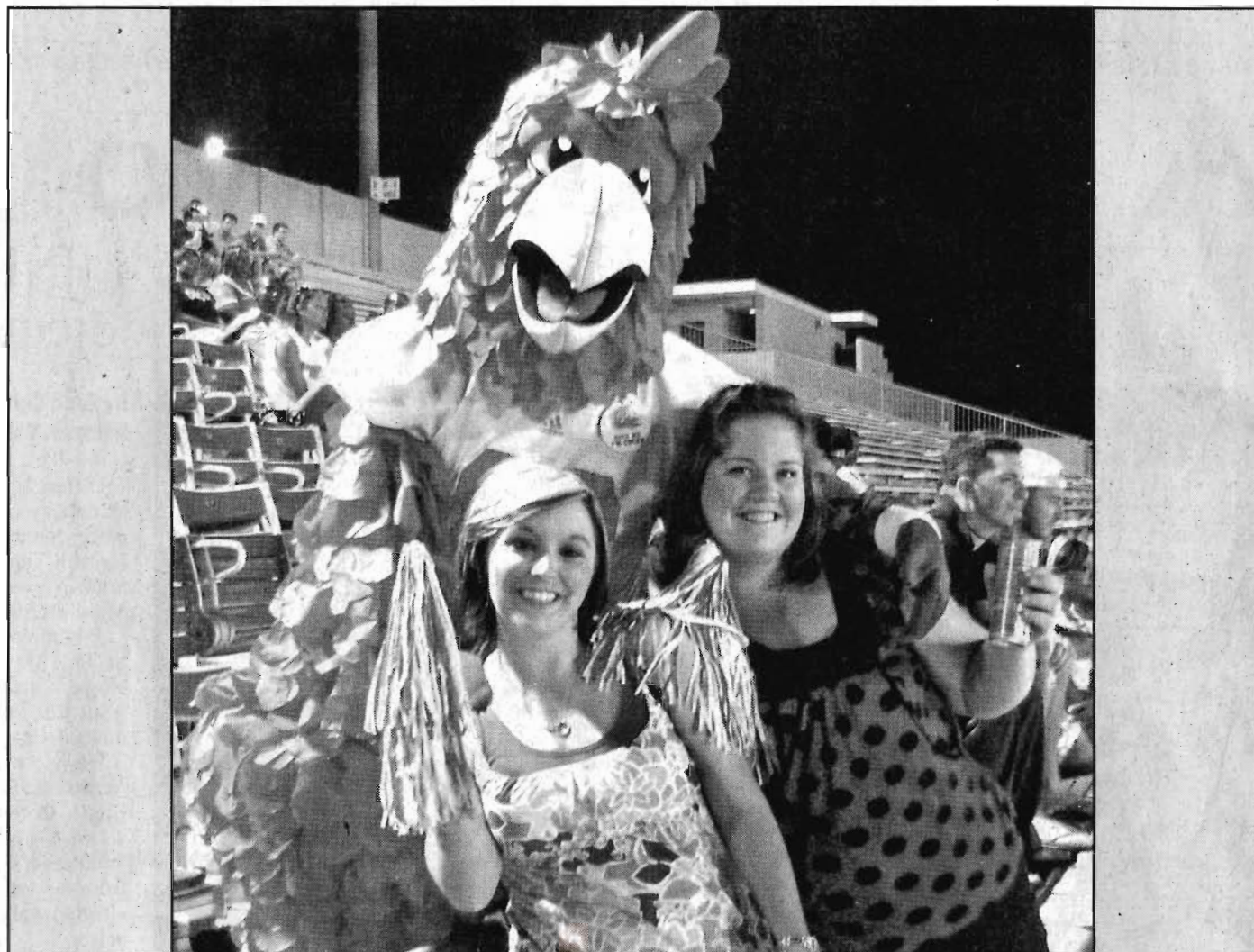
- Darius J. Turner was arested for possession of stolen property.
- A theft of property was reported at Delta Chi Fraternity House. Items stolen include a debit card and credit card.

October 4

- Nadja Michaela Hester was arrested for public intoxication.
- A theft of property was reported at Penn House Apartments. Items stolen include a pair of Oakley sunglasses valued at \$120.00, a prescription of Adderall valued at \$10.00 and 2 keys valued at \$100.00.

What's Happening

Picture of the week



Laci Braswell and Ashleigh Ricker pose with the Jacksonville State University mascot "Cocky". If you would like to see your photo as 'Photo of the week', email it to chantyeditor@gmail.com Photo by Mandy Pearson / *The Chanticleer*

That old time religion

Controversial class teaches origins of Christian religion

By Zach Childree
Editor in Chief

The History of Christianity, a class offered through the Jacksonville State University History Department and taught by Dr. Donald Prudlo, has been causing some controversy around campus.

In the class, the origins of the Christian religion are taught. But sometimes it doesn't always agree with what is taught in church. "When I came here, I expected to have students

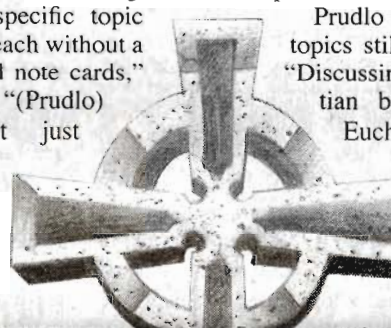
major, said he went into the class hoping to understand Christianity better. "It surprised me that there was someone here at JSU that was so knowledgeable on a specific topic that he can teach without a textbook and note cards," Clines said. "(Prudlo) knows, not just about the movement but about what's behind it and the phi-

themselves. It doesn't really register that there were 2000 intervening years till they got to hear about it and what happened during that time."

Prudlo said some topics still cause a stir. "Discussing early Christian beliefs on the Eucharist I think strikes people as unusual," Prudlo said. "Early Christian

shed more light on Christianity. "I want to show them that Christians, in the early stages, were people who engaged the culture and used reason. they didn't just retreat into a cocoon, they really aggressively dialogued with philosophers and critics within society. I want them to see what the core of Christianity is and not just what they see on TV and in caricatures."

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What's Happening

Thursday, October 9

- Homecoming Queen Elections, TMB Auditorium. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- FENCES, Stone Center 7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
- Tickets: \$5, \$8, \$10.
- Breast Cancer Awareness, 2nd Floor TMB. 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 11

- Miss Kappa Sigma Pageant, Leone Cole Auditorium. 4-6 p.m.

Monday, October 13

- SGA Student Senate Meeting, TMB Auditorium. 6 - 7 p.m.
- Balancing Your Debt, TMB Room 303. 3 - 4 p.m.
- Bake Sale, 2nd Floor TMB. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Freshman Forum Meeting, TMB Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14

- SAC Meeting, TMB Auditorium 6:00 p.m.
- SGA Karaoke in the Cafe, Jack Hopper Dining Hall. 10 p.m. - 12 a.m.
- Homecoming Semi-Formal Extravaganza. Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15

- BCM Sponsors Gideons on JSU Campus
- Scholarship Fundraiser, Breast Cancer Awareness table and bake sale, 2nd floor TMB. 12:30-4:30 p.m.

taught by Dr. Donald Prudlo, has been causing some controversy around campus.

In the class, the origins of the Christian religion are taught. But sometimes it doesn't always agree with what is taught in church. "When I came here, I expected to have students who were very scripturally literate," Prudlo said. "I thought being raised in a Christian area with Sunday schools and such, but they really weren't."

Prudlo said he hopes the class will broaden his student's views of the Christian religion.

"I want them to understand Christianity is an historical phenomenon," Prudlo said. "Christianity is far more diverse than what they are used to locally. There is a wide variety of Christianity and responses to the Christian message."

Patrick Clines, a Music ma-

textbook and note cards," Clines said. "(Prudlo) knows, not just about the movement but about what's behind it and the philosophy of the movement."

Prudlo, who specializes in medieval and reformation Christian history, originally taught the class at the University of Virginia. Coming to Alabama, he found students were receptive to learning more about the historical aspects of Christianity. "I haven't found much overt opposition," Prudlo said.

"A lot of people don't think a lot about the history of Christianity, it's a very personal relationship between Christ and

"Discussing early Christian beliefs on the Eucharist I think strikes people as unusual," Prudlo said. "Early Christian attitudes toward sexual ethics really raise some eyebrows."

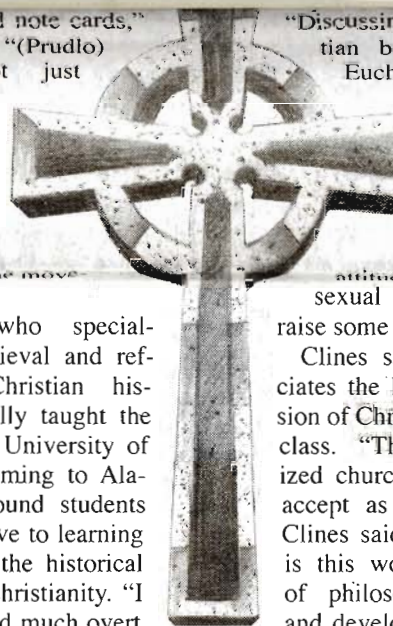
Clines said he appreciates the honest discussion of Christianity in the class. "The Americanized church is what we accept as Christianity," Clines said. "But there is this wonderful story of philosophy, history and development that is unlike today's version of Christianity. It's been porno-fied by pop culture and political charlatanism."

Prudlo said he hopes he can

dialogued with philosophers and critics within society. I want them to see what the core of Christianity is and not just what they see on TV and in caricatures."

Prudlo said there are a few non-Christians in his class. "Here you aren't going to get that many, here they will be culturally Christian if not anything else," Prudlo said. "But, if people are seriously religious, they should be very serious about people's contentions against their religion, and in doing that they understand their own religion much better."

James Burton, who is also taking the class, said the fact that Dr. Prudlo was teaching the class was enough to make him want to take it. "If he were to teach the History of Care Bears, I would sign up for that too," Burton said.



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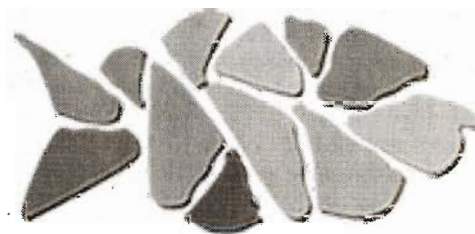
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Music Corner

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

Something Else Robin Thicke

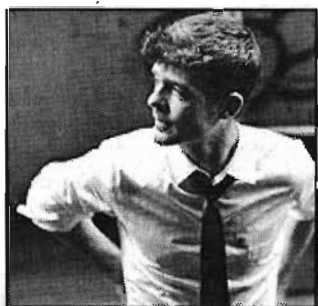
Robin Thicke has produced yet another ground-breaking album from his first in 2003, *A Beautiful World*, to now in 2008, *Something Else*.

Even though Thicke has only been out since the start of the century, when I first listened to his music, it hit me that he could be best appreciated by an older generation that remembers when music was more sensual.

Fans of Thicke will not be disappointed; neither will many of the fans of different artists within the same genre. Many of Thicke's albums have hit platinum status, and it's yet to be seen if this one will too.

Thicke gives a lot of his inspiration to the early years of his life growing up in Los Angeles. Thicke's music is widely appreciated by fans of Michael Jackson, probably for the smoother sounding elements to it.

Within the lyrics themselves, Thicke speaks about the time for change and needing a more peaceful time around us. Like many other artists, Thicke



has traveled from city to city creating his powerfully joyful songs.

"Side Step" is perhaps the best song to dance to on this album, while "You're My Baby" is something one might listen to with a lover.

For those avid fans of his that would like to see him tour, there is one very close appearance of him coming up on Sunday, October 12 in Atlanta, which as anyone on campus knows, is only a few short hours away.

Tickets have already gone on sale for other shows, all of which can be found on his website. If you happen to pick up this album and wish to hear his other works, I recommend *A Beautiful World*.

— Alan Rhodes

Movies

"Appaloosa" not your typical western

By Ryan Rutledge Staff Writer

Based on the Robert B. Parker novel, "Appaloosa" (directed by Ed Harris) is a unique western, reminiscent to that of "The Assassination of Jesse James By the Coward Robert Ford". Appaloosa is not your typical western movie by any means. This is one of the few movies that consciously cap-

point he has to shoot two of Bragg's men down for violating his law. Then Bragg meets with him in town the next day and says, "You shot two of my men down in cold blood yesterday?". Cole responds with, "Actually I shot two of 'em, Mr. Everett shot the other one". Sure this might take away from the story line and the intense moments. But, the intense moments, few and far

Howe: Mistaken identity

field and appeared intoxicated.

According to Gaither, Howe was escorted from the stadium where the mother of another fraternity member volunteered to drive him home.

"People shouldn't come to the game drunk," Giddy said. "If they are cussing at people and being unruly, they will

be asked to leave. [Students] should be respectful of other people that are there."

Howe said the UPD's version of what happened is incorrect.

"Everything in their story is so far from the truth," Howe said. "I hadn't consumed any alcohol and I didn't throw a cell phone."

Howe said he doesn't think the UPD is trying to slander him, but that they have him confused with another incident.

"There wasn't an arrest record because I hadn't done anything wrong," Howe said. "I just think they have my incident confused."

Still, Howe said he thinks the UPD believes they have to maintain a public image.

"They can't lose that im-

age of control," Howe said. "They trade in the currency of control. I think police in Jacksonville justify their existence by arresting as many college students as they can."

Even after the incident, Howe said he isn't worried.

"I'm amused by the whole thing," Howe said. "I'm not embarrassed."

Coming out: SAFE group currently inactive

religious people and they are told that being gay is going to damn them to hell, then that is also pretty hard to hear," Deshotels said. "Each individual has to make the decision of "coming out" themselves, but it's important to have a strong social network first so that in the event that you are rejected by your family and your straight friends, there's less potential for you to become depressed."

Reverend Roger McClellan is an Alabama Conference leader for the Progressive Christian Alliance, a group located in Aniston, Ala. The church he leads at

is comprised of post-denominational Christians who are of different backgrounds and together share the passion of Christ, social justice and respect for all people with theological diversity. He believes many scriptures in the bible have been misinterpreted when dealing with homosexuality.

"I find it very short-sighted that the 7 scriptures that are often used to condemn homosexuality, are given more weight or importance than the 2703 scriptures that speak of loving one's neighbor," McClellan said.

Deshotels, who has taught in

other parts of the country, explains that the South can often times be more harsh to GLBT than more northern areas.

"Here, for example, it is quite common to hear from students in class when the discussion of homosexuality comes up, 'that's disgusting'," Deshotels said. "Where as that would never be tolerated in other parts of the country."

When it comes to religions, McClellan finds it difficult that a religion based on love, such as Christianity, can sometimes be close-minded to people with sexual orientations other than

that of being heterosexual.

"It is very sad that a faith that is based upon love, has been so often used to marginalize those who are different. We have to learn that "different" does not mean "deficient," McClellan said. "For those who are afraid to "come out", I would say that you are, as we all are, a child of God, "fearfully and wonderfully made," exactly as intended. Rest in the knowledge that you are loved by God, as you are."

For more information on how to join or lead SAFE, contact Dr. Tina Deshotels of the Sociology Department at 782-5350.

JSU Drama dept. premieres season opener

Two perspectives on Pulitzer Prize winning "Fences"

By Doran Smith Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State University Drama Department will officially start their 2008-2009 season Thursday night with the opening of *Fences!* *Fences*, a Pulitzer Prize winning show, will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; the Sunday showing will be at 2:00. The play is two-acts, and has an all African American cast. In fact, this is (Director and Drama professor) Susan McCain's second African American show in as many years.

Fences, by August Wilson, is the story of Troy Maxson in his later years. Troy (played by Robert Copeland) is a man who can find life lessons in baseball and is doing the best he can with what he has. For the most part, Copeland portrayed Troy as

performance and served as a stark contrast to the somber, pessimistic views of Troy. Despite all of these compliments, I came out of the show having no tremendous feelings about the character of Cory, one way or the other.

The rest of the cast is as follows: Jim Bono (Justin Thomas), Lyons (Desmond Winn), Gabe (Lavonne Horn), and Raynell (Adrian Bush). Although none of their performances were award winning, their individual portrayals

each added something that the other lacked. It was almost as though the playwright wrote them with the intent to create one whole character in three parts.

Winn portrayed an easy-going character that lacked certain maturity and determination except for in the area of music. In showing the transformation

By Zach Childree Editor in Chief

The Jacksonville State University drama department is presenting the August Wilson drama "Fences" as the opener to the 2008-09 season.

The show, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1987, was directed by Susan McCain with Lighting and Set design by Josh Whitt.

For full disclosure, the performance reviewed for *The Chanticleer* was a dress rehearsal so there were some problems of a technical nature. I have ignored those problems for this review.

It is apparent as each character is introduced that McCain took great care in her casting selections. Robert Copeland as Troy was the perfect choice for the role. Copeland's portrayal of a 50's era blue collar worker was flawless. Almost effortlessly

felt that Brock played Corey perhaps a little younger than was necessary, but the performance itself was well done. Brock showed the audience his vulnerabilities in the character and perfectly grew the character over the course of the play.

Desmond Winn's Lyons left a little to be desired. Winn has lots of potential as an actor but is still a little rough around the edges. That being said, Winn does portray the character with feeling and commits to his role perfectly.

Justin Thomas' performance as Jim Bono seemed rough but adequately put forward the joy and carefree attitude of the character.

Lavonne Horn's portrayal of the mentally challenged Gabe, while indeed striking, didn't live up to the possibilities of the character as a sort of oracle for the other characters.

ed by Ed Harris) is a unique western, reminiscent to that of "The Assassination of Jesse James By the Coward Robert Ford". Appaloosa is not your typical western movie by any means. This is one of the few movies that consciously captures the essence of the American West as it was. Ed Harris' western was not so much a movie on virtue, honor, and bravery, unlike some American classic westerns; it was about two vigilante lawmen and their interaction with each other and the townspeople of Appaloosa.

Virgil Cole (Ed Harris) and Everett Hitch (Vigo Mortensen) are leaving from their last work in another western town when they arrive in Appaloosa. It appears to be a quiet little western town, until they encounter the terrible Mr. Bragg, played by Jeremy Irons. Bragg is a well off rancher that lives outside of town. He and his men have been having their way with whatever they wanted; women, money and horses. This seems like a handful for the City Marshall and his Deputy, but he is nothing compared to the crafty Allie French (Reneé Zellweger). She is manipulative in such a subversive way, much like Bragg, that you don't even realize it until it is too late.

What really makes the movie is the little off hand moments Virgil and Everett have. It is smartass remarks one after the other from Virgil. He would have to shoot one of Bragg's men down for not giving up his firearm or for urinating on the saloon floor, then at just the right moment when the confrontation was over he would say something to the affect of, "The son of a b**ch just wouldn't listen". At the

my men down in cold blood yesterday!". Cole responds with, "Actually I shot two of 'em, Mr. Everett shot the other one". Sure this might take away from the story line and the intense moments. But, the intense moments, few and far between, go so fast and quick (just like in the old west). The last gun battle is over so fast that Virgil says, "Damn, that went quick", and then Everett, even near death, wittily responds, "That's because the folks knew how shoot."

Ed Harris may be the leading man and the director in this film, but what really makes this movie is the performance of Mortensen. Mortensen, along with the whole cast, appear to have more interest in being professional rather than acting with bluster. He has his face half-hidden for the entire movie under his boisterous facial hair and his hat. Because of this his performance is almost solely lade upon his eyes. Since he hardly speaks throughout the movie, the glares he gives the more vociferous characters hint at the unambiguous notions of mistrust, hilarity, and shock.

That is why this movie is worth watching. The movie is not an excellent western, but it is an excellent movie. It is not only about the Old West and how unruly it was; it had several underlying themes. Furthermore, it has some attention-grabbing political themes as well: privatization of the keepers of peace and the lawful citizens sense of wellbeing, the complex that occurs when trying to achieve the lofty ambition of justice and power, and the age old struggle for political control.

Fences, by August Wilson, is the story of Troy Maxson in his later years. Troy (played by Robert Copeland) is a man who can find life lessons in baseball and is doing the best he can with what he has. For the most part, Copeland portrayed Troy very accurately. His movements, inflection, and understanding of the character made Troy come alive, I believe, the way the playwright intended. Although Copeland's performance was rough at times, the evolution of the character was very apparent through his performance. That is what makes an actor great, is the ability to show character growth.

Rose Maxson (played by Alia Johnson) is the spouse of Troy. Rose has her emotional highs and her emotional lows, and Johnson felt each one of those emotions truer than perhaps Rose, herself, would if she were real. Furthermore, Johnson's maternity was more than believable. As a mother and a wife, she displayed a love more gentle than any I could have wished for as a child. Yet as a women scorned, Johnson could muster a fury dangerous enough to reiterate the cliché that hell hath no fury like it.

To complete the family, Omar Brock played the frustrated, teenage son: Corey. The hopes and dreams (as well as the disappointments harsh realities) of youth were very apparent in Brock's

them with the intent to create one whole character in three parts.

Winn portrayed an easy-going character that lacked certain maturity and determination except for in the area of music. In showing the transformation of this lack-luster man into the productive person that his father wanted him to be, Winn was successful.

Although Thomas' character served as the better half of Troy, the same could not be said for his acting. He had his good moments, but overall he came across as stiff.

The character of Gabe had certain problems. However, Horn portrayed these problems with a look in his eye that led me to believe in his performance. After having no real important part in the plot, he (with the rest of the cast) nearly brought a tear to my dry eye during the ending.

The highlights of this show are many. First, near the opening of the second act Copeland and Johnson strutted their dramatic stuff and left me far more interested in the play than I was at any time during he first act. Second, Brock and Copeland provoked fear from within me in one of the most engaging scenes in the entire show. Lastly, the whole cast worked together to draw the emotion out of the audience in

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It is apparent as each character is introduced that McCain took great care in her casting selections. Robert Copeland as Troy was the perfect choice for the role. Copeland's portrayal of a 50's era blue collar worker was flawless. Almost effortlessly, Copeland conveyed the anger, frustration and vulnerability of the character.

Copeland's Troy and Alia Johnson's Rose were a perfect match, complimenting and drawing from each other.

The best actors are the best liars and Johnson and Copeland's performance as a middle aged couple provoked questions about the actual ages of both actors. For the record, both actors are in their twenties.

Omar Brock's interpretation of Rose and Troy's son-Corey was at times a little off. I

adequately put forward the joy and carefree attitude of the character.

Lavonne Horn's portrayal of the mentally challenged Gabe, while indeed striking, didn't live up to the possibilities of the character as a sort of oracle for the other characters. Horn seemed to hold back in his portrayal and it let the character down.

Adrian Bush as Raynell was a risky casting choice, but what little of her we see is enjoyable and heart warming.

Almost every cast member gets the chance to show off their singing ability, even though "Fences" is not a musical. The audience is not let down by the sound.

Whitt's set design is spot on, drawing the audience into a world set in the 1950's. David

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Clark Barron

On The Verge

After what has been an extremely tumultuous week, I retire to the couch as I often do. This week is quite possibly the most gut-wrenching, horrific week I have had in years. I feel the need to convey a certain message today that hits very dear to me.

As we experience everything that life has to offer, we begin to realize that no matter what we do, life will always reach up and slap us in the face the first chance it gets. This realization came in the form of someone very dear to me breaking my trust and most importantly, my respect.

What goes through people's minds when they do the things they do? What are their motives? The point is that we will never know why people do the things they do. No matter how well you think you know somebody, you don't. Simply put, you don't. It could be your parents, your significant other or in my case, your best friend.

Too often do we invest too much of ourselves into people that we "think" we know. I realize the harshness of that statement, and in some fashion I also realize the opportunity for you, my readers, to comment on the juxtaposition of my normal determined and optimistic attitude as now being somewhat apathetic and cynical. However, the lesson to be learned here is that as an optimistic, personable human being.

I tend to trust people too easily. I just want to believe that people are generally decent human beings. And, for the most part, I believe that is true. However, despite how comfortable you are with a certain relationship in your life, there is always something there to prove how much of an idiot you are. That is exactly how it makes us feel when somebody



Coming out can be painful but liberating

In case you didn't know: I'm gay. For a gay or lesbian person, those two words can be the hardest words to speak out loud to another person.

October 11 is National Coming Out Day.

It's a day when those of us who have come out of the closet share our experiences and celebrate our joys. But coming out can be one of the most traumatic experiences of a gay person's life. I know it was for me.

I was inadvertently "outed" to my parents because of an article in a student newspaper very much like this one.

It didn't go very well at all.

Now, almost seven years later, my relationship with my parents is still strained and may never be fully healed.

But I still encourage others to come out whenever they can.

can you tell other people to come out of the closet when your own experience was so painful?"

It's simple really; with every person that comes out, more people realize that they know and love someone who is gay.

They begin to see gay people as real people, not just some abstract concept.

In this, the year 2008, there are still politicians who believe they have no gay or lesbian constituents. They rant about "those gays" and complain about the "queers" in California or Massachusetts when there are real live gay and lesbian folks right here in Alabama.

With each person that comes out, another pebble in the wall falls



Zach Childree

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becomes closer to reality.

Aside from the political aspects of coming out, there is the personal one.

I live openly and honestly in the hopes that I can prevent at least one gay teen from having to experience the rejection of his or her parents as I did. I live honestly in the hope that because someone knows me, and knows I'm gay, it can prevent another hate crime.

It's been 10 years since Matthew Shepard was beaten to a bloody pulp and tied to a fence post where he was left to die.

It's been nine years since Billy Jack Gaither, a resident of Sylacauga, Alabama, was murdered because of his sexual orientation. He was beaten

pile of tires and set on fire.

If my coming out can stop that from happening to another person, then I'll shout it from the rooftops and tell everyone I meet.

If I'm being honest about who I am can cause a hardened heart to soften and end this wretched, unfounded fear and irrational hatred of another person, simply because of who they love, then I will tattoo it on my forehead.

I come out to save the Billy Jacks and the Matthew Shepards of the world. I live honestly to show those still in the closet that, while it may be painful coming out, it's a process of liberation.

If you're gay and thinking about coming out to someone close to you, do it. It's much brighter on this side of the closet door.

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are generally decent human beings. And, for the most part, I believe that is true. However, despite how comfortable you are with a certain relationship in your life, there is always something there to prove how much of an idiot you are. That is exactly how it makes us feel when somebody we care immensely for does something so drastic that it completely destroys our faith, trust and general opinion of him or her. Honestly, I feel like a complete idiot.

For my own personal reasons, I will not be sharing the exact details of my current situation, but I am certain that there is a strong message here without having to do so. Without going into detail at all, I have learned that there are two main lessons in life to learn: Take care of your family, but most importantly, take care of yourself. I assure you that in what seems like an extremely selfish statement, there is great truth.

Too often than not do we invest so much of our time, our emotions, and our heart into ventures that only end up crushing just about every bit of faith we have in humanity. Why does it have to be this way? I'm inclined to believe it doesn't have to be at all. First, we have to learn to fend for ourselves.

Sure, I've learned a valuable lesson this about my life and the people in it. I've also quite possibly lost a best friend. However, if I've learned anything about my experience, it's that if there is one person on this planet you should be able to count on, it had better be yourself.

People come and people go. But, at the end of the day, if you can't look at yourself in the mirror and be content with who YOU are, then you have nothing. Take care of yourselves.

If you don't, who will?

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College Democrats fight voter apathy

By Anthony Hall
Special to the Chanticleer

Since the birth of our great nation, Americans have gone to the polls with the fundamental belief that their voice will help shape the direction in which America goes.

More than just a mark on a piece of paper, the American vote serves as the ultimate symbol for honor, privilege, and freedom.

However, as we all should be aware of, the American vote was never an instant guarantee for all of its citizens. Instead, the American vote represents a two hundred year struggle fought by the women of the Seneca Falls Convention, African American marchers in the South, and student led protesters across college campuses that were hungry to speak out against the Vietnam War.

Given this valiant sacrifice by our predecessors, why do young Americans today neglect their right to engage in political activities? Often times, young Americans complain about inadequacies in their current educational systems, astronomical tuition prices, and a government that they feel is ignoring them.

However, these bitter feelings towards deficiencies in governmental policy usually stay put as feelings that never evolve into any sort of



organized effort to seek change. Well, given what is at stake this election year, some friends and I have banded together to make a difference in our community through political engagement. Individually, we are known as patriotic Americans that espouse liberty, but collectively and on campus, we are known as the

College Democrats.

However, even though we call ourselves the College Democrats, our political ideology is not the only thing that brings us together. Instead, our commitment to serve our community is the binding force that makes us who we are. This enriched sense of commitment inspires us to

campaign for local U.S Congressmen, go door to door to make sure that our neighbor's are registered to vote, participate in county-wide political conventions, and even rally at our local gas stations when we see four dollar a gallon gasoline prices.

However, whether Democrat or Republican, we understand that it is not the ideas that count; instead, what truly counts is the effort that the people put into getting their ideas across. This is why the College Democrats refuse to disrespect or demean any political organization with ideals that conflict with core Democratic values.

In fact, I am personally a fan of the College Republicans or any other political organization that promotes political efficacy in young Americans. As an American first and a Democrat second, I understand that in order for our generation to lead our great country into a global economy, young Americans must come together for political engagement and not stay away because of political apathy.

Editor's note: Mr. Hall is a member of the JSU College Democrats. The Editors of The Chanticleer would like to extend an invitation to a representative of the College Republicans to write an opinion piece as well.

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Midterm exam

New mug shot this week, I was tired of the other one.

Big time.

Plus, it's Texas week (I'm thinking something like 38-20 OU) and I wanted to support the team.

And if someone named Clark Barron can wear sunglasses on his head for his mug, I can damn sure wear a visor.

Also, you may notice I haven't shaved in a while. I'm not going to until Tottenham Hotspur Football Club wins a game in the Premiership. The next two games are almost unloseable — that's not a word, but that's what they are. If they don't win one of those, I'm probably not shaving until mid-November.

Spurs won't win at Arsenal and they probably won't win at home against Liverpool. Which brings me into what I really want to talk about (funny how that works).

The coolest thing I've ever seen in Jacksonville is the fact that a house on A St. hangs a Liverpool flag outside on big match days for the Reds. (Editor's note: This was nearly trumped at the last minute when I saw a car with a Buffalo Sabres sticker on its rear window. Once upon a time, before Gary Bettman ruined the NHL, I loved the Sabres.)

Back to sports that I still care about. If you wonder why the EPL is must-watch TV for me and so many others, the Man City/Liverpool game Sunday

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It's on you, Lou

Without top two backs, QB Perrilloux and unknown RB George must pick up slack

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

In a famous Culture Club song, Boy George once sang, 'Do you really want to hurt me?'

Jack Crowe and company are hoping the answer is no for Jacksonville State's own boy George, former third-string running back Brandon George.

Behind Daniel Jackson and Tremayne Coger, the Gamecocks (4-1, 2-0 OVC) quickly became the most dangerous rushing squad in the Ohio Valley Conference, averaging 212.8 yards per game on the ground this season.

Unfortunately, both Jackson and Coger are likely to miss JSU's game against Eastern Kentucky (3-3, 2-1 OVC) on Saturday.

Due to a rib injury, Jackson didn't dress in the Gamecocks' 38-17 victory over Southeast Missouri and will likely miss his second game of the season this weekend. As for Coger, he sprained his right knee in the second quarter against SEMO and never returned.

"I don't expect either of them (Coger or Jackson) to play," Crowe said. "If there was one that could get there, it would be Daniel, possibly. But our game planning as of Monday does not include Daniel."

With the Gamecocks dynamic duo likely sitting out against ECU, Crowe will rely heavily on George, who carried the ball 11 times for 114 yards and a touchdown against the Redhawks.

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Third-string running back Brandon George carries the ball between two defenders in JSU's 38-17 win over SEMO last Saturday. George finished with 114 yards rushing and will likely get the bulk of the carries this week. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com

ing to play last week to being the go-to-guy in Brandon George," Crowe said. "He has been preparing himself every week not knowing whether he's going to play or not. He has gone to several games and had the disappointment of getting ready to play and not playing."

"I think it is a credit to some of these men's commitment to the mission of the season that they are available and ready when the time comes."

With George and sophomore Drec Lindley all that's left in the JSU backfield, quarterback Ryan Perrilloux will likely see an increased role in the offensive game plan at ECU.

According to Crowe, Perrilloux is healthy for the first time this season, and he

is hoping that leads to a big game against the Colonels.

"We have to continue to try to evolve offensively. Ryan is certainly a dimension," Crowe said. "We are averaging over 250 yards per game passing. We are actually throwing the ball, as much if not more, than we are running it now. That is a first."

"I expect this week to be the first game he (Perrilloux) has played without injury all year. I do not think we have played as good as we can play yet, offensively."

JSU's defense has been nothing short of stellar during OVC play, leading the conference in both scoring and passing defense.

The Gamecocks will likely have to continue to play with that kind of consistency this weekend, as Eastern Ken-

tucky boasts the defending OVC Player of the Year in quarterback Allan Holland.

Many believed JSU's most significant test of the season would come in the conference opener against Eastern Illinois, but Crowe isn't looking past a pesky ECU squad.

"This is a rivalry of tradition," Crowe said. "Eastern Kentucky has been to the FCS playoffs more than any school (18 times). They were 8-0 in the conference last year and are second only to Florida State with 30 consecutive winning seasons."

"Even though we have had success going up there, we are playing a football team that is ambitious, has high expectations and knows how to win, so we have to be as good as we can be this week, not unlike any other week."

Same Nold story?

Volleyball coach seeing signs of progress even as results are mixed

By Jared Staubs
Sports Editor

When you've had the kind of success Rick Nold has had at JSU the past few seasons, it's easy to be confident.

He certainly knows what it takes to win the Ohio Valley Conference, so when he says his team is capable of playing as well as or better than any team in the OVC, the natural response is to believe him.

And even with recent results not the same as JSU is accustomed, Nold says he has seen enough to know that when his team is playing well, there isn't a team in the league that is head and shoulders above his.

"We don't feel like there is anybody in the conference that has the ability to play at a higher level than we do," Nold said. "The difference right now is consistency and how often you're playing at that level. We've been hit-and-miss. One game we're there, one game we're not. When you look at the best teams, they are the teams that not only play at a high level, they play at a high level most of the time."

Morehead State, undefeated in the OVC, is certainly one of those teams that has been able to maintain a high level of play, and the Eagles proved it again against JSU.

While the Gamecocks were swept by the conference leaders, the match got more competitive as the young team started to show Nold's confidence is not unfounded. After Morehead won the first set 25-16, it would have been easy for JSU to fold.

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Here's the thing. I hate Liverpool for stealing my favorite active athlete, Robbie Keane, from THFC. But I still think the flag-hanging is awesome. I still get chills every time I hear thousands singing "You'll Never Walk Alone" in unison, and I still found myself wanting them to complete that comeback.

For some reason, I'm not walking alone in my support of Oklahoma at the moment. Not because people around here are on the bandwagon, but because Auburn fans think OU being #1 somehow hurts Alabama.

Is it that painful to think your chief rival is the best team in the nation? I know I wanted Texas to beat USC when they met for the national title a couple years ago.

But this week, 38-20 isn't good enough. I'm calling for 45-14.

Here's a quiz. Answers at the bottom of page 6.

1. Texas QB Colt McCoy will be doing what after the Red River Shootout?

- [a] leading the band in exultation
- [b] celebrating with his friends/girlfriend
- [c] bemoaning missed opportunities with teammates
- [d] lying in a hospital bed

2. Over which team would Oklahoma be the smallest favorite?

- [a] Alabama
- [b] LSU
- [c] Missouri
- [d] USC

3. Rank these fat football coaches in order of their ability to lead a program (best to worst). Hint: The correct answer is also the order of fattest to least fat.

- [a] Toledo's Tom Amstutz
- [b] Kansas's Mark Mangino
- [c] Notre Dame's Charlie Weis
- [d] Tennessee's Phil Fulmer
- [e] Gadsden City High School's Joe Billingsley

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The other match JSU lost this week did not sit as well. It was emblematic of the team's inconsistencies that have plagued Gamecock volleyball so far in 2008.

The Gamecocks traveled to Eastern Kentucky and took the first two sets from the Colonels fairly easily and looked certain to salvage a split for the week. Instead, ECU dominated the third set 25-8 and never looked back on its way to a five-set win.

"In our conference, you can be up 2-0, and it's a good lead, but no lead is safe," Nold said. "We talked about that between games two and three, but until you see it happen, until you experience it, you just don't expect it I guess."

JSU will look to get that taste out of their mouths when it hosts UT-Martin (Friday at 7 p.m.) and Murray State (Saturday at 2 p.m.) this weekend. Fans will have an opportunity for a different kind of taste, as all guests to Pete Mathews will receive free pizza.

The promotion comes largely because attendance has been unusually low.

"For college kids, food speaks the loudest," Nold said. "So basically, for fans to get here, there's going to be pizza between games two and three."

Gamecocks keep winning; steamroll SEMO

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State football team didn't have the services of its top two running backs for the majority of their game against Southeast Missouri, but luckily Ryan Perrilloux, Maurice Dupree and Brandon George came to play, as the Gamecocks defeated the Redhawks handily, 38-17.

Dupree and Perrilloux were especially impressive, as both pulled in OVC honors for their performances.

Dupree earned OVC Special Teams Player of the Week for the third time in his career after returning the opening kickoff of the second half 99 yards to the house.

Perrilloux threw for 239 yards and two scores, earning OVC Newcomer of the Week honors for the third time in his short career at JSU.

"We were fortunate to come away from the Southeast Missouri game with a win, and I felt like that we entered the game in the right frame of mind ready to play," JSU coach Jack Crowe said. "We went in with certain objectives and we accomplished those objectives for the most part, particularly early in the game."

The Gamecocks started slowly on offense. Their first drive ended in a Tremayne Coger fumble. JSU picked up one first down on their next possession, but the drive stalled after a Perrilloux sack and two costly five-yard penalties.

To compound a slow offensive start, Coger would later be knocked out of

the game with a right knee sprain, giving way to Brandon George.

But George didn't disappoint. On his first carry of the game, the freshman from Lawrenceville, Ga., took the ball and scampered 59 yards into the end zone, putting the Gamecocks up 7-0.

George finished the contest with 114 yards on 11 carries.

"I think offensively, one of the players that made a statement was Brandon George, who is a newcomer that has played very little coming into this game, but was brought into action because of the injury earlier in the game to Tremayne Coger," Crowe said.

"Daniel Jackson, who has been our number one guy on the depth chart, was not available for this game, so we were down to the third guy on the depth chart who ends up averaging substantial yardage per carry, makes big plays, and that is a credit to Brandon (George)," Crowe added.

Energized by George's first career touchdown, the Gamecocks would score again on their next drive, taking a 14-0 lead after a Perrilloux seven-yard touchdown pass to Eric Johns.

SEMO would get on the board early in the second quarter after a Doug Spata 46-yard field goal, but JSU answered shortly thereafter when Perrilloux hit his favorite target, Dupree, on a bullet pass in between two defenders for a 41-yard touchdown, giving the Gamecocks a 21-3 lead at halftime.

JSU has been outstanding on offense during the first half this season, but the

Gamecocks have been criticized for not playing with the same consistency in the second half.

Dupree put that notion to rest on Saturday, returning the opening kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown, all but sealing a JSU win over the Redhawks.

"I do not think that we lose intensity coming out of halftime. I think the kickoff return was a statement about finishing the game," Crowe said.

Dupree finished the game with 274 all-purpose yards, 92 of which came receiving.

The Gamecocks would add 10 more points on offense before the final buzzer sounded. Gavin Hallford kicked a 37-yard field goal late in the third quarter, and Marquis Ivory threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Jeffrey Cameron late in the game.

The Redhawks went to the air in the second half, throwing a pair of touchdown passes. SEMO finished with 311 yards passing against the Gamecocks, but JSU held the Redhawk rushing attack to only 60 yards throughout the contest.

"I am proud of the defense, first and foremost," Crowe said. "We were challenged with the idea of trying to make them one-dimensional and take them to where they were just a throwing team."

"Of course we gave up 300-yards passing, but the objective was to not let them be two-dimensional."

With the win, JSU moved into the top 20 in three major Football Championship Series polls.

JSU Rugby to "Ruck for the Cure"

By Edisha Brown
Staff Sports Writer

This weekend, JSU's Cock Rugby squad is looking to host the most known, rivaled, division I schools in Alabama together for the first time.

Alabama, Auburn, and Mississippi State University will contend with Jacksonville State's Cock Rugby Club for what is known to them as the Alabama State Championships in a battle that will not only give Cock Rugby bragging rights but will also help raise money and proceeds for breast cancer awareness for the Breast Cancer Foundation in a "Ruck for the Cure Tournament."

Despite low funds and no school-funded

transportation, JSU's Cock Rugby Club finished last season ranked in the top ten in the nation. Although they are not currently ranked, there is still hope, with it only being the start of the season and looking at a 1-1 record.

After shutting down the Emory University's "Emory Army" in Atlanta last Saturday, Cock Rugby has high hopes to strut its stuff in a win over the bigger name schools it will be hosting this weekend.

"We want nothing more than to win this tournament our first year, and I think we have a really good chance to do that," senior team president Chris Foshee said.

Rugby was invented in 1823 in England



This is something you might see if you attend JSU "Ruck for the Cure" tournament. Photo courtesy of JSUrugby.com

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Fences B: Smith

a strikingly effective way.

In comparing this play to any other that I know, I would have to say that this show reminds me of a Black version of *Death of a Salesman*. The drama was all there, but the actors could have used it in a better way. Although the second act was most intriguing,

the first act managed to bring down both the actors and the audience enough to where one could not see the second act for all its relevance to our own lives. However, you are more than welcome to go see for yourselves whether or not you agree. This is a show for all college students to see.

Fences A-: Childree

Keefer's sound design adds to the affect with clips from old baseball radio broadcasts and jazz music. Kim Stark's costumes were perfect for each character. From Rose's dresses to Troy's cover-alls, the costumes helped seal the

illusion.

As the play draws to a close and the cast gathers on stage, I was impressed by their grasp of the power of this play. Though it has its shortcomings this is a show you must see.

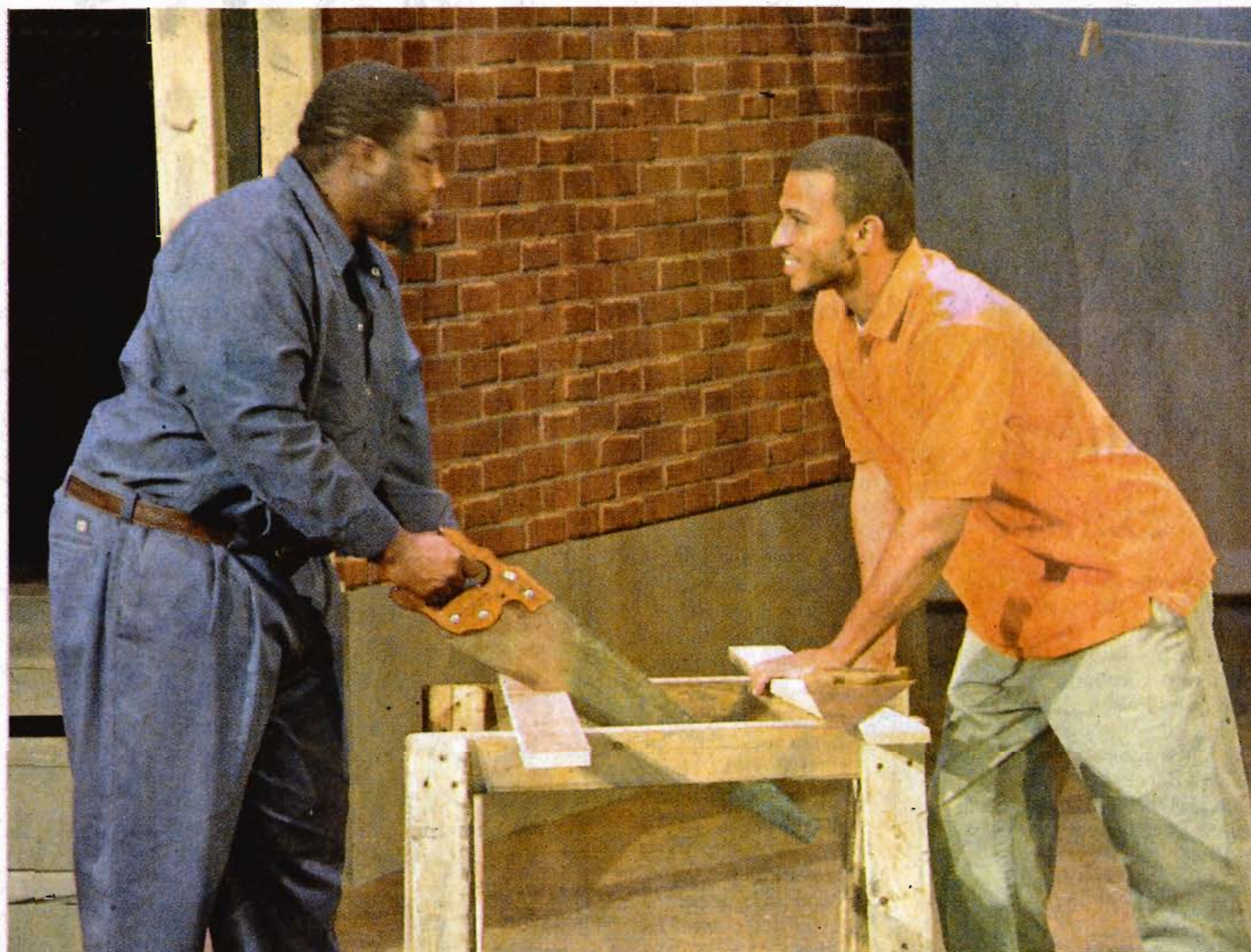
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Troy (Robert Copeland, Left) and Corey (Omar Brock, Right) discuss plans for the future in JSU's production of "Fences". Photo by Zach Childree / The Chanticleer



Alia Johnson, left, as Rose and Robert Copeland as Troy. Photo by Jan Rhodes / JSU Drama Department



Robert Copeland as Troy in Fences. Photo by Zach Childree / The Chanticleer

JSU Alum tired of saving the day

Former Gamecock pitcher Todd Jones announces his retirement from Major League Baseball

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Associated Press

Tigers reliever Todd Jones is retiring, he announced in his own column in the Sporting News.

"So this is it," he wrote in the latest issue of the magazine. "If you're a Tigers fan, I'll never stress you out again. If you're not a Tigers fan, you'll never have me as your ace in the hole, convinced I'll blow a lead against your team."

The 40-year-old Jones went on the disabled list in late July with an injured right shoulder. He was activated for one game in mid-August, gave up five unearned runs, and went back on the DL.

Jones was 4-1 with 18 saves in 21 chances this year and a 4.97 ERA.

Jones has 319 career

saves with Detroit, Houston, Minnesota, Colorado, Boston, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Florida. He's 14th on the all-time list and his 235 saves for Detroit are a team record.

He played four-plus seasons in Detroit from 1997 to 2001 and returned to the team as a free agent before the 2006 season. Jones had 37 saves that year and saved the Tigers' only win against St. Louis in the World Series.

"That was one of the best free-agent signings there was," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "It worked out pretty good."

Many of Jones' save opportunities were roller-coaster rides for Tigers fans — he rarely overpowered hitters — but his manager said the results made them

worthwhile.

"It might've gotten a little edgy at times and a little nerve-racking at times, but for most part, when the game was over, we were shaking hands," Leyland said. "I like the fact he was going to go after 'em. They were going to have to hit it."

"Some nights they did. Most of the time they didn't. However it got done, it got done."

Several years ago, Jones began writing a column about his days in baseball. He plans to keep writing for the Sporting News.

"I have tried to give fans a look at what it's like from a guy who's passing through the game," he said.



Todd Jones holds the Tigers' record for career saves with 235. AP Photo

Ruckers: Trying to raise money for breast cancer

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during a game of soccer when a guy picked up the ball and ran down the field and another guy tackled him.

The sport has its ups and downs with injuries as with any sport as Foshee can attest.

Foshee separated his shoulder and is looking for a speedy recovery.

"I just want to play rugby," Foshee said.

He looks forward to getting ready for the spring, which marks the part of the season that counts going into their GRU (Southeast) Conference Championships for the Union (equivalent to SEC in NCAA) and hopes to be able to help the club

defend its championship title at the Battleship Tournament held in Mobile.

The squad's head coach is Mike Trowse. The team will be lead by senior captain Chris Stekete, senior Myron Stewart and senior captain/president Chris Foshee.

The ZETA sorority will also be helping with the event and so can you if you come out and support, there will be t-shirts on sale with the proceeds going toward the cause as well.

Play starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 11, where you can see Cock Rugby in pink attempting to defeat the opposition and breast cancer.

Staubs: Expects to hear "Boomer Sooner" 56 times

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4. Which look does Phil Fulmer perpetually have on his face while on the sidelines?

- [a] "I just saw my daughter in a Girls Gone Wild video."
- [b] The look I had when my ex-girlfriend told me she thought she was pregnant.
- [c] Neither. He looks even more confused, distraught and helpless.

5. Which SEC team do I expect to thoroughly impress this week?

- [a] The team I have bashed more than any other
- [b] The team that is quarterbacked by the most overrated player in the nation
- [c] The Gayturds
- [d] Florida
- [e] They're all the same, and they're going to beat LSU by two touchdowns

6. Colts WR Anthony Gonzalez is which of these things?

- [a] Hispanic
- [b] someone who is going to make another appearance on my fantasy football roster this year
- [c] someone who will play a playoff game this season
- [d] none of the above

7. Who is the coolest person in the NFL?

- [a] Washington's Clinton Portis
- [b] Washington's Chris Cooley
- [c] Washington's Fred Smoot
- [d] someone who doesn't play for the best team in the NFL

8. What is the worst thing about Ohatchee?

- [a] No attractive people in the town
- [b] Football team
- [c] They stole Reno's town slogan (well, Ohatchee's is "The Biggest Little Town in the USA" and Reno's is "The Biggest Little City in the World")
- [d] Police give tickets for going as slow as five miles over the speed limit on a consistent basis
- [e] What the hell is Ohatchee?

9. Who choked the hardest last week?

- [a] The Texans' Sage Rosenfels
- [b] Auburn's Wes Byrum
- [c] The Cubs

10. Which of these things have I never done?

- [a] Dunked a basketball
- [b] Shot under par at Silver Lakes
- [c] Won a poker tournament that paid over \$1,000

[d] Run a mile in 5:15

[e] Found Angelina Jolie attractive

11. Which of the following pissed me off more this week?

- [a] Officials at Lineville/Ohatchee not realizing that they don't need to waste time walking off 15-yard penalties when assessing them to both teams. They walk 15 yards one way, then 15 yards the other way. In the fourth quarter of a 28-0 game. In 45 degree weather.
- [b] Green Red Sox hats

12. This quiz has twelve questions in honor of the number my favorite athlete of all time wore. Who is it?

- [a] John Stockton
- [b] Paul Thompson
- [c] Terry Bradshaw

Turn page upside down for answers:

1. D; 2. D; 3. B; A; C; E; D; 4. C; 5. E; 6. D; 7. B; 8. D (partial credit for E); 9. C; 10. E; 11. B; 12. A