New wheels, new parking across campus

By Jennifer Bacchus
Special to The Chanticleer

Patrolling the Jacksonville State University campus these days is a fleet of 10 new vehicles purchased and put in place specifically to serve the students and help them get to class on time.

The Gamecock Express bus system officially began rolling on Monday, but the buses were already working on their routes early last week. The system has already made drastic changes in the way parking is handled on campus.

Last Monday JSU put a parking ban in place along Trustee Circle, the one-way road that traverses most of the western portion of the campus and this fall student parking decals will specify whether or not they are a campus resident, further designating where they are allowed to park their vehicles.

Commuter students are now only allowed to park in certain parking lots, such as Martin Hall’s lot, the parking area around Stone Center and the lot across from Brewer Hall.

Campus residents are similarly restricted in where their cars can be parked and the new JSU parking decal system is color-coded accordingly.

The approximately $800,000 bus system was paid for by a $1.9 million Federal Transportation Administration grant the university was awarded. The university is responsible to pay a 20 percent match for the grant. The annual operating costs for the system, however, will have to come out of tuition paid by the students, part of the reason for this year’s tuition increase.

On Aug. 4, Joe Whitmore, director of special services at JSU, spoke to the Jacksonville City Council about the impact of the system on the city.

“This system, at least for the first year, is going to be a living, breathing animal,” said Whitmore as he explained to the council that there will not be shelters placed at bus stops, but signs that can easily be moved if it is determined that a stop has been placed in an inconvenient location.

Though the primary function of the buses will be to transport students to and from class, a city route has been added to ensure students who live off campus can ride and to give students an eco-friendly method of going shopping.

There is no fee for riding the buses and no JSU identification card is needed, so residents are free to use the system as well to get around town.

Construction continues on stadium expansion

By MJ Ortiz
News Editor

As students get ready to return for a new school year, construction work continues with the mission to finalize the expansion of Paul Snow Stadium.

For the University, the project represents a much expected growth that they say is to introduce positive features on campus.

Since it started with the first demolition on Dec. 4, 2008, the project has come a long way.

It is now possible to see the large metal formation growing every day that will move in by next fall.

Official reports in the Gamecock Campaign for Excellence show that the $38.4 million extension of the stadium includes a seven story building that features dorm rooms, executive suites and a stadium club.

It is expected that the new stadium will increase its seating to 24,000 by the time the project is finished.

The building will also have 33 executive suites for football games.

These suites will have the capacity to accommodate 20 to 32 patrons; they will be fully furnished and capable of providing gourmet cater-

Sci-fi security

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with academic excellence, yet, Jaynes stated that “the Department of Resident Life will make the decision as to who will have the opportunity to live in the new facility”.

In addition to the suites and the dorm rooms, a Stadium Club is being constructed.

The club is an exclusive section inside the tower that will have 1,026 seats available for guests at a season cost of $500.

The university expects that the expansion and the new building will attract players, students and good business opportunities to raise money
New scanners at dorm doors promise more safety for students

By Doran Smith
Features Editor

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The drive-in movie set for September 1 at Pete Mathews Coliseum has been changed from "The Hangover" to "The Taking of Pelham 123". The movie will begin at 7p.m. and use an outdoor sound system. The movie will be projected on an inflatable screen. "The Taking of Pelham 123" is Rated R.

July 31
- Mallory Lynn Scoggins was arrested for being a minor with possession and consumption of alcohol. The arrest took place in Paul Carpenter Village parking lot in Jacksonville.
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- Amanda Brook Byrd was arrested in Paul Carpenter Village parking lot in Jacksonville for being a minor with possession and consumption of alcohol.

August 4
- Nicolas Darnell Pierce was arrested for reportedly rendering false alarm at Houston Cole Library.

August 24
- Seanancy Deandre Harris was arrested on Treadaway Ave, Jacksonville for being a minor in possession and consumption of alcohol and possession of Marijuana.

August 25
Jeremy Scott Crowden was arrested for Minor in possession/consumption of alcohol. Arrest occurred on Delta Chi House (Carpenter Village).

Picture of the week
Dani Miller, a freshman, tries her aim at the shooting range during the ROTC open house on Tuesday. If you would like to submit your photo for "Photo of the week", email it to chantyeditor@gmail.com Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer

Buses: Began on Wednesday
Each stop will be marked by a white sign with the letter GX on it (the G will be backwards), to indicate the Gamecock Express.
Four routes have been set up for the system, two on campus and two off campus. The white route will stay entirely on the western side of Alabama Highway 21, visiting several apartment complexes near the University and depositing students at campus buildings. The red route will touch on the western side of campus, but its purpose will be to get students to Stone Center, Martin Hall, the library and the other outlying campus buildings.

The yellow route will only run on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and only between the area of the city around the square and campus. According to Whitmore, the buses will not be bringing students to the square, but will be taking them to campus only.

Each of the buses can accommodate 26-30 seated students and 45-48 with standing room and all will be equipped with bicycle racks and handicapped access. A GPS system, which will be linked on the JSU website once the buses begin running regularly, will let students know where they are going.

Taste: New cafe hours
"I'm very impressed," Whaley said. "I think it will be easier for people to buy into the meal plan concept."
Whaley said that while he wasn't much of a coffee drinker, the new cafes may make him drink more coffee. "That was a surprise," Whaley said. "It made me like coffee more."
Dr. Meehan joked that after seeing the improvements around campus, he was ready to enroll himself.
"I saw the excitement on our SGA officers faces," Meehan said. "I know that will be mirrored in our students when they come back to campus."
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What’s Happening

Does your club or organization have an upcoming event you would like publicized? Send your events to:
The Chanticleer!
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Thursday August 27
Pool Party @ Pete Matthews Coliseum
3:00-5:00 pm Sponsored by: SGA

Monday August 31
SGA Senate Meeting @ TMB Auditorium
6:00-7:30 pm

Tuesday September 1
Drive-in Movie @ Pete Mathews Coliseum Parking Lot
7:00-10:00 pm

Wednesday September 2
Cocky Showcase @ TMB Lawn
4:00-7:00 pm Sponsored by: SGA

Security: Inconvenient but better than nothing

All visitors must communicate with the RA through the outside intercom before they can gain access. Students will also only be allowed to enter or exit a building at the designated places equipped with the new biometric door access controls. Any unauthorized exits or entries will trigger an alarm notifying the RA that an improper exit occurred. Along with these security measures, most parking lots and student common areas now have security cameras to monitor interaction for student safety.

"As a result of the 2007 Campus Security and Emergency Management Task Force," Brooke Bell, Assistant Director of the Housing Department said, "the decision was made to control door access. Initially, card readers were suggested, but as technology evolved, biometric hand readers were recommended by the committee as an added measure of security for our students."

One of the added benefits of the new security system is that the jobs of resident assistants will be made easier. "In traditional residence halls, for an RA, it will make it a lot easier," said the Pannell RA. "They still have to check key tags, but it will be much easier to keep it under control."

The residents mostly agree with the addition to housing security, although mixed feelings exist. All agree that it is better to take extra steps in security than to take no new steps at all.

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- Monday-Thursday: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Friday: 7:00 am - 11:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
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Opinion

Ask Julie

The beginning of another college school year in hot, humid, Alabama late-August weather. For some of us, the routine of college life here at JSU is hardly new. For others, especially you Freshmen out there, everything is in bloom.

New faces, new scenery, new restaurants (well, a couple maybe) and new priorities...it's all so inviting. The rush of feeling independent and free to choose whatever major interests you, is almost intoxicating after the mundaneness of high school.

Within all the evolving, be sure to hang on to the things that still mean the most to you. Healthy relationships, for example, should be cherished. It is super easy to let the idea of freedom make you change more than you meant to in your life, and only because you suddenly can.

Sometimes, doors that are opened shouldn't always be stepped through. So kick off the semester right, welcoming change and self-growth where it may come. Just remember to keep the people who are near and dear to your heart in that same old warm fuzzy space, and only doing away with the layers of your life that are unhealthy and stale.

Here are a couple of relationship questions that were submitted over the summer. Feel free to send yours in as well. Trust that your name and information will never be published in The Chanticleer.

Obviously, I’m a JSU student myself (and...um, far from a counselor/psychologist/etc). I’m merely an aspiring journalist who has seen her share of relationships rise and fall. I’ve seen things you could never fathom. Just kidding.

Sorta.

Dear Julie,

I am a lesbian who has been "in the closet" since middle school. My parents would freak if they knew. I always said that once I went to college, I would embrace the real me. I’m still scared to come out though, and I don’t know how to get past my fears. What if my parents find out? What if other people I know find out? I don’t know what to do.

-Closet Girl

Dear Closet Girl,

I am sure it has been a tough journey constantly covering up a huge part of yourself. I think it’s great that you set a goal of “coming out of the closet” by college, but don’t rush yourself if you aren’t ready.

Know that you are not alone. Several students at JSU face the same dilemma you’re in, and many students are willing to speak out about their sexualities. JSU has an organization called “JSU Students for Equality” that you can check out, and if you feel you want to talk with someone a little more privately, there’s a link on JSU’s website for counseling and career services.

I wish you all the best in your decision, and realize that what. If there is a doubt, however, don’t pursue a difficult relationship and try to make something out of nothing. College is a time for growth and self-discovery, and shouldn’t be spent living in the past if your past isn’t going to be a part of your future. Don’t let something slip away because things are changing. Embrace the change. Is the relationship worth it? Can you manage it? Are you willing to try? If you answered yes to these questions, maybe you should rethink your decision. Best of luck.

Dear Julie,

I’m a freshman here at Jacksonville State and before moving here I broke up with my high school girlfriend that I had been dating for 2 1/2 years. I didn’t want to. But all my friends kept saying that I

Those of us who have become set in our ways are going to be the ones who rant about the new bus system or the meal plan. I think it’s interesting that, when the university announced the plan to require incoming freshmen to live on campus, the loudest complaints I heard were from people who had been going to JSU for years.

The fact of the matter is that freshmen are dealing with major changes in their lives already. The whole college experience is new to them. They didn’t experience JSU before we had buses or a coffee shop.

The best thing for the upperclassmen to do is to start this semester looking at the university as if you’ve never been here before.

In essence, you haven’t.

When you left town at the end of spring semester, there weren’t any buses, the dining hall was still very much like a school cafeteria and you could park in the red, not in the white or the blue.

Now we have gold zones and blue zones and green zones, which sounds like we’re in some part of a war torn country.

Now we have buses running every seven minutes (if you’re lucky) and half of Mountain street has a big green fence on it.

The town is changing around you and the best thing you can do is embrace those changes and learn from them.

Who would have thought you would have to learn something at a university?
Dear Anonymous,

Your problem isn't rare. There's a common misconception that once you leave for college, everything in your life has to be cut free unless it's joining you on your next path, which at this point, is indeed college. Nothing should come between you and your girlfriend (technically ex-girlfriend) if you truly feel that it could work out no matter what.

-Anonymous.

Dear Editor,

Why do we need new parking? What makes this school big enough to take away spaces for your students to make room for buses that will clearly not be beneficial to all students at JSU? The school has taken half of the parking that we (students) had and now it is for faculty. Did you not think that the money you spent on this buses could have been better us for parking. Maybe a parking deck perhaps. I feel that all JSU students should take a stand against these new buses and the taking away of what little parking we as students had, by following Rosa Parks example. We should boycott this new bus system!!! We should be given the right to have are parking, not have to be bused across campus and hunt and find a place to park. All the commuter student parking is nowhere near where I have to be. I say stand up and boycott this action of taking away our parking. Thank you.

Rick Adkins

Letters to the Editor

Would you read a sex column in The Chanticleer? What would you think about it?

That would be extremely funny. Yeah, if it caught my eye I'd read it.
Brandon Hampton

Probably not. It would be weird and it sure would be different.
Derrick Wright

I would read it if it was there. It would be something different that's sure.
Lawson Mize

I think it would be interesting. People would read it. I would probably read it. It would be something different.
Maria Williams

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The Chanticleer welcomes letters to the editor. Letters for publication must be limited to 300 words and must be typed. Letters may be hand-delivered or sent through campus mail to our offices in Room 180, Self Hall, or to the mailing address to the left. Letters may also be e-mailed to chanteditor@gmail.com.

The Chanticleer will not print letters which are libelous or defamatory. Letters may be edited for style, brevity or clarity. The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission. Letters must be received by noon on the Monday prior to desired publication date. There will be at least two weeks between publication of letters from the same person. Rebuttals will be published no later than two weeks after publication of the article, editorial or letter in question.
Dear Aunt Edna,

My girlfriend always wants me to shave my pubic hair, but it itches when it grows back.
She says it's sexy, I say it's annoying.
What should I do?

-Publicly Humiliated

Dear Publicly Humiliated,

The house looks more inviting if the hedges are properly groomed. I bet if she's requesting a work order for the foliage down under she might want to visit more often. And who among us doesn't like visitors.

Make an evening out of it, even ask her if she wants to help participate in a little manscaping. Light some candles, put on some Al Green.

But seriously, try trimming the nether-regions with clippers instead of shaving with a razor. It's a good alternative to hours of lathering and scraping with a Gillette guillotine. Spend the $20 and buy a good beard clipper. At least tame the brush instead of letting it take over. Just be mindful that once you've started it's hard to stop. You may feel the urge to venture into other areas and before you know you look 12 years old again. Be careful.

If you do go the razor route, don't use a freshly opened razor, and especially don't use one of those cheap disposables. An unused razor can be quite sharp. Sharp things don't belong down there. Use it on your face a few times, just make sure it's not dulled. Get a good shaving cream, never go at it without proper lubricant. Use lots of hot water, much like on your face, it helps relax the follicle. Most importantly, don't rush it. You need to make sure you have at least an hour of undisturbed 'special time' in the bathroom. This may sound like a lot, but it's better to go slow and-methodically than rush and end up like Sissy Spacek at the prom. The emergency room personnel will definitely laugh at you.

Do what your girlfriend says. Always. Autumn is quickly approaching, crisp winds are starting to blow, few is inevitable. It's better to have a lady sans the hair, than hair sans the lady.

Good Grooming,

Aunt Edna

"Ask Aunt Edna" is a weekly column dealing with issues of a sexual nature. Aunt Edna is the pen name of Patrick Clines, a music major. "Ask Aunt Edna" is not meant to be medical advice. If you have a medical question, please consult a medical professional. For all other questions, Email AskAuntEdna@gmail.com. If you experience an erection lasting more than 4 hours, change your status message on Facebook and then call a doctor.

Want to see more?

Man fires shotgun at stray cat, hits two people

LINDON - Lindon police arrested a man for firing a sawed-off shotgun in his own backyard. When the man missed his original target, the stray pellets hit two people. When police investigated, they tracked the stray pellets back to 52-year-old Kay Fotheringham. Police say Fotheringham told them he was actually aiming for a stray cat that was chasing birds in his yard.

Women allegedly used ninja sword in fight

A woman used a ninja sword to cut her boyfriend during a fight sparked by a phone conversation with his ex-wife, authorities in Florida say. The Pasco County Sheriff's Office said William Allen, 39, was talking to his ex-wife by phone Sunday night at the Land O' Lakes home he shares with his girlfriend, Dana Gordon, 37, when the couple began to argue, the Tampa (Fla.) Tribune reported Tuesday.

Scientist plans to turn chickens into dinosaurs

Canada - After years spent hunting for the buried remains of prehistoric animals, a Canadian paleontologist now plans to manipulate chicken embryos to show he can create a dinosaur. Hans Larsson believes by flipping certain genetic levers during a chicken embryo's development, he can reproduce the dinosaur anatomy.

Drunk entered wrong house - Went to sleep in kids bed

STRATFORD, Connecticut - A local man, apparently drunk after a night out at a New Haven club, wandered into a neighbor's home, stripped off his clothing and lay down in a child's bed. Teddy Bristeaux, 26, of Bruce Avenue, was charged with second-degree burglary, disorderly conduct and risk of injury to a minor.

You've got mail... and possibly an STD

The Brazilian Health Ministry has created a Web site to let people inform partners they've got a sexually transmitted disease via an e-mailed virtual postcard. The official in charge of the ministry's STD and

Mail reported Tuesday.

Mayor breaks into women's homes, puts on their panties and masturbates - caught on hidden camera

Female residents in Preesall, Lancashire were becoming anxious of a ladies underwear thief and were surprised to find that the lead suspect was actually the mayor of the town. Local women had begun to call police after they noticed that multiple articles of clothing began disappearing from their homes. One woman in particular was so nervous about the ongoing perverted thefts, that she installed a hidden camcorder into her home. The video she recorded was of a half naked man breaking into her house stealing her underwear, putting them on, and then performing lewd sexual acts with them. Upon further investigation police were able to determine that the underwear thief was none other than the local Mayor Ian Stanford.

Woman gets married to fairground ride she's attracted to sexually, mentally

This follows a "courtship" of 3,000 rides over ten years with the 80ft gondola ride called "1001 Nachts."

Miss Wolfe, 33, from Pennsylvania, will change her surname to Weber after the manufacturer of the ride she travels 160 miles to visit 10 times per year, according to reports.

"I love him as much as women love their husbands and know we'll be together forever," she said.

Miss Wolfe first fell for the ride when she was 13: "I was instantly attracted to him sexually and mentally.

"I wasn't freaked-out, as it just felt so natural, but I didn't tell anyone about it because I knew it wasn't 'normal' to have feelings for a fairground ride."

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Ten years later, she decided to go back official in charge of the ministry’s STD and AIDS programs notes that many people have a hard time telling partners they’re infected. Mariangela Simao said in a statement this week that the e-mails may help people “to tackle these diseases directly and with minimum exposure.”

Police take items to teach safety

Officials in a London borough said police have been instructed to remove valuables from unlocked cars to teach the owners about safety. David Williams, the Richmond council’s cabinet member for community safety, said the borough council agreed to the plan after statistics showed a sharp increase in thefts from vehicles between April and July, the Daily

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Ten years later, she decided to go back to Knoebels Amusement Park to declare her love. She now sleeps with a picture of the ride on her ceiling and carries its spare nuts and bolts around to feel closer to it.

She claims to believe they share a fulfilling physical and spiritual relationship and does not get jealous when other people ride it.

Although she faces discrimination from employers, most of her family and friends have been supportive. “I’m not hurting anyone and I can’t help it,” she said. “It’s a part of who I am.”

from Nutty Newswire.com
Chanticleer announces new online feature

Rant, rave or just vent on new ‘Chicken Scratch’ feature on The Chanticleer Online

By Zach Childree
Editor-in-Chief

Students visiting The Chanticleer’s website might have noticed a new feature on the sidebar. “Chicken Scratch” is a new feature that allows students to send in their complaints, compliments and random comments about happenings around campus. Then the staff of The Chanticleer takes those comments, rants and raves and prints them in the next issue of the newspaper.

Have a compliment for the person who held the door for you? How about your thoughts on the stadium expansion? How was your move experience?

Let it all out on Chicken Scratch anonymously!

There are a few rules though:

1. We won’t print malicious or libelous comments.
2. We will edit the names of non-public figures to initials (Example: Bob Williams would be B.W.)
3. Scratches are limited to 250 characters. It’s longer than a tweet, but don’t write a novel.
4. We’ll print curses but we’ll edit the s*** out of them. So don’t make more work for us than you have to, you little ********.
5. Be Funny. Be Entertaining. Don’t be mean. Don’t be stupid. Don’t write “scratches” drunk. (It never turns out well.)

Here is an example of one of the “scratches” we got recently: “To the car who almost hit me while I was jogging the trail: thanks, I didn’t need the contents of my bladder anyway.”

Now that you know the rules, head on over to the sidebar, type your “Chicken Scratch” in the box and click “Submit.” Then look for your “Chicken Scratch” in the next issue of The Chanticleer!

Chicken Scratch

B.F. Dogs is so delicious!
I really hate newspaper columns that allow people to vent anonymously.
I mean buhdayum jsu rocks b****s!

I wish people would stop commenting on that stupid Parks story
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What if page two of The Chanticleer looked like this?

Rutgers basketball team under gag order

While hoping that the furor caused over remarks made by _____ dies down, have come under fire again, this time for _________.

The American Association of University Professors has criticized the Rutgers administration for _________.

The school’s Press release, which was sent to the Daily Targum, the campus newspaper. “We condemn the attempt to stifle the free speech of the members of the Rutgers men’s basketball team,” he said.

The next day, head coach Bob Wenzel asked team members not to discuss the issue with reporters.

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JSU No. 19 in FCS Coaches Preseason Poll

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State is ranked 19th in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Coaches Preseason Poll, which was released on Monday.

JSU is tied for Maine after receiving a total of 145 points and is the only school in the Ohio Valley Conference ranked in the preseason poll.

The Gamecocks finished tied for second in the OVC with an 8-3 overall record after winning its final three games to finish 22nd in the FCS Coaches final poll and 23rd in The Sports Network final poll in 2008.

Jax State was ranked for six weeks last season and it marks the first time since being ranked No. 20 in the 2005 preseason poll the Gamecocks are ranked in the preseason poll.

Ten conferences are represented in the poll. The Colonial Athletic Association leads with eight ranked teams. The Southern, Big Sky, Missouri Valley and Southland Conferences each have three teams in the top 25. The other five conferences represented include the Great West, Mid-Eastern Atlantic, Ohio Valley, Ivy and Southwestern.

2009 FCS Coaches Preseason Poll August 24, 2009

Team (1st votes) 2008 Record Points
2008 Final Ranking
1. Appalachian State (13) 11-3 665 5
2. Richmond (10) 13-3 660 1
22. Harvard 9-1 121 14
23. South Dakota State 7-5 101 NR
24. Hofstra 4-8 78 NR
25. Grambling State 11-2 77 24

Cunningham named OVC Goalkeeper of the Week

Jacksonville State sophomore Christine Cunningham is this week’s Ohio Valley Conference Goalkeeper of the Week.

The Huntsville, Ala., native posted 19 saves in two games against Mercer and North Georgia last week. She had a career-high 16 saves in the season opener against Mercer on Friday, which ranks third on JSU’s single game records list. Cunningham registered three savers in the 1-0 shutout of North Georgia on Sunday.

“Christine is well deserving of this award,” JSU Head Coach Julie Davis Carlson said. “She had some amazing saves this weekend that kept us in both of our games and definitely secured the win over North Georgia. Her performance is a testimony of the hard work she has put in since taking on the starting role since the departure of Kate Kelly.”

Jacksonville State hosts Mississippi Valley State University on Friday at 6 p.m. before hosting the University of Alabama on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the JSU Soccer Field. The first 100 fans in attendance for the Alabama match receive a free t-shirt. Admission to all JSU home soccer matches is free.

Perrilloux suspended for game against Ga. Tech

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State head football coach Jack Crowe announced on Friday that senior quarterback Ryan Perrilloux has been suspended for the season-opener against Georgia Tech for violation of team rules.
Quarterback Ryan Perrilloux has been suspended from playing in next Saturday's opening game against Georgia Tech. He will start the game against Florida State, said Crowe. "I fully expect him to have an outstanding senior season." Jacksonville State opens the 2009 season at Georgia Tech on Sept. 5 in Atlanta.

Quarterback Ryan Perrilloux has been suspended for the season-opener against Georgia Tech for violation of team rules.

"Due to an incident that occurred during the spring, Ryan has been suspended for the first game against Georgia Tech," Crowe said. "This is not the result of any legal circumstances and is strictly a violation of the strict guidelines he came here under.

"We have not made a different set of rules for Ryan," said Crowe. "He has the same consequences as any one of our players and there is very little room for error. I do not think this is a reflection of his accountability since he has been here. Our fans do not need to assume more than it is, which is a team rule.

"Since the incident, Ryan has demonstrated his responsibility to this team and this University. I expect this to just be a one-time incident. This does not change his role as the quarterback on this football team and he will start the game against Florida State," said Crowe. "I fully expect him to have an outstanding senior season."

Jacksonville State opens the 2009 season at Georgia Tech on Sept. 5 in Atlanta.
Whitten, Vorbeck Named To Preseason All-OVC Volleyball Teams

From Staff Reports

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – Jacksonville State senior Brittney Whitten was named to the Ohio Valley Conference Preseason All-OVC Volleyball First Team, while junior Caitlin Vorbeck received second team honors, the league office released August 11, 2009.

The Gamecocks, who opened practice on Monday, were picked to finish sixth by the league’s head coaches and sports information directors, the same group that named the two eight-person preseason teams.

Whitten, a 5-foot-9 outside hitter from Boonville, Ind., was a first team All-OVC selection a year ago after leading the league in kills with 418, while ranking ninth with 4.05 digs per game. Her 433 total digs were the fifth-most in a single season by any player in school history, while her 1,179 career digs rank fourth in the school’s record books. She also surpassed the 1,000 career kills mark in 2008, making her just the third player in school history to record at least 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a career.

She enters her senior season ranked third in the school’s career record books with 3.29 kills per game, fourth with 1,179 digs and eighth with 1,025 kills. Whitten was a second team Preseason OVC selection in 2008 after earning OVC Freshman of the Year honors in 2006.

Vorbeck, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter and middle blocker from Raytown, Mo., was second in the OVC in kills a year ago with 390, while her 3.64 kills per game ranked third in the league. She was third on the team in digs in 2008 with 185, an average of 1.73 per game. The honor marks the first OVC award for Vorbeck.

Murray State was picked to win the league in 2009 with a total of 142 points and nine first-place votes. Morehead State (136, five first-place votes) and Southeast Missouri (125, two first-place votes) followed closely behind, while Austin Peay (123, two first-place votes) and defending champion Tennessee Tech (115, two-first-place votes) round out the top five in the poll. The Gamecocks received 85 points, well ahead of seventh-place UT Martin’s 52. Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee State and Eastern Illinois round out the 10-team poll, respectively.

The Gamecocks open the 2009 season on Aug. 28, when they get the Wake Forest Deacon Invitational underway with a match against Furman in Winston-Salem, N.C. JSU’s first home match is against rival Troy on Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. in Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Brittney Whitten was named to the Ohio Valley Conference’s Preseason All-OVC First Team. Photo by James Harkins/JSUFan.com

JSU Athletics has been unconditionally certified by the NCAA

From Staff Reports

The Jacksonville State University Athletics Department has been unconditionally certified by the NCAA, completing a process that began more than two years ago, it was announced by the organization on Aug. 20.

The NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification reviewed all written materials related to JSU’s athletics self-study and determined that the program should be certified. The classification means that the school is considered to be operating its athletics program in “substantial conformity” with operating principles adopted by the Association’s Division I membership.

“We are so pleased that the NCAA has granted full and unconditional certification to our Division I intercollegiate athletics program,” said Dr. William A. Meehan, President of Jacksonville State. “The committee and peer team were especially impressed with our student-athletes and their knowledge and appreciated their openness during the entire process.

The university completed a two-year, campus-wide effort to study its athletics program as part of the NCAA Division I athletics certification program. Specific areas the study covered were academic integrity, governance and commitment to rules compliance, as well as a commitment to equity and student-athlete well-being.

Jacksonville State University completed its first certification process in 1999. The Division I membership is required to go through the certification process every 10 years and the current self-study is the second in the certification process for JSU.

“I would like to thank the hard work of the committee during this two-year process, especially the subcommittee chairpersons,” said Dr. Meehan. “I would especially like to thank Mr. Clint Carlson for serving as chairman and his leadership during this review.”

Within each area studied by the committee, the program has standards, called operating principles, which was adopted by the Association to place a “measuring stick” by which all Division I members are evaluated.
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