Shelter from the storm
Local churches, businesses and residents take in evacuees

By Zach Childree
Editor in Chief

As Hurricane Gustav made landfall this week, evacuees from the New Orleans area made their way northward to escape the storm. Area hotels are feeling the effects as people search for places to take refuge.

Sharon Thomas, a front desk clerk at the Country Inn and Suites in Oxford said her hotel was full. "We were very busy this weekend," Thomas said. "We're sold out, we had to turn people away at one point."

Thomas couldn't say how many people were evacuating from the storm. "I'm not sure of exact numbers," Thomas said. "It's a lot though."

Danny Lee, General Manager of Hampton Inn and Suites in Oxford, said his hotel was full. "I would say [evacuees] make up about 40% of our guests today," Lee said. "Sunday and Monday it was more like 70%"

Lee said his hotel was dedicated to helping those in need. "We're offering discounts for evacuees who are facing financial hardships," Lee said. "We also donated linens to Camp Lee for the 40 families who are staying there."

Hotels aren't the only ones housing evacuees. Ted Embry of Grace Baptist Church said... See "Refuge," page 3

Physical Plant keeps JSU working

By Elania Garrett
Staff Writer

It is the end of the day. You have just finished your last class and you can't wait to get home. You get to your car only to find that you've left your lights on and your battery is dead. You need someone to jump-start your vehicle, and there isn't a familiar face in sight. Who would be willing to help you?

The employees at Jacksonville State University's Physical Plant is responsible for the repair and maintenance of campus facilities. It is composed of several technical and skills shops that offer landscaping, carpentry, custodial services and various other things.

The physical plant consists of over 150 employees whose duties include everything from changing light bulbs to street marking to overseeing the construction of a 35 million dollar stadium.

JSU Physical Plant is halls of the campus are all compliments of the physical plant.

Mr. David Thompson, assistant director of the JSU physical plant, has been working with the plant for almost six years. He says that it's been a very rewarding experience for him.

"Working at the plant is sometimes very busy and at times unpredictable," Thompson said. "The most challenging time of the year is the first semester because..."
The employees at Jacksonville State University Physical Plant would be glad to help you. The JSU Physical Plant is no longer the steam plant that heated the entire University decades ago. The Physic

JSU employee Lee Swenson mows the lawn in front of Bibb Graves. Landscaping is just one of the many jobs that physical plant employees do every day.

Photo by Mandy Pearson / The Chanticleer

SGA dives into semester

By Natalie Dempster
Special to the Chanticleer

Chlorine and laughter permeated the air in the lobby of Pete Matthews Coliseum Tuesday afternoon, in lieu of the Student Government Association’s Pool Party hosted by Student Activities Vice President, Jacoby Parks. Parks handed out flyers and posted bulletins in Theon Montgomery Building for the event and was pleased by the turn out.

“We used to do cook-offs, but this year I wanted to try something a little different,” Sparks said. “So far it’s been great. Everyone has really high energy and is having a great time!”

SGA President Jennifer Nix said the student participation was surprising for a first-time event and she was happy with the turn out.

“I think it would be re-

ally great idea to put this on again,” said Nix. “I think next time we’ll have refreshments, maybe pizza or something. A lot of the freshmen didn’t know where the Coliseum was so it was a really good turn out considering.”

There was a big draw at one end of the pool as many students showed off their acrobatic skills on the diving board. One student did a summersault mid-air that seemed to defy the laws of physics.

Preston Walker, a first-year grad student, and member of Omega Psi Phi, got in on the fun as well.

“I really love watching the competitive diving,” Walker said. “Everyone’s here to have a good time, and its great to attend an event that isn’t centered around partying.”

Walker added that he

See “Pool,” page 3

JSU to implement new emergency alert system

By Jason Turner
Senior Staff Writer

Chief Shawn Giddy and the Jacksonville State University Police want your phone number. They don’t want it for solicitation or for any of those other “Big Brother” agendas, but actually to help in case of emergency.

The University Police have a new electronic system to alert you in case of emergencies, such as bad weather or other tragic events like those that have taken place on campuses such as Virginia Tech.

The Virginia Tech massacre of 32 students occurred on two different attacks, and the second attack may have been prevented with a system like this.

The new system, which has been in the works for over a year, has finally reached its day with a campus-wide test going out Tuesday, September 9th, at 12 p.m.

To register for the emergency alert system, follow these easy steps:

• Sign into your “My JSU” account.
• Click on the “Self Service Banner” link on the right.
• Click on the “Personal Information” link.
• Click on the “Update Addresses and Phone Number” link.
• Click current.
• Then type in the date, click phone type and put cell, add your number.
• Check unlisted and click submit.

When you answer the phone, you will push the number two to alert the system that you have received the message. If your voice-mail picks up or you hang up on the system, that also will alert the system of your action. Either way it will be noted that you were contacted.

If you did not receive a notification at noon on Tuesday September 9th, contact the university police.

“Put the number you want to be reached at. I don’t want to bother people who live in Birmingham or those who take day classes and aren’t here in the evening,” Giddy said.

Giddy also said that he would like to build another list of off-campus students, so if you live off campus you won’t be notified.

“We were trying to do this by working with the people at the university to try and fix it where we can incorporate students who stay off campus but in Jacksonville, by adding another tab,” Giddy said.

The message is a pre-recorded automated text that will alert you by telling you what the warning is such as saying “Tornado warning take shelter.” It will alert you to anything that can be life-threatening.

“If there is a tornado, but it is not likely to hit Jacksonville, it will not call you,” Giddy explained.

Dr. Meehan appointed a committee to look into this idea that has become popular at other campuses. The committee evaluated different companies and put out bids; they decided on the Schoolcast Company out of Birmingham.

Jacksonville has learned from other schools the pros and cons of the system. They don’t want to harass students with insignificant messages, just the ones that are life threatening.

Jacksonville State University is the first university in the state to be accredited as storm-ready, which includes having weather radios in all of the dormitories.

Chief Giddy encouraged all students and faculty to register for this alert system. If you have problems or can’t figure out how to register, call the campus police or stop by for details. This could be a difference between life and death.

Next week’s question:
What recent televised events did you watch the most?
ON Campus

Briefs

JSU featured on ESPN

JSU quarterback Ryan Perrilloux appeared on the ESPN program “Outside the Lines” last Sunday. The segment is available in its entirety at www.jsugamecocksports.com.

Announcements

The David L. Walters Department of Music will present a faculty voice recital featuring Dr. Patricia Corbin, mezzo soprano, accompanied on the piano by Dr. Gail Steward, in the Mason Hall Performance Center. The recital will be held September 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Campus Crime

Monday, August 26, 2008
Abby Lynn Showers reported a theft of property at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Stolen was a blue Wachovia credit card, a Starbucks gift card valued at $1.50, an American Express gift card valued at $3.75 and an assortment of bills valued at $120.00.

Kristina Maria Ward reported harassing communications at Fitzpatrick Hall.

Monday, September 1
Lisa Marie Triplett reported a theft of property in Sparkman Hall. Stolen was $45.00 in cash and a chase credit card.

What's Happening

Thursday, September 4
- SGA Foam Party, Gamecock Field, 7:00 p.m.
- Football, Georgia Tech, 7:30 p.m.
- Volleyball, Jacksonville State, 7:30 p.m.

Important message for students

According to John Bauer Graham, dean of library services, the plan for placing in the residence halls first and then in academic buildings is proposed to be the first academic building to receive security cameras.

“From the library standpoint, it makes sense to place cameras around campus to let students and faculty feel more at ease not just when it comes to heinous crimes such as the Virginia Tech shooting, but for more common crimes around campus such as those involving theft.”

Giddy also hopes to have security cameras in patrol cars around campus, and thinks that placing in the entrances and exits of all residence halls, in academic buildings and in parking lots will be placed in the library. Where it stands, the cameras will be placed in the entrances and exits of all residence halls, in academic buildings and in parking lots. An official date to begin installing the cameras is yet to be released, as well as what company will supply the security equipment.

Giddy also hopes to have security cameras in patrol cars around campus, and thinks that with cameras in parking lots and intersections, many student disputes over wrecks can be solved easier.

“Within a book bag, a lot of students carry their life,” Graham said. "One book bag could mean everything. Every bit of a student's life that semester is gone because they just happened to leave it unattended." The library's Service Quality Group hopes to start a system that will leave friendly reminders to students who expose themselves to being possible victims of theft.

“This system, that Graham unofficially refers to as the "Gotcha Program," will have librarians leave flyers near unattended belongings to remind students of the possibility of their valuables being stolen. They also hope to deter thieves with this program.

With the possibility of security cameras being in the near future at JSU, Bell thinks students as a whole will feel more protected.

“I cannot speak for each student,” Bell said. "But if I were a student, I would feel safer on campus knowing there's an added measure of security that the university is providing."
What’s Happening

Thursday, September 4
- SGA Foam Party, Gamecock Field, 3:00 p.m.

Friday, September 5
- All Sports Pep Rally & Mixer, Paul Snow Stadium, 7:00 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 6
- JSU Football, JSU vs. Alabama A&M Tailgate, Paul Snow Stadium, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 8
- SGA Student Senate Meeting, TMB Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- SGA Traffic Court, Office of Student Life - Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

Oops LOL

- On the front page of last week’s issue the results for the Question of the week added up to 116%. The total for the answer “I’m conflicted on the issue” should have read 8%.

The Chanticleer regrets this error and apologizes to anyone who was affected.

What if page two of The Chanticleer looked like this?

Rutgers basketball team under gag order

Remember,
the First Amendment is more than our right to print. It's your right to read, too.

Important message for students

From JSU News wire

The late registration fee scheduled to be charged to students registering August 28 and later will not be charged until Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

Also, students who have not met their financial obligation to the institution by 4:30 pm Sept 4th will have ALL their classes canceled/voided. Students are encouraged to monitor their account balance on-line regularly prior to this date to ensure an unpaid balance does not result in classes being voided/canceled. View charges and payments at MyJSU by clicking “Pay Bill. Payment in full or financial aid must be in order by 4:30 pm Thursday, Sept. 4th in order to retain classes.

Any questions should be directed to the Bursar’s Office, ext. 5458.

FINANCIAL AID TUESDAYS

STUDENTS GET FULL MEALS EVERY TUESDAY FOR $4.99

- COUNTRY STYLE FISH DINNER -
- 2PC BATTER DIPPED FISH DINNER -
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- 8PC PREMIUM SHRIMP DINNER -
- SHRIMP & MORE -
- CLAM DINNER -
- SEAFOOD STUFFED CRAB -
- FISH & CHICKEN DINNER -
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- 3PC FISH AND CHIPS -

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TO QUALIFY FOR THE CAPTAIN D'S FINANCIAL AID PLAN, PLEASE PRESENT YOUR STUDENT I.D. WHEN YOU ORDER.
Southerners’ show creates controversy

By Haley Gregg
Senior Writer

On August 28 the Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners Band put on a brief but controversial show at JSU’s first football game against the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Little did they know that their performance would cause an uproar among some Georgia Tech fans, JSU alumni and students.

The Marching Southerners show is entitled “From Russia with Love.” The performance features works from famous Russian composers, and that the hammer and sickle was featured on the Soviet Union’s flag during that time period. Their hope was that the audience would make that connection with the flags at the end of the show.

One email, from an unrevealed source, was posted by Bodiford, with his reply on marchingoutherners.org.

The email claimed that a true Southerner would never bear the symbol of the former Soviet Union and that it was a slap in the face to the Southern tradition and the values that we hold dear in the South.

Bodiford’s reply talked about how everything had been taken out of context, that their musical consists of all Russian composers, and that the hammer and sickle was featured on the Soviet Union’s flag during that time period. Their hope was that the audience would make that connection with the flags at the end of the show.

“We are trying to fix it, and be classy. We want to please everybody,” said Ryan Morris, freshman color guard for the Southerners.

The Southerns have endured some harsh comments about this part of their show and have even been accused of supporting Communism. “The irony of the complaints is that Shostakovich, one of the composers used at the end of the show, was extremely against communism. The triumphant ending of his fifth symphony is meant to celebrate the fall of communism that he hoped would come,” Newton said.

Some Southerns seem to think the recent affairs between Russia and Georgia brought more attention to the show than what it originally would have received.

Pool: Nix pleasantly surprised by student participation at pool party

would definitely be coming back next year.

Freshman Ashley Barnes, who plans to major in Communications, is glad she attended the event.

“I didn’t know there was a pool on campus until earlier today,” Barnes said. “I wasn’t going to go at first, but I’m really glad I did. I’ve met some new people, and got to go swimming for the first time all summer.”

Bodiford and other head personnel of the Southerners have decided to remove the hammer and sickle from the production entirely, according to Corey Newton, Southerners senior head drum major.

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Physical Plant: helping students out when needed

familiar with your surroundings, or simply having an unlucky day, the employees have no problem helping you resolve your issue.

No problem or request is too absurd. Believe it or not, a large number of cell phones have found their final resting place in toilets.

University are patient, understanding and have good attitudes," Thompson said. "We are the customer-service part of the campus. I do feel that the students appreciate the work we do."

Any time that you walk across the freshly cut grass on the quad or stop inside, you’ll see them working hard to ensure that JSU is a pleasant place to be.

Can you write? Want to learn how?
Call us at 782-5701 and see your name in print
have no problem helping you resolve your issue.

No problem or request is too absurd. Believe it or not, a large number of cell phones have found their
destiny in toilet bowls all across campus. When asked if he
feels the students appreciate the labor of the physical
plant, he replies affirmatively.

"The most enjoyable part
of my job is the people. The
people of Jacksonville State
university are the best,
and I can tell you that.

Refuge: Hotels offering
discounts to those in need

120 people have sought shelter at the church. "There
was a lighted sign off of exit
185 directing people to shelters around town," Embry
said. "We also informed law
enforcement and the Depart-
ment of Human Resources of
the shelter." Embry said the
church has also been provid-
ing meals to people in hotels
nearby.

Gladys Denizard, a local nurse, is housing some of
her friends who escaped the storm. "It was quite a drive for
them to get here," Denizard
said. "They left New Orleans
at noon on Saturday and didn't
get here till 7 a.m. on Sunday.
The traffic was in gridlock."

Denizard said her friends haven't been told when they
will be allowed back home.
"We've been told they will be
able to return to their homes
in the next few days," Deni-
zard said.

Steve Ballas and his wife Dianne, who live just north of
lake Pontchartrain,
are staying at the University Inn in Jacksonville to escape
the storm.

"[Evacuating] was the prudent thing to do," Ballas said.
"We're not so much concerned
with the flooding where we
live, but the trees."

Ballas said 3 years ago, during
hurricane Katrina, he lost
9 trees. "One tree fell about
3 feet from the house," Ballas
said.

A family member discovered
the tree while inspecting
the property. "He told me 'you
either need to go to church or
the casino,'" Ballas said.

Ballas said he hasn't been
able to get any news about
damage to his property. "We
haven't been able to make
direct contact with anyone,"
Ballas said. "Cell phone and
hard line systems are down,
but I brought my laptop and
I've been checking my Parish
website for any information."

Embry said people at the
church shelter were told they
could possibly return home
on Thursday or Friday, but
many people aren't sure what
they have to come home to.
"The fear of the unknown is
a strong fear in itself," Embry
said.

Ballas said he wasn't sure
how long he would be staying
in Jacksonville. "I'm here
with my in-laws and my dog in
tow," Ballas said. "But it's been
a very positive experience. It's
just like being at home."
Sexism has no place in criticism of Palin

Last week Republican presidential candidate John McCain announced his pick for Vice President, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. I had the same reaction to Palin as most people: "Who the #% is Sarah Palin?" The move is being called a cheap political ploy by talking heads on network television, and they may be right. The blogosphere has been set ablaze with people investigating Palin's background. First, there was the rumor that Palin's infant son was actually her grandson, and now the admission by Palin that her oldest daughter is 5 months pregnant by a young man who isn't her husband. Scandal!

The thing is, it shouldn't be.

So far, most of the criticism of Palin has been about her gender, who is actually her baby's mama and even snide jokes about her beauty queen past. This has to stop.

Now before you crown me the next Fox News anchor, let me assure you, I am no fan of McCain or Palin. That being said, I think that criticism of Palin can come from a variety of places that have nothing to do with her gender. Palin's pick as VP may have cost McCain more votes than it bought him.

Palin has less experience than Obama when it comes to foreign policy, so McCain can't play that card anymore. Palin is a darling of the religious right as an anti-choice candidate when a majority of Americans think abortion should remain legal.

All of these are legitimate arguments against Palin and they should be made. Arguments that focus on what's going on (or went on) between her legs should not even see the light of day. Liberals are supposed to be the ones who fight sexism and promote equality. We're supposed to be above disgusting comments about her looks and her sexuality.

Leave arguments that demean Palin as a woman in the trash where they belong.
Technology shouldn't replace etiquette

By Aurelia Gooden
Staff Writer

Modern technological advances have simplified or perhaps, eliminated even the most basic tasks. Creativity has given us an abundant supply of appliances, electronics, machines, etc. that bombard us with the tempting option of merely executing a task and walking away - no cleaning up, no double checking, and most importantly, no responsibility. Yet, as a society, we are incapable of being pleased. As we continue to receive, we continue to want. Our appetite is insatiable. However, it is this crude voraciousness that will cause the bricks of our modern society to topple.

At this rate, we are fighting a losing battle. There is something wrong with society when it is commonplace to enter a technologically-advanced restroom and find dwindling unmentionables amid a pungent odor. Usually, in these cases, the fugitive who stands convicted of leaving his or her mark behind is too lazy to make sure that the porcelain robot disposed of the not-so-secret evidence. It only takes a few seconds to make the world a better place; nevertheless, we are too lazy to finish even the minor tasks that our machines expect us to complete.

We should be ashamed. If we are not, then the task at hand is larger than we'll ever be.

There is something wrong with us when we allow innovations to make our decisions. For instance, many parents allow digital televisions to decide which shows their children should watch. Parents may read a list of categories of ratings and choose which types of shows to block or allow to be viewed. From a very shallow point of view, there is nothing wrong with this practice. However, from a more subjective view, ratings are based upon standard values. Ethics vary from home to home. Therefore, the only foolproof method for keeping children safe is to screen shows by watching them rather than selecting to block shows based upon pre-selected ratings.

Nonetheless, most people already know this and most people know what they are supposed to do when the toilets forget to flush.

Laziness is getting the best of us. We are substantially late to our appointment with diligence.

Undoubtedly, technological innovations have made life simpler than could ever be predicted. Nevertheless, there are some human characteristics that cannot be replicated. We must not let our longing for simplicity destroy our dignity, humanity, integrity, and our ability to distinguish right and wrong.

Letters to the Editor

Headline misled about University's relationship with Coca-Cola

I would like to respond to the headline in last week's Chanticleer of "JSU Kicks Coca-Cola to the Curb". This headline was very misleading and gives the impression of dissatisfaction with a company who has been a strong partner to JSU for many years.

JSU's relationship with the Coca-Cola Company was positive for a long time, and they were supportive of our University in many ways other than just financially. The decision to change was a difficult one for JSU because of this strong relationship, but was made based on the best interest of the University in the coming years and not because of any service or product issues in the past.

As a State-funded institution, JSU is required by law to make all our auxiliary services available by bid. These bids are thoroughly evaluated to determine which would be the best decision for the University based on many factors, including financial impact. The bids in this case were extremely close, and after extended evaluation it was determined that the offer from Pepsi would be more beneficial to the University in the long run. It should be noted that Coke wanted to stay on campus and made a very competitive bid, but the bottom line fell just short of its competitor. During this time of shrinking state appropriations and increasing tuition, it is important for JSU to maximize its revenue from other sources, and this process is evidence of our efforts to do that.

Parting with Coke was strictly a business decision, and they understood that. Our transition had been professional and very amicable with everyone involved, but this headline cast a poor shadow over the process. No one was "kicked to the curb," and as we look forward to a strong relationship with Pepsi, we should also be thankful and respect our past relationship with Coke.

Joe Whitmore
Director, Institutional Support Services

Have some comments or questions to share with the staff of The Chanticleer?
Comment Online
http://www.thechanticleeronline.com
Gamecock Football Preview
Rolling the dice

JSU football coach Jack Crowe is betting new quarterback Ryan Perrilloux’s troubled past is behind him and he can lead the Gamecocks out of mediocrity.

“Ryan admitted, ‘I did it wrong, I’m gonna do it right.’ He hasn’t said a negative thing, so yes it’s a second chance.”

— Jack Crowe
The Answer?

The Jacksonville State football team enters the 2008 campaign with high hopes once again becoming the cream of the crop in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Gamecocks entered the OVC in 2003 and proceeded to win back-to-back conference titles. Since then, JSU has struggled, finishing 6-5 and failing to reach the playoffs in each of the past three seasons.

Without a scholarship quarterback on the spring roster, the Gamecocks looked to be headed towards another lackluster season.

That was before Jack Crowe decided to roll the dice and bring in former LSU quarterback Ryan Perrilloux. With one key addition, JSU went from the middle of the pack to the consensus favorite to win the OVC in 2008.

With Perrilloux, the Gamecocks now have an emotional leader with big-game experience under his belt that wants nothing more than to bring a championship back to Jacksonville.

Tremayne Coger, a transfer from Alabama, was expected to step in as the Gamecocks’ starting running back but has been slowed by injuries early in the 2008 campaign. Last years’ starter, Daniel Jackson, is expected to get the bulk of the carries until Coger is ready to play.

The offensive line is likely the biggest question mark coming in for the Gamecocks this season. Curt Porter, Reggie Wade, Al Jefferson and Keith Gergel were supposed to be joined by Matthew Washington up front but an injury will likely keep him out for the foreseeable future.

The secondary should also be very solid this season. A.J. Davis and T.J. Heath man both the cornerback spots with Kenny Walker and Carnell Clark starting at safety.

Santé Mayes, Brandt Thomas and Duane Tolbert are scheduled to start along the defensive line.

The Gamecocks’ special teams unit is arguably tops in the OVC. JSU brings back a pair of All-OVC performers in kicker Gavin Halford and kick returner Maurice Dupree.

Halford connected on 22 field goals last season, shattering the JSU record.
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"Ryan is trying to win a championship. That's the way he talks, that's the way he thinks," Crowe said.

"He's a great leader, he's a great person," senior linebacker Marquise Eleton added. "As soon as he came in, he's made everyone around him better. Guys have been running faster, guys have been hitting harder."

"Seeing a player of his calibre and the kind of leader he is at this stage of his career is something you can't teach," Crowe said. "You can't teach a guy to be that way."

"I think we've got a good line up front. We've got two seniors on the right side, our left tackle started some last year, and our center played at junior college last year. We've got some injuries, but when we're healthy, I think we'll be one of the best in the league," Gergel said.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Gamecocks return three starters from last year's team and the defense should get into a very solid rotation.

"I think time is going to make this football team better and better, but it's time to play," Crowe said.

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The Bulldogs were the best defense in the SWAC last season, and Crowe knows that his team must improve its offensive balance to have success against that unit.

"Offensively, we didn't establish a running game (last week)," Crowe said. "We felt like we had to take advantage of the perimeter as much as we could. It really is not our style not to try and run the football more than we did. I thought we overused Ryan Perraloux. If I remember correctly, there were only 14 plays that he wasn't throwing it or running it. That is way too much.

"Alabama A&M has a defensive bunch that is almost all seniors. There is only two non-seniors playing on their defensive team. They are talented and experienced and we are going to be challenged."

Offensive tackle Keith Gergel echoed Crowe sentiments that the running game must be brought back to the forefront if the Gamecocks are to find success against Alabama A&M.

"I think we gave up the running game just a little too early, but when you get down 21 points early, you have to try to get big plays," Gergel said. "When the defense knows that you're going to pass, they just pin their ears back, and that makes it a lot harder for the line. We need to establish that running game to open up everything else.

The availability of projected starting running back Tremayne Coger remains questionable, as Crowe said he did not want to rush anyone back from injury early in the season. Still, Perraloux said he expects Coger to play, and he added that establishing a running game is the focus of his team this week.

If Coger is able to play, he and Daniel Jackson will likely split the bulk of the carries. If Coger remains unable to go, Jackson will see the bulk of the action with some help from Drec Lindley.

Jackson and Lindley had five and four carries last week, respectively. Perraloux was the team's primary ball carrier, with 18 attempts, though both he and Crowe said that doesn't need to happen again this week. For his part, Perraloux accepted a lion's share of the blame and said that he "would like to play Georgia Tech again" to redeem himself.

"I think I still have a lot of work to do," Perraloux said. "It was only my third start ever in college. But four turnovers, that's unacceptable. Two interceptions on my part, a fumbled snap, a fumble, we just can't have it. We'll lose to anybody in the country if we have four turnovers, not just Georgia Tech."

The JSU defense will face a potent quarterback-receiver combination in A&M's Kevin Atkins and Thomas Harris. In the Bulldogs 34-13 loss to Tennessee State, Harris caught seven passes for 105 yards.

The Gamecocks will at least be able to return to an attacking approach to defense this week after dealing with the mental aspects of the triple option. Linebacker Marquis Elston said his team looks to "fly to the football" and Crowe said that his defense has the speed to be a strength of the Gamecock team.

"Once we get over our little stage fright, in the speed of the game, there wasn't any difference in us and (Tech)."

"Now how's the speed of the game going to look against A&M and Chattanooga and those types of teams? I've found out that you don't know until you get out there, but there's every indication that we are a very fast, athletic team. There's a lot of encouragement in picking up pieces, but the bottom line is winning, and we haven't proved we know how to win."

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It was a beautiful Saturday morning to relax and enjoy the sun for most but it was a promising day for Jacksonville State since they were to host the Strut's sponsored season opener for the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams.

This was just the first meet and far from the biggest cross-country meet of the season; however, it did not stomp our team of their competitive spirit.

The men's team managed a second place finish on the strength of Jeff Rhodes' first place finish in the 5K.

The women's team finished third, and coach Steve Ray was mildly disappointed. "The outcome wasn't what I wanted team wise and we need to close the gap between the fourth and fifth runners on both sides to make the overall team more successful in the front," he said. "However, there were some good individual performances from Jeff Rhodes and Lesley Binning: Jeff winning on the men's side and Lesley getting a strong second place just three seconds off the first place finisher. Rhodes was excited to get the team off to a good start in the new season. "It felt pretty good," he said. "The team did really well but we still have a lot of work to do. The next meet will be at UTC where I really want to fold forward to the competition so we will see what happens then and see if everybody can improve."

Ray added that there are reasons for him and his team to be optimistic. "We have to have a starting point, we had some good fresh efforts with Veronica, Norman, and Josh; good kids to build with in the future. It was a good first effort." Ray said. "We are excited to get the season started and see how we will complete one another."

The cross country team will next appear at Chattanooga where the women will compete in the 2-mile run and the men are scheduled to contend in another 5K at 6:15 p.m.

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Veteran college administrator Oval Jaynes has been hired as Athletics Director at Jacksonville State University, President Dr. William A. Meehan announced on Saturday. Jaynes has served previously as Athletics Director at Colorado State University, Pittsburgh, Idaho and UT-Chattanooga. He will begin at JSU in September.

"We are very excited to have someone with the experience that Mr. Jaynes has to lead our athletics department," Dr. Meehan said. "His experience at four different Division I institutions was an overwhelming factor in my decision. He has outstanding credentials and contacts, which should only enhance our entire athletic department. Jaynes, who spent three years as the head football coach at Gardner-Webb University, President in 1981-1986.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to serve as the Athletic Director at Jacksonville State," Jaynes said. "As we move forward, I want to continue the success that JSU has experienced over the last five years by winning SEC Championships. I find forward working with the University community, including the faculty, students, alumni, former athletes and friends of the University."

He was the Athletics Director at Colorado State for five years before taking over at the University of Pittsburgh. He led the Panther athletic department from 1991 until 1996, when he moved to Director of Athletics at the University of Idaho. He then spent five years at Chattanooga as Director of Athletics and then another year as Special Assistant to the Chancellor.

Jaynes, a graduate of Appalachian State, has served on numerous NCAA committees, including the NCAA Council, District VII Post-Graduate Scholarship and the Nominating Committee and was the Third Vice-President in 1995-96. He served on the College Football Association Board of Directors in 1996-97.

THURSDAY THUMBS

Rylee Zalkina — The possession after a Georgia Tech defender hit Perrilloux three steps out of bounds, Zalkina picked up Tech backup QB Jaybo Shaw and threw him to the ground. The Tech fans thought it was a dirty play, and I know it sounds classless to applaud this action, but you have to protect your stars. I was actually disappointed that none of our offensive linemen went over and took a shot at the Tech defender after his borderine cheap shot on RP1.

Keith Gergel — Tech defensive end Michael Johnson is projected as a top five pick in next year's NFL draft everywhere you look, including by the most famous draft expert, Mel Kiper. Well, Keith Gergel wasn't impressed. The right tackle was lined up against Johnson for most of the first half—before Johnson left the game for precautionary reasons with a mild injury—and Johnson never even sniffed a sack.

Ryan Perrilloux — We all know he was talented, we knew he had the great arm and the mobility, but he is tough. First of all he played the entire game (To which I objected and still find puzzling, to be quite honest). If he had gotten hurt in a 4-7 game... despite the game being out of hand for the most part. But not only did he continue to play, he gave it everything. Under constant pressure, with his receivers struggling to get open, he continued to run and take big hits as he fought for every yard. I don't recall him sliding or running out of bounds of his own volition all night.

JSU fans — I've got to say, I was surprised and impressed. Both at the quantity and quality. I mean, there were some wakkos there — which I fully endorse, and hope to see again at the A&M game.

Derrick Morgan — Georgia Tech’s “other” defensive end was the best player on the field by a pretty wide margin. He disrupted everything the JSU offense wanted to do, and had a couple sacks on the night.

The oddsmakers — Installed Georgia Tech as a 28-point favorite in a game where there were unknowns across the board. If not for a missed extra point, that’s the final margin.

Georgia Tech fans — Underwhelming. OK, you’re playing Jacksonville State. But is it too much to ask to show some enthusiasm for the first game your team has played in eight months? Burgh. And for as good a school as Georgia Tech is, the fans — at least in my section — were pretty chaste.

The JSU fan sitting next to me — Wore a yellow shirt with blue stripes. Pretty much the worst wardrobe decision since me wearing a pink shirt for the pictures to the left.

Both teams’ special teams — Pretty miserable. Georgia Tech missed an extra point, muffed a kickoff and had a 39-yard field goal fall short of the end zone. JSU’s punting was abysmal, and on the best punt of the night, a JSU player ran into the punt returner for a 15-yard penalty.

The GTGs — If you were there before the game, you know. Words simply cannot express my disdain for the horrible videos they created. Thinking of derogatory phrases that GTG could stand for was mildly amusing, however. Unfortunately, printing any would get me fed.

The Georgia Tech uniforms — Looked like we were playing Army or Navy, except if one of those schools inexplicably decided to wear purple-colored pants. I hope this was a one-time retro jersey or something, because I don’t want those hideous uniforms on my TV screen any time soon. I will intentionally watch the non-HD channel for those eyesores are available in HD.

The rest of the ACC — With Clemson and Virginia Tech deciding not to show up for mediocre non-conference teams, it seems that JSU may have faced the best team in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The OVC Championships — Including states that have never attended them. It’s a good thing Samford didn’t show up, as it would have been a 3-loss game for the Slim and Shaq team. They have the best record in the conference. But they are the worst team in the conference. It’s all about location. They would have had the best record out of all the teams in the conference. But they are the worst team in the conference. It’s all about location.