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Inside of a dog, it's too
dark to read."
-Groucho Marx

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Full house at JSU

University breaks record enrollment

By Zach Childree
Editor In Chief

Jacksonville State University released its fall enrollment figures for 2008 last week. 9,481 traditional and non-traditional students are enrolled in classes at JSU.

The number is up considerably from 9,077 last year and also tops JSU's previous record enrollment of 9,110 in the Fall of 2005.

Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Dr. Tim King said he was pleasantly surprised by the numbers. "I did not expect it at all," King said. "Historically, an economic downturn brings a rise in higher education enrollment."

King said it wasn't just people looking for better jobs that brought them to JSU. "There have been efforts to recruit aggressively in different parts of the state and in Georgia," King said. "It's also the quality of the programs. They really sold themselves."

University President Dr. William Meehan said he was happy with the enrollment numbers.

"Of course we are very pleased at this year's significant increase," said Meehan.

"We appreciate the faculty, staff and students

who contributed to our growth and made it happen."

The number includes 3,234 Distance Education students taking online classes. King said with many options available to students looking for classes online so many students taking courses from JSU is a good sign. "Online education is very competitive" King said.

Meehan said the university is dedicated to growing the Distance Education program.

"We want to continue to be a traditional campus," Meehan said. "But we also want to serve the needs of our non-traditional students in Northeast Alabama, a demographic that is experiencing explosive growth."

Jacksonville State University offers 17 online degree and certificate programs via distance education. Of all distance education courses, 81% are taught by full-time faculty.

Of the total figures released by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, Undergraduates make up 84% of JSU students. Of that 84%, 1,299 students are first time freshmen, which is actually 3 down from last year.

Still, King is hopeful that goal of 10,000 students by 2010 can be reached. "The way things are going now, we could possibly make it next year," King said. "It's hard to tell."



Illustration by Ryan Rutledge / The Chanticleer



Libraries highlight once banned books

By Jalon Turner
Senior Writer

Banned Books Week, which begins on September 27 and runs through October 4, is a week to remind Americans of their first amendment right to freedom of speech.

In 1982, the American Library Association started the event to highlight infringement of first amendment rights by those seeking to ban books from library shelves.

Though there are no local libraries hosting events that were registered with the ALA, Huntsville-Madison County Library is the closest having events.

The event this year is a showing of a book to film movie for children titled "Matilda". There are also displays in the



People waited in lines sometimes over an hour at local gas pumps on Thursday night. Police were on hand to maintain order. Photo by Mandy Pearson / The Chanticleer

Driver panic drains gas pumps

By Julie Skinner
News Editor

Around Jacksonville, many were shocked to find that on Thursday, September 18, many of the gas stations around town were not only low on gas, but completely out.

Rumors and speculation about the sudden gas shortage at many of the stations, mainly pointed to the overbuying of gasoline due to Hurricane Ike and the prediction that it would be worse than it actually was.

"This all started because people said that gas was going to go up," Chief Shawn Giddy of the University Police Department said. "So people ran out and filled up all kinds of containers. All it did was deplete what was in the stations."

Murphy-USA in front of the Jacksonville Wal-Mart was one of the last gas

stations who still had gas, as well as the Star Mart and the Grub Mart, which received a shipment of gas on Thursday, but couldn't begin selling for an hour and a half.

Vernon McGhee was one of the more patient customers waiting to fill up his van at the Jacksonville Grub Mart. He caught wind of the gas shortage while still at work in Anniston, Ala., and had trouble finding gas in Anniston after work.

"Anniston was congested," McGhee said. "I figured the farther you come out, the better chance you have of getting gas."

McGhee waited the full hour and a half to fill up, and was not limited on how many gallons he could pump. The attendant working that night at the Grub Mart, reassured people that they had many gallons of gas and that it wasn't going anywhere anytime soon.

Empty stations didn't start and stop in Jacksonville. Both Anniston and Oxford experienced stations running out of gas and lines of cars for stations that did still have gas, twisted and turned out of many gas station parking lots.

Jeanette Wald, an attendant for the Murphy USA gas station in Oxford, Ala., said that she thought the panicking, which she said started around two weeks ago, was unnecessary.

"I thought it was ridiculous," Wald said. "Mostly because I knew how much fuel we had and people we're freaking out and being rude about it."

Wald recalled a fight at the gas station over who got to the pump first which had to be handled by police officers.

"I think we were hoping we'd run out," Wald said laughing. "We did run out for

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"Since I have been here there has been only one complaint," Annie Goodwin, director of the Huntsville Library said. "That was a DVD titled 'Angels in America'".

The movie is about a gay couple living in the closet during the Reagan administration, and a couple dealing with AIDS/HIV virus and God has left heaven.



Banned books at one time or another in the United States were "The Bible", "Qur'an", "A Clockwork Orange", "Canterbury Tales", "To Kill a Mockingbird", the "Harry Potter" series, "The Adventures of Huck Finn" and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer".

In 1925, The state of Tennessee tried to ban the teaching of evolution and the reading of the book "The Origin of Species" by Charles Darwin.

Between the years of 1918 and 1930, the United States Postal Service and Customs Department, were active in banning books by seizing them.

The ALA most challenged books between 1999 and 2000 were popular ones such as: "Sex" by Madonna, "Private Parts" by Howard Stern and novels "Carrie" and "Cujo" by Stephen King.

"Being an academic library we carry most books," Harry Nuttall of Jacksonville State University's Houston Cole Library said. "But most banned books happen in K-12 schools or public libraries."

According to the ALA, the reasons behind the requests to ban books are because they are sexually explicit, have offensive language, are unsuited to a certain age group, are violent, deal with gay and lesbian issues or they promote religion.

Nuttall said banning a book from the library totally isn't the best way to go "Most of the time it is not necessarily to get it out of the library," Nuttall said, "but to make it available at a restricted access, or take it out of its section."

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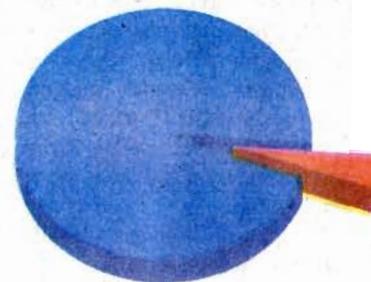
Sports editor Jered Staubs talks about life, sports and answers some weird questions he's been getting lately.

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QUESTION of the WEEK

Should libraries censor or ban books?

- No - 95%
- Yes - 5%



Next week's question:

Who is your favorite cartoon character?

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ON Campus

Briefs

The JSU Emergency Notification System is now in place to notify students, faculty and staff of an emergency. The system will send out emails, cell phone calls and residential numbers in the event of an emergency. Currently, only 6% of the JSU staff, students and faculty have updated their personal information in order to receive these notifications. To do so, log in to My JSU, select "Self Service Banner," select "Personal Information," select "Update Addresses and Phones" and then update your mailing address, local address, residential and cell phone numbers. Only off-campus numbers should be registered, not office or residence hall numbers.

The JSU Peer Educators together with the University Police Department will hold the very first Pedestrian Safety Awareness Day on Thursday, September 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the TMB. The Peer Educators and UPD will also go to cross walks around class changes (either 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m.) and caution traffic about students crossing to get to class.

Campus Crime

September 11

- A theft of property was reported at Martin Hall. A red Italian racing bicycle was stolen.

September 15

- Chris Adam Frazier was arrested for criminal trespassing at Pete Mathews Coliseum parking lot.

September 18

- A theft of property was reported at Stone Center parking lot. Items stolen include an algebra book valued at \$100.00, a physics book valued at \$100.00, an art book valued at \$100.00, a black wallet valued at \$25.00, a social security card and a student i.d.
- Harassing communications was reported at Jax Apartments.

September 19

- Criminal mischief was reported at Fitzpatrick Hall. Four nails were stuck in a resident's door.

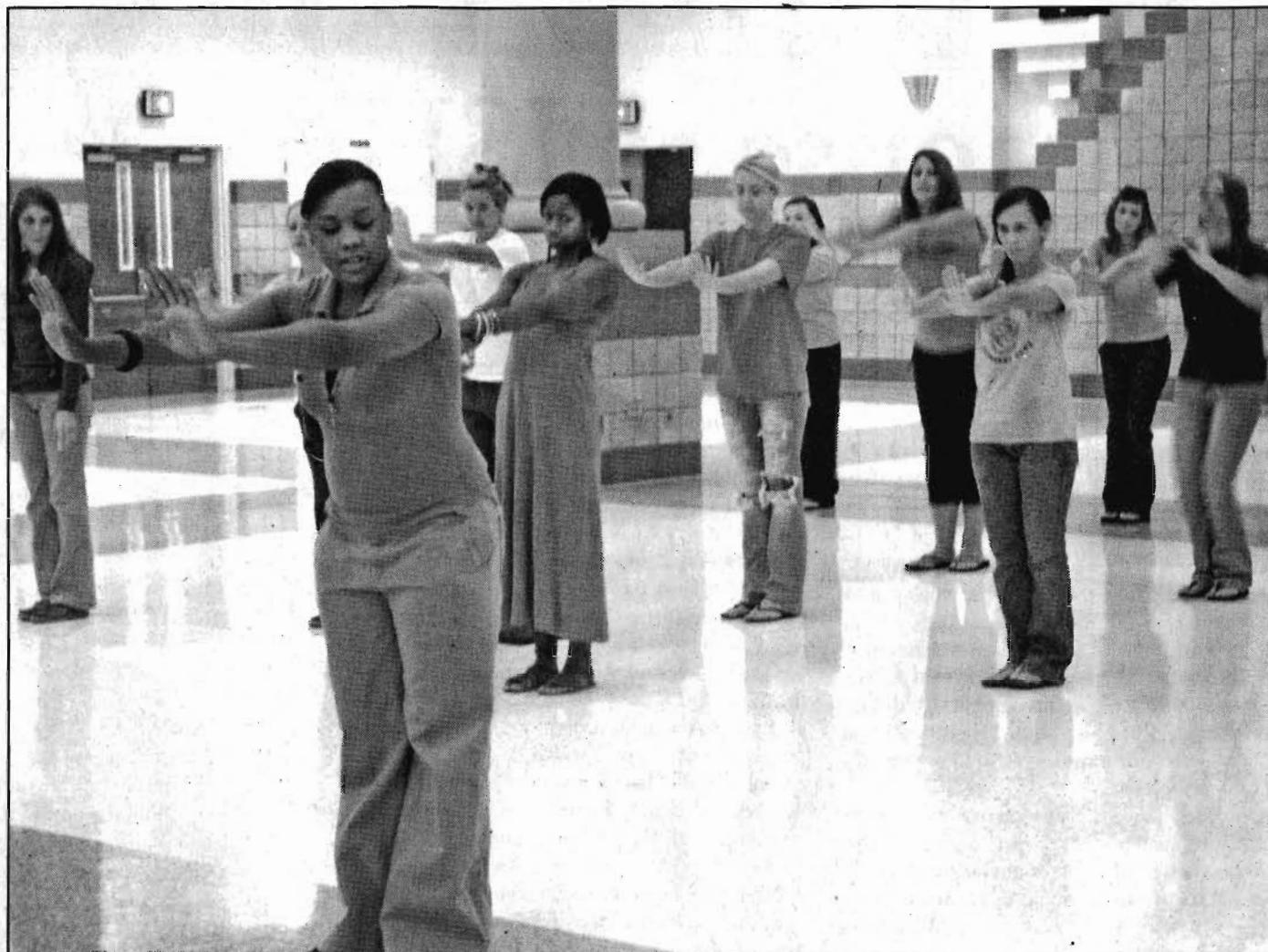
September 21

- Theft of property was reported at Stephenson Gym. Items stolen include \$261.00 in cash, a Wal-Mart gift card valued at \$200.00, a wallet valued at \$25.00, a region bank card and an insurance card.

September 22

- Criminal mischief was reported at Daugette Hall. One window was damaged valued at \$50.00.

Picture of the week



Student Government Association President Jennifer Nix leads 2008 Homecoming Pageant contestants in a dance rehearsal. Photo by Mandy Pearson / The Chanticleer

Students report mold in Logan Hall

Allison Smith
Staff Writer

Students at Logan Hall have reported many cases of mold growing in rooms and hallways. According to students the fungus can very easily be seen in several of the hallways with an orange, rust-like tint, where it sits on and throughout air conditioning vents.

Residents at Logan hall say they have tried to clean the mold as best they can. "We try and bleach twice every other day," Janai Estel, a biology major, said.

Estel said she has had a problem with mold since she moved in at the beginning of the semester.

"We spray the tile with Clorox Bleach, Pine-Sol, Scrubbing Bubble,

Resident Assistants interviewed said they weren't aware of a problem with mold and refused to comment. Some students living at Logan Hall said they also weren't aware of a problem with mold.

One student, who declined to identify himself, said there wasn't a mold problem in the dorm, rather students should be cleaning their rooms better.

Students dealing with the fungus in their rooms have begun cleaning their rooms regularly in hopes of keeping the mold at bay.

According to the Center for Disease Control, for most people, mold doesn't pose a substantial health hazard. However, people who have a weakened immune system or an allergy to mold are at a higher risk for disease.

The CDC recommends people should

and clothing clean and free from mold-contaminated dust.

Labittamy Koger and Claedia Walton, residents of Logan Hall said they are concerned that authorities from Residence Life have not given much response to the concerns of students.

Brooke Bell, Assistant Director of Student Development and Educational Programming with Housing and Residence Life, said the university isn't aware of any problems with mold. "We have not been notified that such a problem exists," Bell said. "We have done a complete walk through of Logan Hall and have found no evidence of a problem."

Bell said the dorms are prone to moisture during this season. "If there is a mold issue that was identified, all proper procedures would be imple-

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September 23

Nathan Jamal Landrum was arrested for fraudulent use of a credit/debit card.

What's Happening

Thursday, September 25

- President's Meeting (All Greek Councils), TMB Auditorium 5:30-6:30.
- Faith and Reason Forum, Leone Cole Auditorium. 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26

- Biology Seminar Series, 130 Martin Hall. 1:45-3:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 27

- Murdocks Extreme Hike, JSU's Little River Canyon. Center, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Stateline Gateway Ceremony, AL/GA Stateline 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- NASA workshop: Tools for Educators, Ramona Wood Hall Room 108. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, September 29

- SGA Student Meeting, TMB Auditorium. 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Freshman Forum Meeting, TMB Auditorium. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30

- NPHC Mixer, TMB Auditorium. 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1

- Homecoming Pageant, Leone Cole Auditorium.
- Get to know Islam, TMB 2nd Floor. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Estel said she has had a problem with mold since she moved in at the beginning of the semester.

"We spray the tile with Clorox Bleach, Pine-Sol, Scrubbing Bubble, all different types of cleaning stuff just to get rid of it," Estel said. "Every time we get out of the shower we spray with cold water."

Students study abroad thanks to program

**By Doran Smith
Staff Writer**

How are you and most other Jacksonville State University students going to spend the fast-approaching (although not nearly fast enough) winter holiday?

Are you planning to frequent the old hot spots of your hometown, or are you thinking about a vacation somewhere of a warmer climate and much less commonplace? Now, imagine that vacation centered on a class that counts as college credit, and you have the Caribbean studies offered this winter break in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

For twenty-two years, the University of Southern Mississippi has headed a study-abroad consortium, and for the better part of that time, Jacksonville State University has been a member. Every winter, JSU, through USM, offers Caribbean courses in Art, Nursing, Social Work, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Chemistry, Marine Biology, English and much more.

Students from JSU can join students from all across the country for this Jamaican college experience. Although one must register for the course through USM, students still register for financial aid in Jacksonville. All courses are worth four credit hours which are guaranteed to transfer back to JSU.

"It's an opportunity to have a little fun and to get an education" said Dr. Joe Delap, associate vice president for academic affairs and professor for the caribbean literature course. With this program, Delap hopes "to get our students more engaged with study-abroad," as well as to "broaden their perspectives and ultimately make them more employable."

Delap, who is in his seventh year as academic affairs associate vice president, is the

the mold at bay.

According to the Center for Disease Control, for most people, mold doesn't pose a substantial health hazard. However, people who have a weakened immune system or an allergy to mold are at a higher risk for disease.

The CDC recommends people should avoid areas where mold contamination is obvious, use environmental controls (air conditioning), use personal protective equipment and keep hands, skin,

lem exists," Bell said. "We have done a complete walk through of Logan Hall and have found no evidence of a problem."

Bell said the dorms are prone to moisture during this season. "If there is a mold issue that was identified, all proper procedures would be implemented to rectify the problem," Bell said. "If and when these problems do arise, we will address each situation accordingly."

only JSU faculty member who is teaching a Caribbean course during the winter break.

Dutch, which is a commonly used language in Jamaica, is Delap's area of concentration (asides from Higher Education Administration), and it's the reason he got involved in the Caribbean program. In his class, he

plans on covering various pieces of translated Dutch Literature written in the Caribbean.

According to Delap, JSU also has study-abroad agreements with the University of Wuhan (in China), the University of West Bank (in Pakistan) and the University of Morocco.

The price of the trip is \$3099

for undergraduate credit and \$200 dollars more for graduate credit. The cost covers tuition, roundtrip airfare from Atlanta, transportation and housing in Jamaica and some social activities. However, food and personal expenses are not in-

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IS FAITH AN ABSENCE OF THOUGHT?

date	location	time	
THURSDAY 9/25/08	JSU LEONE COLE AUDITORIUM	7:00 PM	Join Dr. Martin Erdmann, Senior Scientist at the University Hospital Basel, Switzerland, as he addresses questions of "Faith & Reason." All are invited to participate. Free food will be served in the auditorium at 6:30 PM.

Abroad: 'Classes have to make'

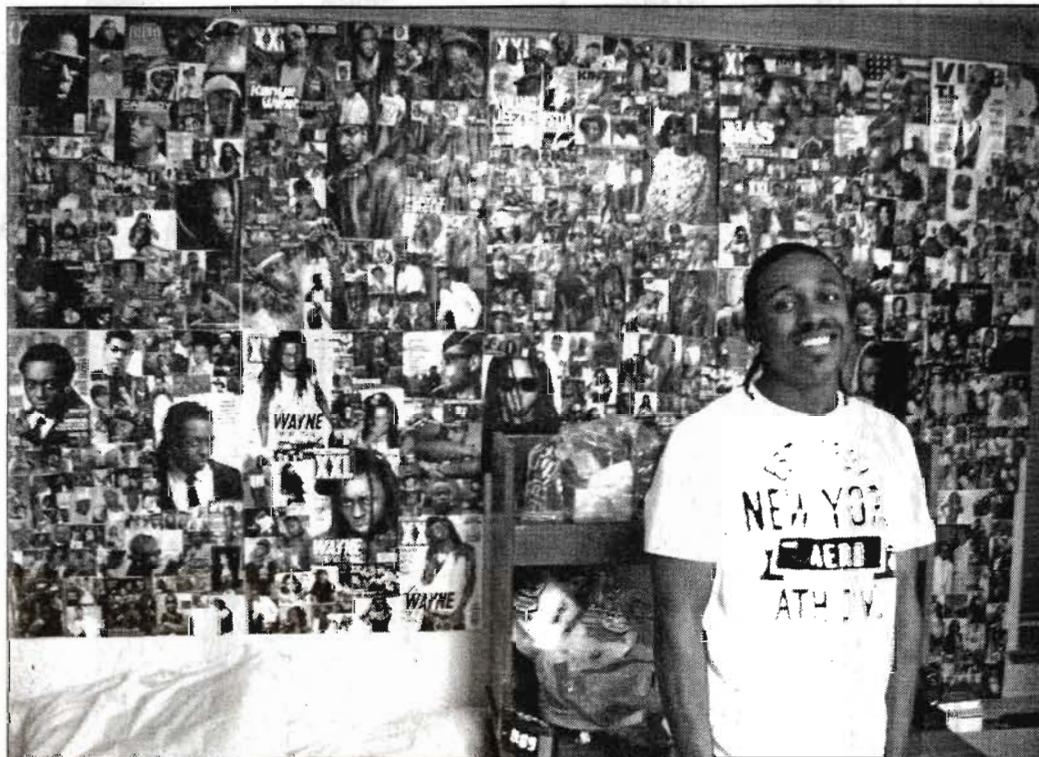
tivities. However, food and personal expenses are not included. Students will reside at the ocean-front condominium, Turtle Beach Towers, in Ocho Rios.

The dates for the study-abroad program are December 29th through January 13th. Noticeably, the dates conflict with that of the Spring semester. Not to worry though, Delap says that agreements

will be negotiated with professors to assist students returning from the Caribbean courses.

As wonderful as this opportunity seems, it is not yet guaranteed.

"The classes have to make," Delap said, "USM has been very generous with us, but we still have to meet the minimum requirements for the class."



T.J. Gardener shows off one of the walls of the Crow Hall dorm he covered in magazine art. Photo by Mandy Pearson / *The Chanticleer*

Student living in art

JSU freshman creates hip-hop shrine in dorm

By Julie Skinner
News Editor

Always a lover of music, 18-year-old Jacksonville State University Freshman, T.J. Gardener, found a hobby in making artistic posters consisting of collages of various hip-hop and rap artists that have graced the covers and pages of music magazines. These posters, which Gardner carefully overlapped so to hide where one poster starts and ends, cover the walls of his dorm room in Crowe Hall.

"I did my first poster in the eighth grade for a school project," Gardner said. "I had a real plain wall at home, so I figured I could make something instead of buy something."

A 2008 high school graduate of Huffman High in Birmingham, Ala., Gardner said that his mother never minded his walls being cov-

and when deciding to room together in college, Pender knew the vibe they wanted for their dorm room.

"I love it," Pender said of the fresh and funky wallpaper. "Actually, when I saw it at his house and we thought about being roommates, I said, 'man, you got to bring those to put in our room.'"

Pender, also a freshman but majoring in computer information systems, and Gardner both agree that what has come to be known as the hip-hop shrine in their dorm room is an easy way to break the ice with people.

"People come in the room and look around," Pender said. "It's just an easy conversation starter for people once they come in."

Gardner says that while in college, it can be hard to learn about a person right off, but with his wall décor, people automatically catch a



Gas stations throughout town have blank price signs signifying no gas or signs on the tank telling which grades are available. Photos by Anita Kilgore / *Special to The Chanticleer*

Gas: Don't waste gas to find gas

about five minutes, but then a gas truck came shortly after."

As of Wednesday, September 24, Murphy USA in Oxford has 20,000 gallons of gas to sell. Wald said the crazy buying, which reportedly made up for their overtime, calmed down about three days ago.

In the event that you are low on gas and having trouble finding some, Giddy explains that traveling to find gas might not

be such a good idea.

"Don't go somewhere if you don't have enough gas," Giddy said. "The further away you get looking for it, the further away you are when you don't have any and are trying to get back."

If you do run out gas, Giddy says the best thing to do is pull your car off the road, lift your hood, call someone for help, stay in your car and lock your

doors until someone comes to help.

If without a cell phone or without reception, Giddy says that waiting for someone and asking them to call the police for help is the best thing to do.

"For the most part, people know that if they don't have enough gas to go somewhere, then they should stay at home," Giddy said.

Website offers revenge with a bite

By Victoria Touns
Uwire

People often say revenge is a dish best served cold. But when it comes to getting back at an ex, revenge could be a dish best served alive.

Sure, things started out great. Everyone saw the happy couple all over campus, holding hands as they skipped to class together, without a care in the world. A few months have gone by, and she can't handle one more day of him playing video games with the "boys," and he can't take one more day of her constant nagging, bickering and PMS.

After the relationship goes downhill and the happily-ever-after couple isn't so happy anymore, revenge is oh so sweet.

Girls will hack into boys'

the colony of crabs, a detailed instruction sheet on the best way to pass the crabs on and bottle of anti-crab shampoo in case of accidental "self-crab-biflying."

The creators of revengecrabs.com prefer to remain anonymous, but on the Web site they describe themselves as a "collection of professional guys who all attend a well-known university in the northeast."

One of the creators was seeing a girl that kept him itching for less, not more, because she infected him with crabs.

Before he could get a dollop of ointment onto his "pubis of greatest inflammation" two of his brothers found themselves "in the same final throes of prickly screaming chigger nibbling,"

giving the crabs to another.

"Depends how big she is, whether or not she owns a gun, or if she's the type to sneak into your bed at night and slice you up," the creators said.

To justify the legality of this service, Dwight said, "Do you sue the maker of the whoopee cushion?"

Cheney Joseph, professor of law and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Paul M. Hebert Law Center, said he isn't sure whether there is a law against purposefully infesting someone with crabs.

"The AIDS statute in the criminal code does not include all sexually transmitted diseases ... but there may be some provisions of which I am unaware," Joseph said.

Emily Favrot, anthropology

dorm room in Crowe Hall.

"I did my first poster in the eighth grade for a school project," Gardner said. "I had a real plain wall at home, so I figured I could make something instead of buy something."

A 2008 high school graduate of Huffman High in Birmingham, Ala., Gardner said that his mother never minded his walls being covered in past and present musicians.

"My room at home had no white space; you couldn't see any of the wall," Gardner said. "My mom liked it because it kept my hands full. I could have easily been doing something else, but these take hours to do."

Gardner, currently a communications major with a concentration in broadcasting, prefers magazines that have a lot of pictures, which aid in making his unique poster collages full of different artists. One of his favorite magazines is XXL. Gardner is a musician himself and works on his music and beats in his spare time.

"I can just always look and get inspiration," Gardner said. "I just have to look around the room."

In high school, Gardner played the sousaphone in the marching band along with his roommate, Antwon Pender, who played the trumbone. The two were friends in high school

hip-hop shrine in their dorm room is an easy way to break the ice with people.

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Gardner says that while in college, it can be hard to learn about a person right off, but with his wall décor, people automatically catch a glimpse of what he's all about.

"You can walk into our room and be like, 'wow, right off the top, they like hip-hip' you know?" Gardner said.

What started as just a school project, has now created a curiosity around JSU about Gardner's hip-hop shrine. Averaging about three hours on each poster, Gardner said he could sit down and do three posters in one day if he had the time. Gardner also inspired one of his best friends to begin making poster collages of artists.

Though Gardner struggles when trying to find time to work on his posters in college, he hopes to have some free time to begin working on new posters. Pender wouldn't mind seeing more hanging up, either.

"It makes me feel more at home," Pender said. "I look around and I'm a big fan of hip-hop, so I just look around and think of a song and just chill out."

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After the relationship goes downhill and the happily-ever-after couple isn't so happy anymore, revenge is oh so sweet.

Girls will hack into boys' Facebook accounts and change their favorite movie to "The Babysitter's Club." And boys will go to Bogie's to try to bring home as many late-night specials they can find.

But for people who aren't messing around and want to take revenge to a whole new level, consider RevengeCrabs.com.

Revenge Crabs is a Web site offering packages of "crabs" to infest anyone you deem deserving.

Packages range from a single colony for \$99 to a shampoo-resistant colony for \$298.

Each package comes with

she infected him with crabs. Before he could get a dollop of ointment onto his "pubis of greatest inflammation" two of his brothers found themselves "in the same final throes of prickly screaming chigger nibbling," according to the Web site.

The boys vowed two things that day: "bros before hoes," and if they had to have the crabs, then all them "biznatches" should have a couple of waves of crabs, too.

The creators claim that giving someone crabs is both morally and legally acceptable and Byron Dwight, vice president of sales for revengecrabs.com, said that in the two years they have been in business no one has attempted to sue them.

On the Q & A portion of the Web site, they jokingly answer the question of whether someone can get in trouble for

interesting someone with crabs. "The AIDS statute in the criminal code does not include all sexually transmitted diseases ... but there may be some provisions of which I am unaware," Joseph said.

Emily Favrot, anthropology senior, said she wouldn't use this method to exact revenge on anyone.

"I just don't find that amusing," Favrot said.

But many people do find it amusing, as the testimonials reveal.

As the tagline of the Web site says, "You've got an ex, a grudge and a valid credit card with matching billing and shipping addresses, and we've got crabs."

So boys and girls beware, because revenge is always sweet — especially when the victim is left "itching" with regret for whatever bad decision they made.

News we would like to see. (it's fake)

Large bear currently attacking newspaper staff

Editor: "Holy Crap! How did a freakin' bear get in here?"

The staff of The Chanticleer is currently being attacked by a giant bear that has somehow been loosed in the office at 180 Self Hall. "eeeeeeeeeeee-aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa," said News Editor Julie Skinner, as the bear is currently chasing her around her desk. "Who the (expletive) let a (expletive) bear in the office."

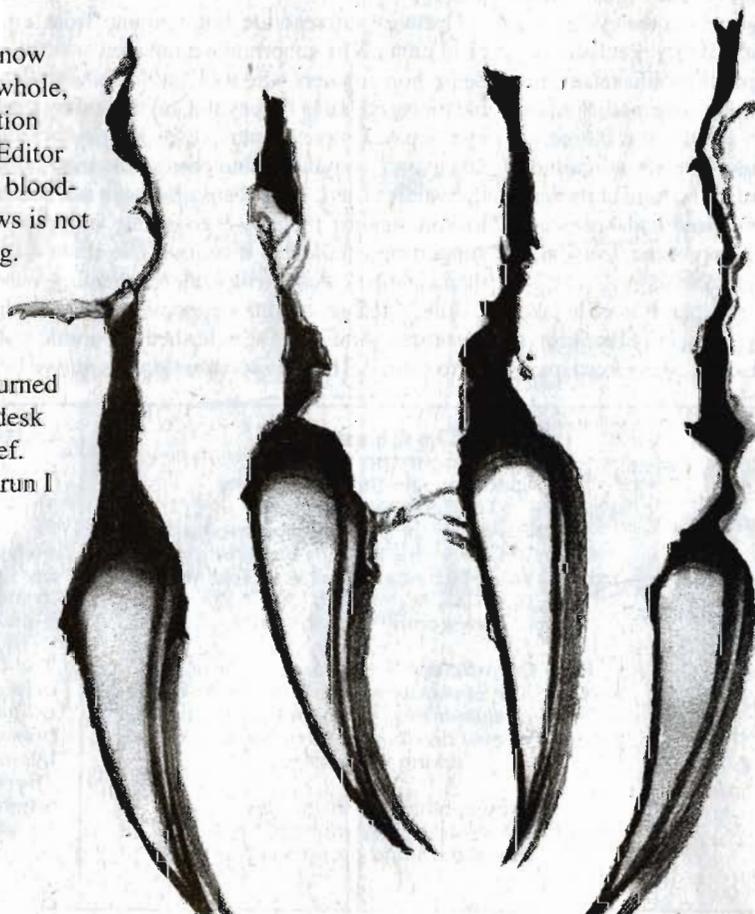
Sports Editor Jered Staubs has either fainted or been mauled previously, as at this writing I am hiding beneath my desk.

Newly hired Ad Director Ryan Rutledge has proceeded to make a new door in the wall. Where once stood a solid block of concrete, now lies a gaping hole into the hallway. "This isn't what I signed up for!" Rutledge is heard to say as he makes incredible

time on foot away from the office.

The bear, having now consumed Skinner whole, has turned his attention to Assistant Sports Editor Jared Gravette. The bloodbath that now follows is not fit for family reading.

Now being the only person left in the office alive, the bear has turned his attention to the desk of the Editor in Chief. Having nowhere to run I now.....



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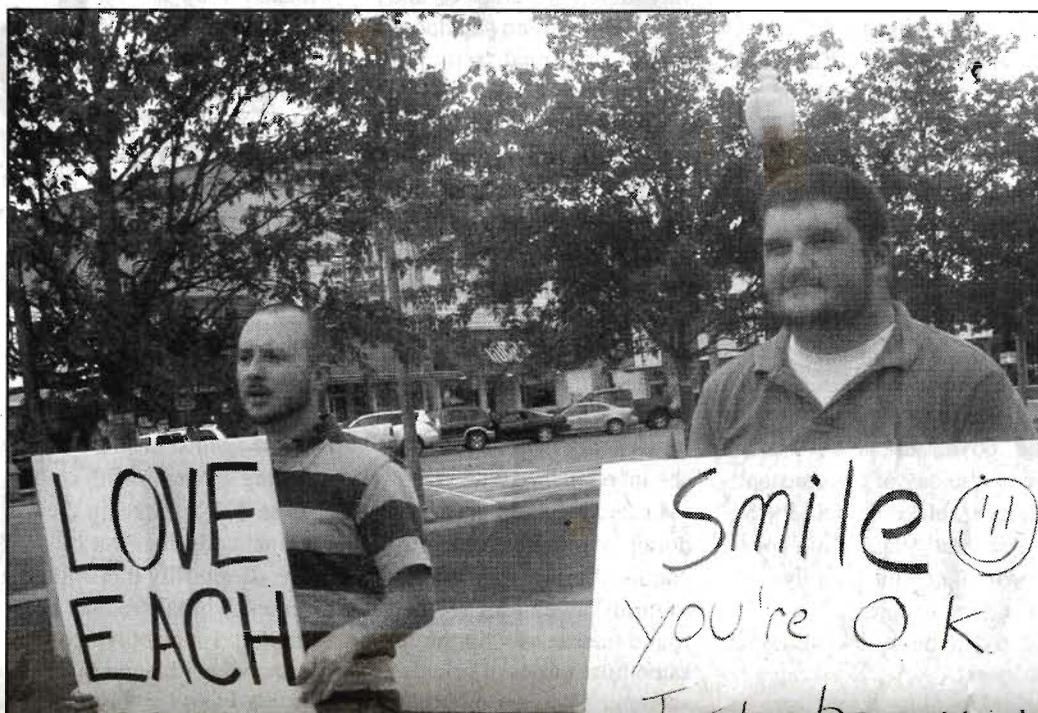
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Peace, happiness shouldn't be radical ideas



In case you didn't notice, people are freaking out. The economy is tanking, our country is involved in two wars and just here in Jacksonville, gas stations ran out of gas last week as people rushed the gas stations buying as much gas as they could as a rumor spread that the town would run out of gas.

It was a self-fulfilling prophecy, really, as people bought all the gas at stations causing them to run dry. There are still stations in town that don't have any gasoline.

Sometimes you feel like there is nothing you can do when the world seems to be falling apart around you.

My friend, Patrick (pictured left), and I had this very sense of helplessness as we watched people crowd gas stations with looks of panic and anger. We sat on his front porch talking about what we could possibly do to ease these fears that people were wrapped up in.

It would take some sort of shock, something people weren't used to seeing, to jar people out of their panic.

I almost turned around and got back in my car.

Then I saw it. Someone smiled. Then another, and another.

With a simple word, and perhaps the strangeness of seeing someone holding a sign, people were brought back out of this cocoon of fear they had wrapped themselves in.

At first glance, I think perhaps drivers thought we were protesting something.

People would drive by, pause and ask us "who are you with?"

"We're with everybody" was our reply.



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We always received a smile as each person "got it". They realized that this wasn't a political rally, we weren't endorsing any candidate or any agenda. We were simply trying to get people to realize that we really are all in this together and that fear, anger and hostility are not productive emotions.

"Are you some kind of hippy?" I was asked



Photo by Julie Skinner / *The Chanticleer*

My friend, Patrick (pictured left), and I had this very sense of helplessness as we watched people crowd gas stations with looks of panic and anger. We sat on his front porch talking about what we could possibly do to ease these fears that people were wrapped up in.

It would take some sort of shock, something people weren't used to seeing, to jar people out of their panic.

The tension in the air thickened as people sat for hours on end waiting to purchase gas.

Patrick and I had a radical idea: why not just tell them to calm down?

We couldn't exactly go car to car like crazy people handing out roses. We started with a few pieces of poster board and a marker and we started writing.

Our grand plan for world peace (okay, maybe just town peace) was to simply write messages of hope and encouragement on these posters and stand in the square.

I wasn't really sure how we would be received.

I thought to myself how sad it is that messages of hope and peace have become radical ideas.

Standing there in the square holding a sign that read "Smile! You're okay, just breathe," I was struck by a sense of fear.

reply.
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"Are you some kind of hippy?" I was asked later. I explained to this person that peace, isn't a "hippy" idea. It's taught by every major religion in the world. It could be said that the reason people have religion is a search for peace.

After a couple of hours we packed up our signs and headed home to talk about our experience.

You may have seen us out in the square, and maybe you thought we were weird.

Maybe we are.

But at least we're doing something. We're doing something to repair this sense of separation that seems to have gripped our country. We're constantly divided into red state and blue state, Democrat and Republican, liberal and conservative. Rarely we're reminded that we are all human. We're all in this together.

Next time you see us on the square, wave, smile, honk or whatever. Just let us know that you get it.

Tough economic times are our own fault

By Gavin Mathis
Uwire

National polls show the economy is the most pertinent issue on the minds of American voters. Rather than telling their constituents the cold, hard truth, both candidates fake empathy and tell the tear-jerking stories. Spinning tales about single mothers scraping by in some battleground state, working three jobs with four kids at home who plans on voting for the only candidate who will help them in their plight.

But the problems in this country are real and so are the people who fight to overcome them. However, in the eyes of politicians, these people are nothing more than caricatures used to further political campaigns.

Personally, I'm waiting for a candidate to tell Americans we are responsible for our own problems - to fix them will take sacrifice. Americans may not want to admit guilt in destroying their

own quality of life, but three overriding principles contributed to the current recession: Corporate greed, government apathy and the ignorance and sloth of the American people.

Whenever a crisis rears its ugly head on the political landscape, Americans immediately look for someone to blame. The people blame politicians, politicians blame big business and big business blames the market. Then, we repeat the cycle.

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson announced the federal government would seize control of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in a desperate attempt to curb the fallout of the financial markets. A bailout of this magnitude shows capitalism and corporate welfare at its very worst. Profits are being privatized and losses are being socialized. Though I support the decision, I wish it would not have come to this.

Beltway politicians and bureaucrats need to take their share of responsibility, especially the former chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan.

Greenspan turned a blind eye to rampant unethical business practices and deregulation as long as the economy grew. Now the current chairman, Ben Bernanke, is forced to clean up the mess. But cutting interest rates and allocating huge sums of capital into the private sector won't make up for President George Bush's poorly devised stimulus package.

Ordinary citizens are not immune from criticism either. The subprime loan market was full of dense homeowners who took out loans with flexible mortgage rates far beyond anything they could ever repay. People spent next week's paycheck on last month's payments and cheap consumer goods they didn't need. Americans also have a tendency to vote against their own economic interests by supporting candidates who look like them rather than candidates who will work for them.

John McCain admits economic issues are his weakness. And pushing rehashed economic policy to extend Bush's corporate tax cuts proves he's

not exactly Adam Smith. The American people have to stop falling for the Republican fallacy called trickle-down economics. Touting his image as a reformer and his years of bashing pork barrel politics might help McCain win votes, but it will not solve the nation's economic problems.

Wasteful spending on military contracts and bridges to nowhere are perceived as corruption instead of what it really is - a blatant confirmation of our skewed national priorities. No one ever hears of a congressman earmarking diversions of the Department of Defense funds to pay for inner-city schools. Rather than funding education programs or infrastructure renewal plans, U.S. tax dollars go to finance Lockheed Martin's defense contract, Bear Stearns' dirty loans and now Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's estimated \$25 billion bailout, according to The New York Times.

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It's going to be tough to replace "Attend a game at Yankee Stadium" in my top ten things every sports fan must do before they die.

(Here's the rest of the list: attend a game at Lambeau Field, Wrigley Field and Fenway Park. Watch Army/Navy, the Iron Bowl and the Red River Shootout. Play links golf in Scotland/England. Attend some competition between the US and other nations – Ryder Cup, World Cup, Olympics, etc. Attend the Final Four.)

I'm thinking that going to Cameron to watch Duke/UNC play basketball could be #10.

It's just a little disappointing, not the end of the world. But other than the US winning the Ryder Cup, it wasn't a great week to be a sports fan.

I'd put the over/under on episodes of "Worst Week" at 2.5 (this isn't a pun on the fact that it comes after the equally horrible show "Two and a Half Men" that people actually like).

The only thing that wasn't totally sickening about WW is that there is no laugh track. Canned laughter in unfunny situations repulses me.

I was in a restaurant the other day and within three minutes saw three things that had me pulling out what little hair I have left.

- Guy is eating while wearing a hat (A Red Sox hat, as opposed to the 36 percent of non-Boston hats in northeast Alabama). My mom would slap me senseless if I

Whitten shines, but volleyball drops two of three

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

It would be hard to imagine where the Jacksonville State volleyball team would be without Brittney Whitten.

The junior outside hitter from Boonville, Ind., put on an absolute show over the weekend, leading the Gamecocks (5-9, 1-2 OVC) to a come-from-behind victory over defending Ohio Valley Conference champion Tennessee State Friday night.

Whitten recorded 18 kills to go along with a career-high 28 digs against the Tigers, and her dominance only continued as the weekend progressed.

In Saturday's contest against Austin Peay, Whitten recorded a career-high 24 kills to go along with 21 digs, recording her eighth double-double of the season.

For her efforts, Whitten joined Erica Gerth of Eastern Illinois as the only athletes in league history to earn the OVC's Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week awards in the same week.

"It's an honor to win it, especially with a team like this and with the girls that we play with," Whitten said. "I can't take the credit for this. We work really hard in practice and the credit really goes to all six of us on the floor. It just happened to be my weekend."

JSU was tested early by Tennessee State, dropping two out of the first three games in the match. However, the Gamecocks showed resilience late in game four when their backs were

against the wall.

Ahead 24-22, the Tigers simply needed one point to ice the match, but the Gamecocks didn't give up, winning the next two points to knot the game at 24. JSU would fight off three more match points before ultimately grabbing the lead and putting the Tigers away, 31-29.

JSU carried the momentum from game four into the fifth and final game, outscoring the Tigers 15-10 and locking up their first conference victory of the season.

Aside from Whitten, Caitlin Vorbeck and Brooke Schumacher were also key in the win.

Schumacher recorded a double-double with 43 assists and 12 digs, while Vorbeck led the team in kills with 19.

"When you look at Friday night, we battled back. We were down big and showed a lot of character," JSU coach Rick Nold said. "We had a little bit of adversity and didn't let it get us down. We fought right through it. It says a lot about your team when you are able to win those types of games."

Things didn't go quite so well against Austin Peay, as the Lady Gavs defeated the Gamecocks 3-1. JSU won the first game of the contest but fell apart in game two, scoring only 11 points.

The Gamecocks were never able to regain the momentum, as the Lady Gavs won the final three games easily.

"I didn't feel like we came out to play, and I thought they played very well,"

Nold said. "On our side, I'm looking at the attitude we come out with. We could have prepared and played a lot better in that game. That's something we are going to have to learn. We are a young team."

In their third conference game of the season, the Gamecocks lost a heartbreaker to Tennessee Tech. JSU once again got down early - losing the first two games of the match - but came roaring back with wins in the third and fourth.

"We were down two, and I thought we weren't playing with any energy early," Nold said. We talked about needing to come out with some fire, and we waited.

"You get in and you battle back, but you put yourself back in that hole and you have no wiggle room, no room for error. That's what we did to ourselves. Our offense was probably as efficient as we've run it all year, but again you can't wait to start going after people."

The final game went back and forth with each squad having several match point attempts. The Eagles would eventually come out on top, 20-18.

Despite the loss, the Gamecocks once again showed an ability to claw their way back from early deficits.

"It (The Tennessee State game) probably helped us tonight," Nold said. "When I look at game five tonight, we got — toward the end of it — opportunities that we want. It just didn't pull through for us."

Eight ain't enough

Soccer team dismantles 8-man Alabama State, wins third in a row
From staff reports

Lindsay Boehmler scored three goals and Chelsea Pelletier added two to lead Jacksonville State to a 12-0 win over Alabama State (0-6) at the JSU Soccer Field on Tuesday.

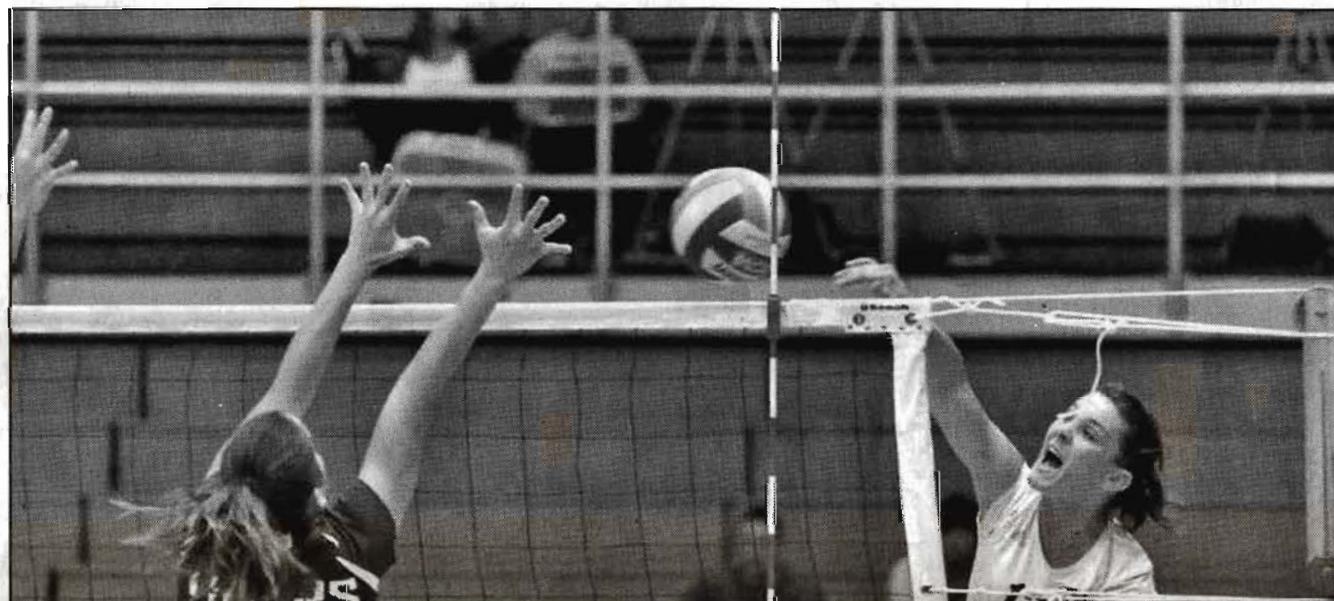
The Gamecocks set three school records and tied another during the match. JSU set new records for goals (12), shots (61), and points (32) and tied the school mark for assists (8).

Jacksonville State captured its third straight win to improve to 3-4-2 overall heading into its Ohio Valley Conference opener at Austin Peay this Friday at 7 p.m. The three-game winning streak is the first for JSU since 2005.

The Gamecocks scored five goals in the first half to take a 5-0 lead at halftime. Lindsay Boehmler gave JSU a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute on a pass from Alyshia Madison.

Pelletier and Amber DeLaney scored goals in the 16th and 17th minutes on assists by Casey Brettman and Kristi Pereira for a 3-0 JSU lead.

Pelletier and Debbie Match closed the first half



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- Guy is eating while wearing a hat (A Red Sox hat, as opposed to the 36 percent of non-Boston hats in northeast Alabama). My mom would slap me senseless if I ever ate while wearing a hat.

- No paper towels in the bathroom. The hand blow dryer or whatever that jackass invention is called is unacceptable.

- Guy leaves the stall and doesn't wash his hands.

I (sort of) had a discussion about the last of those three with my buddy Pags the other day.

He made a valid point. If he is going to use the bathroom and wash his hands once, he would wash BEFORE using the bathroom.

At first I thought he had lost it. But as he explained, it began to make sense. Your hands are dirty, what your hands are touching in the bathroom — if washed recently — are not. Why transfer the germs from your hands down there?

I don't know, it's strange to me. I've started rinsing my hands before and washing after.

Pags and I think too much. But that's why he is one of the most successful sports bettors in the history of his hometown of Reno.

Still waiting for my constant over-analysis to pay off. Oh well, here's some questions I've been asked lately.

Q: Why do you write such stupid s---?

Because nobody wants to read 550 words about my thoughts on how Manchester City is going to ruin the EPL or something like that.

Q: What does "Let me get a Puke score" mean?

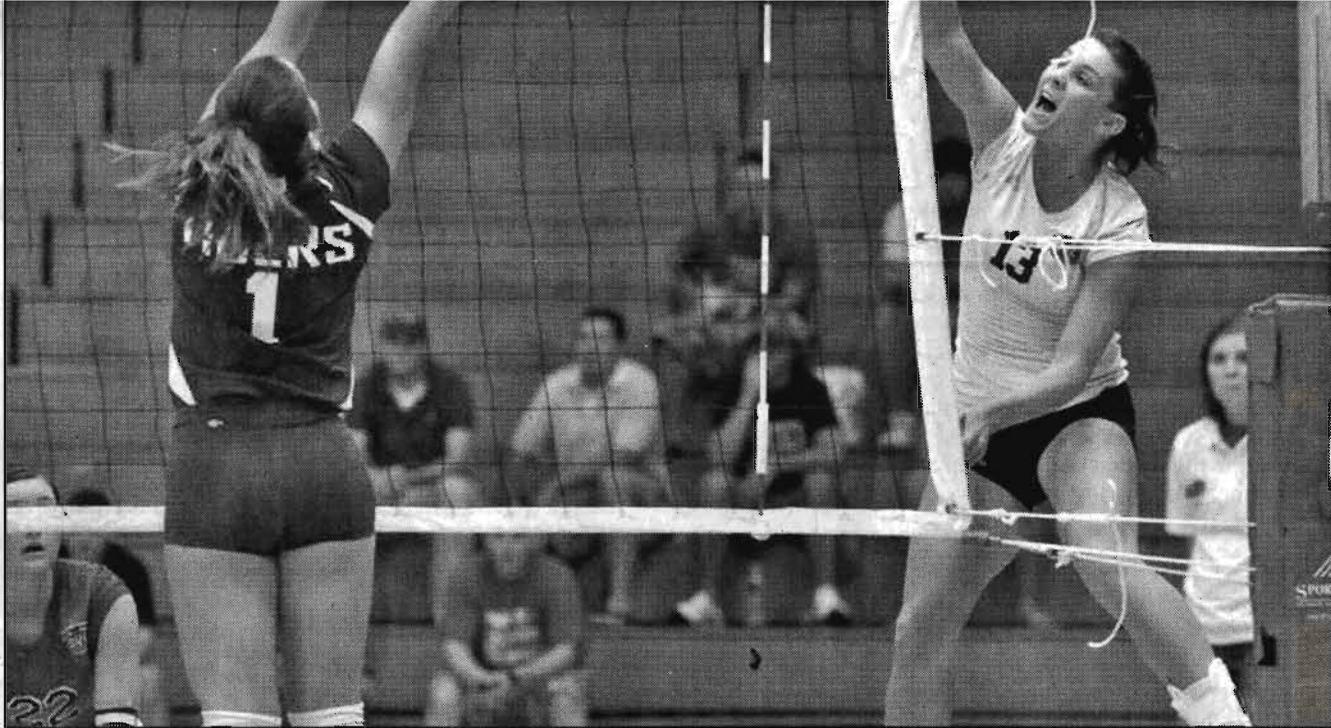
Inside joke. Like this week's title. Headlines are harder than Gerald to make.

Q: Are you aware Tim Tebow won the Heisman last year?

Yes. My buddy Turtle asked me this after I said Chase Daniel is the clear favorite to win the Heisman. He's better and plays for a better team.

Q: Is everything you write serious?

Yes, everything I write is either fact or my honest opinion. I take the Lester Bangs approach. I don't get any satisfaction out of looking brilliant or feel any real shame when I look like an idiot. I'm used to both.



Brittney Whitten smashes the ball against Tennessee State Friday night. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com

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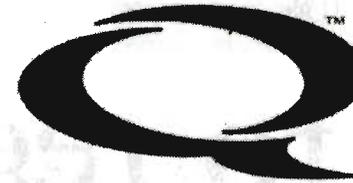
Pelletier and Debbie Matich closed the first half scoring with goals in the 22nd and 43rd minutes.

JSU added seven goals in the second half. Boehmler added two goals and Brittany Gardner had a goal and two assists in the second half for the Gamecocks.

Erica Wolf and Pam Gorham netted a goal and had an assist apiece while Elsa Kurlychek and Pereira also added goals.

EDITOR'S NOTE: JSU had more players score than Alabama State had play in the game.

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Thunder and Lightning

Jackson and Coger run over, around UT-Chattanooga in 31-3 victory

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

Behind the legs of Daniel Jackson and Tremayne Coger and on the strength of five interceptions, the Jacksonville State football team was able to dominate Chattanooga last Saturday, defeating the Mocs 31-3.

In his debut with the Gamecocks (2-1), Coger carried the ball 16 times for 123 yards. Jackson was equally impressive, rushing for 113 yards on 17 carries. The game against Chattanooga marked the first time since 2003 that two JSU players surpassed the century mark.

"Tremayne Coger made his introduction to Jacksonville State football with a quality performance with 123 yards. It's been three years since he's been in a football game as a running back. So, we were happy for Tremayne's start and it just complements Daniel Jackson," JSU coach Jack Crowe said.

The Gamecocks got off to a slow start, going three-and-out on their first possession. However, JSU quickly shook off the rust and were rarely stopped the remainder of the first half.

Chattanooga put together an impressive opening drive, but an A.J. Davis interception squandered any opportunity the Mocs had of taking an early lead.

Davis, a freshman from Clay-Chalkville High School, intercepted two passes in the game and was named the Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts.

"I'll say this, and I think A.J.'s mature enough to handle this. A.J. can be — and I know Eric Davis was really good — as good as any to play here. There's no reason he can't be as good as anybody," Crowe said.

The Gamecocks would score on their next two drives. The first came on a Gavin Hallford 35-yard field goal.

Hallford re-injured his kicking leg during the contest and will likely not be available to kick off in the near future. However, JSU's

we settled in to really consistent play through the half."

In particular, Perrilloux found his rhythm in the second quarter, going 5-for-7 passing for 70 yards and a touchdown. The junior is now 22-for-32 for 218 yards and three touchdowns in the second quarter this season.

Davis struck again early in the second quarter, intercepting another Tony Pastore pass and setting the Gamecocks up with good field position. Perrilloux then attacked the Mocs defense through the air, completing a 17-yard touchdown pass to Maurice Dupree.

The Mocs next possession ended in another interception, this one by Jawaan Booker.

JSU's final touchdown of the half came shortly after the Moc's turnover, as the Gamecocks picked up 76 yards in only two plays. Coger started the drive with a 39-yard run, which was followed by a trick play that stunned the Chattanooga defense.

Wide receiver John Houston Whiddon received the ball on a halfback option and threw a pass deep to Dupree for a 37-yard touchdown.

Dupree put together a great game against the Mocs, finishing with 106 yards of total offense and two touchdowns.

Chattanooga kicked a field goal on its opening possession of the second half, but the Gamecock defense held strong throughout the remainder of the game. JSU would add interceptions from both Josh Cain and Michael Owens, giving the Gamecocks five in the contest.

"Five interceptions in one game is rare," Crowe said. "There is always good pressure that leads to an interception."

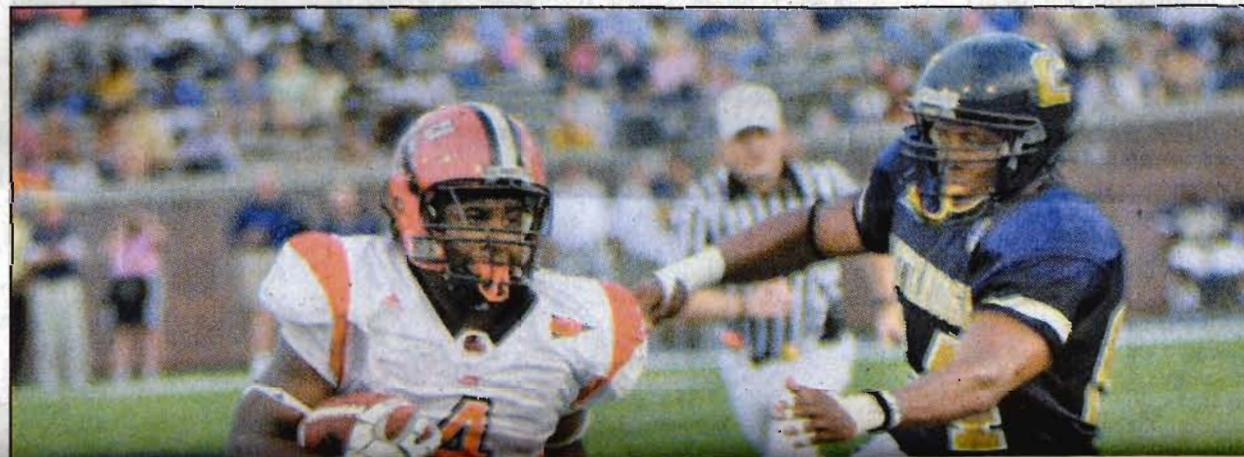
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JSU's offense relied mainly on the run in the second half, scoring its final touchdown late in the fourth quarter



ABOVE: Jacksonville State running back Tremayne Coger breaks a tackle in Saturday night's 31-3 victory over Chattanooga. Coger finished with 123 yards rushing in his debut with the Gamecocks.

BELOW: Jacksonville State running back Daniel Jackson carries the football up the field. Jackson rushed for 113 yards on Saturday, marking the first time since 2003 that the Gamecocks have had two players rush for over 100 yards in a game. Photos courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com



good as anybody, Crowe said. The Gamecocks would score on their next two drives. The first came on a Gavin Hallford 35-yard field goal.

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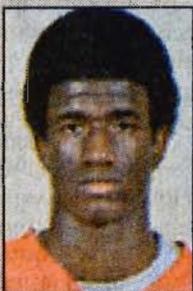
Ryan Perrilloux followed up Hallford's effort with a 35-yard touchdown scamper, putting JSU up 10-0 at the end of first quarter.

"We were a little slow getting started offensively," Crowe said. "But, I thought after the first series,

were walk-ons. I thought at the beginning of the season we were young at corner, but I knew we still had a good chance. Now, there is some evidence that that is the case."

JSU's offense relied mainly on the run in the second half, scoring its final touchdown late in the fourth quarter on a Cogger one-yard touchdown run.

"It's really a good feeling to know that you can just put a game away with your running game. That's not to say we can do it every week, but it is to say that on that field on that day at least you experience it. There are some things that don't happen all the time, like having two 100-yard rushers," Crowe said.



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Interceptions by the JSU defense in the Gamecocks' 31-3 win at UT-Chattanooga, two of which A.J. Davis picked. It was the first time in five years JSU had five interceptions.

Trying to regain the upper hand

Gamecocks look to reverse recent trends against rival Eastern Illinois

By **Jered Staubs**
Sports Editor

Whoever made out the Ohio Valley Conference schedule didn't want to wait very long for the marquee game of the year.

The two teams everyone expects to win the conference are meeting this weekend in the OVC opener for both teams.

Jacksonville State (2-1) travels to Eastern Illinois (2-2) Saturday in what JSU coach Jack Crowe calls "the biggest rival we have right now." EIU has been ranked in the final Top 25 poll 10 of the past 13 years and has qualified for the playoffs five of the last seven years — the two exceptions coming when JSU won the OVC.

This year is expected to be no different; as JSU narrowly edged EIU in the coaches' preseason voting. Currently EIU is ranked 16th in the nation, while JSU is on the verge of breaking into the rankings, unofficially 27th.

As Crowe said, he and most people

expected the Panthers to be the preseason favorite, and only the late addition of Ryan Perrilloux swung the voting in JSU's favor.

"The only reason we were picked ahead of them was the Perrilloux effect," Crowe said. "We are going to be challenged, but I expect us to win. I accept no less."

The question now is whether Perrilloux will be enough to stem what has been an EIU-dominated series recently. After beating EIU the first two years after joining the OVC, the Gamecocks have dropped three in a row to the Panthers, including a 14-point loss a season ago in a game Crowe said was "the first time we played an FCS team that physically whipped us."

Again this year, the Panthers are physically dominant on the offensive and defensive lines.

EIU has a huge offensive line led by All-American right guard Chaz Millard, and the right side of the Panthers' defensive line is dominant. Crowe calls Pierre Walters "an NFL-bound defensive end" who already has

three sacks this season, and right tackle Jeff Sobol is a transfer from Illinois who also has the ability to be a premier pass rusher.

"From what I hear they're very physical, they're very big," Perrilloux said. "If you look at our football team, we've been smaller than every opponent we've played against, so we're going to try to be very intense and very physical and just work hard and compete."

Last year the Panthers outrushed JSU 210-140.

"The challenge for us is keeping Eastern Illinois from cramming it down our throats like they did last year," Crowe said.

The Gamecocks will have Perrilloux leading the way this year, but he will need his offensive line and backs to take the momentum they accumulated in the win over UT-Chattanooga into the EIU game.

The offense ran smoothly, and Perrilloux's main task so far has been managing the offense.

"We don't measure Ryan's evenings or any quarterbacks' evenings by

anything other than how well he runs the team," Crowe said. "Playing without a turnover was big. Whatever stats you measure a quarterback by, the only one that really counts is did he manage his team to win."

For his part, Perrilloux remains focused on playing within himself.

"My job on the field is to be the conductor of the offense," Perrilloux said. "Keep us in the right plays, convert on third downs and get the ball in our playmakers' hands. My job is not to rush for 200, 300 yards or throw for 400, 500 yards, my job is to go out and win the game."

Still, there is going to come a time when Perrilloux will be relied on to make use of his exceptional talent, and it could easily come against Bob Spoo's team this week.

"He's also got to be the runner he's capable of being, he's got to be the passer he's capable of being," Crowe said. "Not that he hasn't, but for us to be capable of what we're capable of being offensively, he's got to be what he can be as a player."