A tale of two Howes

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 nearby.

“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, LIPD Corporal Rickey Gaither was called to question an unfulfill student he identified as Howe. Gaither reported that Howe had thrown his cell phone onto the stands.

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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.

Four months after the march, National Coming Out Day was born by Rob Eichberg, who is a founder of The Experience, a personal growth 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.

“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

“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 downs 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.

The fear of “coming out” for many
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 dispute between Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

Segall also 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 said.

Rogers responded that the dispute will be resolved in federal court, but said he favors building reservoirs to prevent 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 Scarborough said. Democratic 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 Tabor Montgomery Building Friday.

The Ultimate Frisbee team held a bake sale on October 3, from 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., in order to raise some extra money to put toward the team’s activities. A cheerful staff composed mostly of the optimistic Frisbee team and their friends spoke with pride about the hard work and dedication they have put toward 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 Simpkins said, when he spoke about how the funds would be used. “It’s been going well; people are responding.”

Simpkins 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.
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. Items stolen include a blue Samsung cell phone valued at $110.00.
- Theft of lost property was reported at Daughte 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 arrested 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.

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 and the professor to agree, "Prudlo said. "Sometimes they don't. It's a class that ..."
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.
- Student Senate Meeting, TMB Auditorium.

Saturday, October 11
- Miss Kappa Sigma Pageant, Leone Cole Auditorium.

Monday, October 13
- SGA Student Senate Meeting, TMB Auditorium.
- Balancing Your Debt, TMB Room 303.
- Bake Sale, 2nd Floor TMB.
- Freshman Forum Meeting, TMB Auditorium.

Tuesday, October 14
- SAC Meeting, TMB Auditorium.
- SGA Karaoke in the Cafe, Jack Hopper Dining Hall. 10 p.m. - 12 a.m.
- Homecoming Semi-Formal Extravaganza.

Wednesday, October 15
- BCM Sponsors Gideons on JSU Campus
- Scholarship Fundraiser, Breast Cancer Awareness table and bake sale, 2nd floor TMB.

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Thicke speaks about the time his other works, I recommend being 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 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.

Howe: Mistaken identity

has traveled from city to city creating his powerful 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.

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Come 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 Anniston, 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 exactly 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

By Doran Smith

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 Brinn Little) 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, Little’s portrayal of Troy was 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 Troy, 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 of his character over the course of the play, Winn captured the essence of Troy with a portrayal that was truly one of the best performances of the evening.

By Zach Childree

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 adequately worked the stage to perfection. I 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.
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, the ability to slow 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 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 woman 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 and harsh realities) of youth were very apparent in Brock's portrayal. 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.

Lavone 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 left 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 See “Fences A,” page 6

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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...

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, to speak out loud to another person.

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.

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 gay and lesbian folks right here in Alabama.

With each person that comes out, another wall falls and the Matthew Shepards of the world have a chance to see gay people as real people, not did. I live honestly in the hopes that because someone knows me, and knows I’m gay, it can prevent another hate crime.

I come out to save the Billy Jacks.

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 me 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...
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 vote 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, 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.

The College Democrats refuse to disrespect or demonize 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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Sports

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 a team doesn't include Daniel."

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

"We go from a guy that didn't know if he was going 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 EKU.

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 Kentucky 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 EKU 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."

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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 Buffalo Sabres flag outside 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 ... words can't express it. Riveting, scintillating.

Same Nold story?

Volleyball coach seeing signs of progress even as results are mixed

By Jered 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 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 undaunted 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.

Instead, the Gamecocks rebounded and were narrowly edged in the final two sets. Nold says his team isn't necessarily looking for moral victories.

"But at the same time, I think it's good to play competitive matches. We're gonna have some matches this year that are going to be very competitive. We're going to have some losses. That's the nature of the sport," Nold said.
against EKU. Crowe will rely heavily on George, who carried the ball 11 times for 114 yards and a touchdown against the Redhawks.

"We go from a guy that didn't know if he was going to play on Saturday, so he was a little bit nervous, but then he went and got three carries and had over 100 yards and a touchdown," Crowe said.

According to Crowe, Perrilloux is healthy for the first time this season, and he will continue to play with that kind of consistency this weekend, as Eastern Kentucky faces South Alabama on Saturday.

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

"I do not think that we lose intensity coming out of halftime. I think we have a pretty consistent game plan," Crowe said.

Dupree said that 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 are going to win the game. I think we have a really good chance to do that," senior team president Chris Foshee said.

JSU Rugby to “Ruck for the Cure”

By Editha Brown
Staff Sports Writer

This weekend, JSU’s Cock Rugby squad 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.

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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 coveralls, 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.

Show times: Fences

Thursday: 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 2:00 p.m.

JSU Alum tired of saving the day

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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.

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 led by senior captain Chris Steketee, senior Myron Stewart and senior captain/president Chris Foshee.

The ZETA sorority will also be helping with the event and you can support them 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 quartered by the most overrated player in the nation
[c] The Gaytards
[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 Oklahoma?
[a] No attractive people in the town
[b] Football team
[c] They stole Reno’s town slogan (well, Ochotchec 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 Ochotchec?

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

11. Which of the following pissed me off more this week?
[a] Officials at Niceville/Ochotchec 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.
[b] Green Red Sox hats
[c] They’re all the same, and they’re going to beat LSU by two touchdowns

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: