

Newly crowned homecoming king Rafael Ferrel and queen Sasha Willingham smile for the crowd. Photo by Kevin Brant / *The Chanticleer*

Homecoming royalty crowned

Farrel and Willingham crowned as students reject proposed activities fee

By Fran Popovic
Staff Writer

On Thursday, October 22 at 8 p.m. a pep rally took place at the Jacksonville State University's Pete Mathews Coliseum. Students gathered to witness the cheering program for the football team, and the results of the much anticipated homecoming king and queen election.

The ceremony started with the performance of JSU cheerleaders, followed by speeches from the Jacksonville State football coach Jack Crowe SGA president Bryant Whaley and athletics director Oval Jaynes.

Candidates for the homecoming royalty were introduced individually with their escorts. After the introductions, Whaley read the results of student voting. Of the almost 10,000 students at JSU, 1,764 students, 19.7% of eligible voters, voted in the election.

Rafael Ferrel was crowned homecoming king, and Sasha Willingham was crowned queen.

The newly crowned JSU royalty members were full of excitement as their names were read by Whaley.

Friends and family congratulated them on their victory along with the other contestants quickly surrounded them.

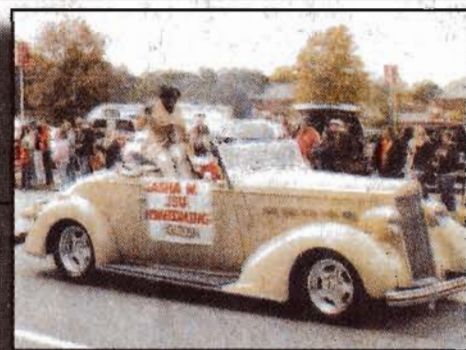
Rafael Ferrel was especially overjoyed by his victory. "I have no words right now, this is amazing," said Ferrel as groups of friends hurried over to congratulate him. Ferrel was considered to be the underdog in the election so his victory had a strong impact on the audience. Ferrel is also the first homecoming king to be crowned by JSU since the SGA created the position last year.

Numerous JSU fraternity and sorority clubs, several football team members, the Marching Southerners, and JSU students observed the event. The atmosphere was ecstatic as the winners were announced.

The candidates for homecoming king in order of introduction were Rafael Ferrel, Joshua Jones, Andy Parris, Zack Patterson, and Chris Stokes. The queen candidates were Kelsey Butler, Maggie Fletcher, Rachel Ginn, Sasha Willingham, and Carrie Hicks.

This year's homecoming king and queen will be representatives of Jacksonville State University.

Students also voted on whether or not to implement a student activities fee that would have funded events on campus as well as provide funds for a new student recreational facility. Students rejected the measure by a large margin with 73% voting no.



Coming home to roost

Gamecock students, alumni and fans line the streets for homecoming parade

By Doran Smith
Arts & Features Editor

On Saturday, October 24 the streets of Jacksonville were filled with beads, candy and flashy cars for Jacksonville State University's annual homecoming parade.

Along those streets also stood students, alumni and members of the community who came out for the morning to show their support for those marching. The parade consisted of many different participants: local high school marching bands, the Marching Southerners, various sorority and fraternity floats, and representatives from different campus organizations.

Alumni, such as 1970's graduates Carol Sedlacek and Bruce Windom, enjoyed looking upon the hard work and new faces of organizations they knew during their tenure at JSU.

They and the other alumni attendees

Jacksonville High School's band. Others attended simply to have something to do on a Saturday morning. Among the crowd, however, was a consensus that this was the place to be.

Among JSU students, though, there was no lack of reasons to attend the parade.

"I came to the parade to support my school and my sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha," said junior Cassie Clark. "Plus, I am in the nursing program with Sasha Willingham, [homecoming queen] so I had to come and show her how happy I am for her.

Many members of the student population could be found either in or around the parade. Most of the Greek organizations had floats following the "Through the Decades" theme for this year. All floats were memorable in their own fashion, such as a float of the Gamecock Express with multiple Gamecocks sticking their heads out of the windows, or a float of a 1920's stylish car complete with flappers chasing





Above left: homecoming queen Sasha Willingham greets the crowd. Top Right: A group of gamecock fans strikes a pose during the parade. Bottom: The Marching Southerners perform for the homecoming crowd. Photos by Doran Smith / *The Chanticleer*

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Alumni, such as 1970's graduates Carol Sedlacek and Bruce Windom, enjoyed looking upon the hard work and new faces of organizations they knew during their tenure at JSU.

They and the other alumni attendees planned to attend the JSU Homecoming game later that afternoon. "We both graduated from here," said Sedlacek, "so we returned to see our campus out of tradition."

Other attendees to the parade had little affiliation to the university. Brian Kozinski came to see his daughter march with

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Also featured in the parade were the homecoming royal family, JSU's Mr. and Ms. Friendly, and the Student Government Executives. Other participants such as Freshman Forum and the ROTC also marched in order to highlight their organizations.

Rock walls and sumo suits

Students celebrate J-Day as homecoming festivities begin

By Alison Nichols
Staff Writer

On Thursday, the front lawn of the Theron Montgomery Building was filled with students participating in this year's J-Day festivities. The event included bumper cars, sumo wrestling, bull riding, a merry-go-round with spinning cars, and a rock climbing wall.

Students were only allowed three at a time on the bumper cars. The first round in the rink was just a practice round. Then the second time was for real. The students lived up to the name of the activity, and bumped into each other as much as possible. This activity was a favorite among the students.

Students showed their bull riding skills on the electronic bull. When they were positioned and ready, their hand went up, then came the wild bucking of the bull. Some students were able to stay on the bull for a while before getting tossed off.

Many laughs and smiles were exchanged among students as they watched their fellow classmates climb the rock wall or manage their way into the sumo suits.

The suits came with a helmet that looked like official sumo wrestler hair. Both the rock wall and the sumo wrestling suits were provided by The National Guard.

Many individuals enjoyed just watching other students wearing and trying to walk in the sumo wrestling outfits. "I've really enjoyed watching people," Kietta Birdsong, a freshman majoring in biology, said. "It's really funny."

Faculty and students also had the opportunity to get free food, and then relax under a big red and white tent. When asked "What is your favorite part about J-day?" the free food was the most popular attraction. "Yes, I like the free food," said Christian Goldin, a senior majoring in accounting.

While enjoying their food, students listened

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Cocky takes a spin on the bumper cars during last Thursday's J-Day festivities in front of the Theron Montgomery Building. Photo by Kevin Brant / *The Chanticleer*

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ON Campus

Briefs

Today, October 29, Jack Hopper Dining Hall is pairing up with the SGA to celebrate Halloween at the café from 5:00- 7:30 pm. There will be a pumpkin carving contest, carnival games and a Haunted Hall. Come join us at the Café!

Campus Crime

Tuesday October 20

- Unlawful break/ enter of a vehicle was reported at the Brewer Hall Parking lot. Stolen was a Nextar GPS.
- Unlawful break/ enter of a vehicle was reported at the Stephenson gym parking lot. Stolen was a Garmin GPS.
- Unlawful break/ enter of a vehicle was reported at the Brewer Hall parking lot. Stolen were a Samsung camera and a black purse with personal documents.
- Domestic violence was reported in Brewer Hall.

Sunday October 25

- Theft of property was reported in Stephenson Hall. Stolen was a TMobile cell phone.

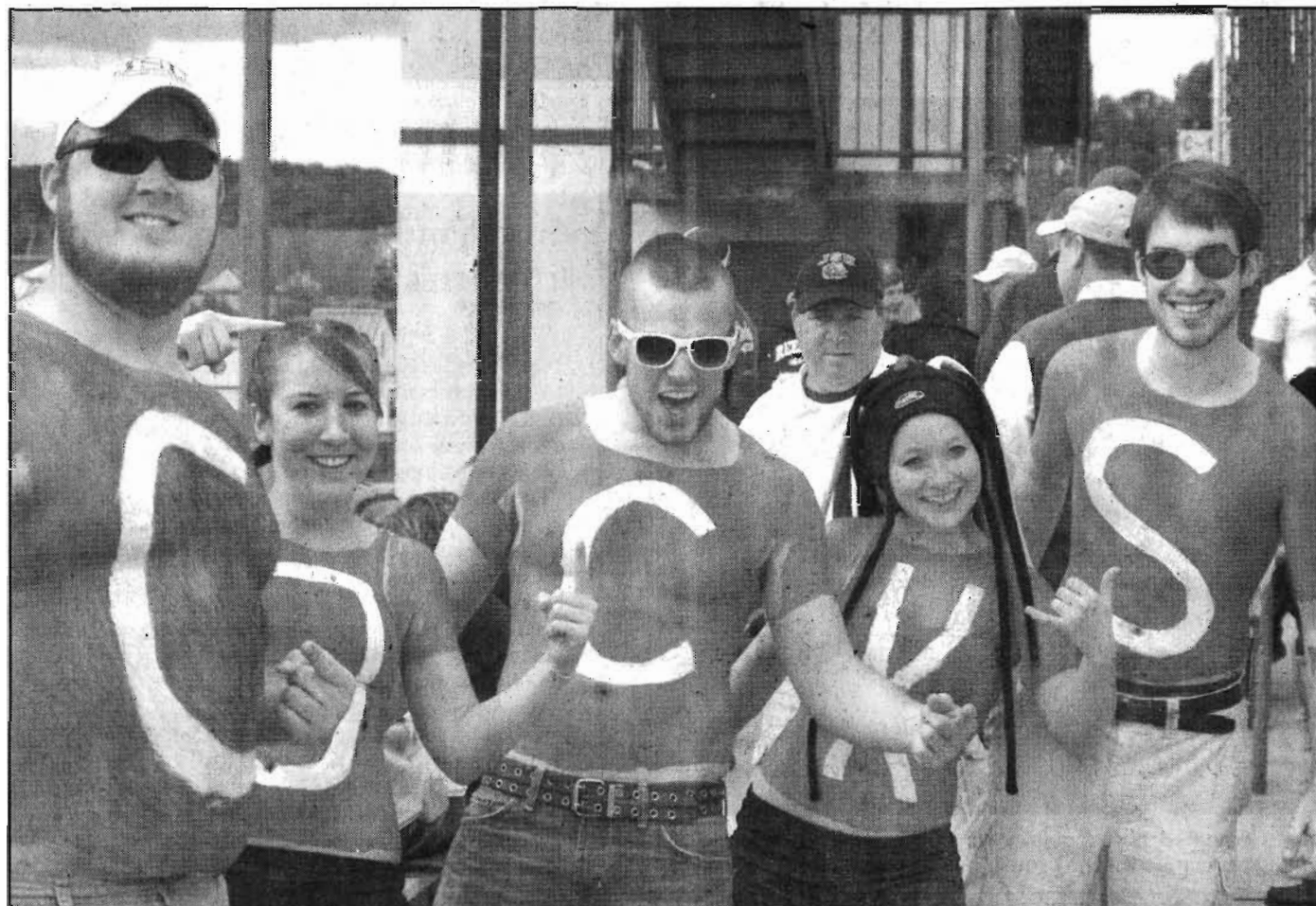
What's Happening

Does your club or organization have an upcoming event you would like publicized?

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Picture of the week



L-R: Todd Corley, Britt Foster, Tyler Calkins, Jana Miller and Evan Johnson show their school spirit at the homecoming game. If you would like to submit your photo for "Photo of the week", email it to chantyeditor@gmail.com Photo by Ryan Rutledge / The Chanticleer

J-Day: free food provided

to a plethora of music ranging from MC Hammer to Taylor Swift. The festivities weren't just outside. Right inside of the TMB, cotton candy and snow cones were being handed out. All for free of course.

Unlike recent years, J-Day 2009 festivities were rain free.

Some students came to J-day not really knowing that many people, but left with several friends. "J-day is a great opportunity to hang out and meet new people," Geoffrey Lockhart, a senior majoring in physical education, said.

This homecoming activity seemed to be a success with the students.

J-day was sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Alpha Psi Omega to present "The Man Who Became Dinner"

From Newswire

The JSU chapter of Alpha Psi Omega drama fraternity will present the enticing murder mystery *The Man Who Became Dinner* on Oct. 28-29 in the Black Box Theater (Room 338 of Stone Center). There will be two shows nightly, at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Admission for all ages is \$1.

This play was inspired by JSU's most recent production, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. Senior drama student Gatlin Alldredge got the wheels turning with auditions. Once the show was cast, the script was collaboratively written by the entire cast. It is a film noir-esque murder mystery.

Money raised from this production will support Alpha Psi Omega.

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* Friday, November 6th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

* Saturday, November 7th, 10:00

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Thursday October 29

- "The Man Who Became Dinner", Black Box theatre @ Stone Center. 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Walk, JSU Track, 6:00-7:00 pm.

Friday October 30

- Japan Festival, TMB Auditorium, 1:00-7:00 pm.

Saturday October 31

- JSU Football v. Austin Peay State University, 6:00 pm, Clarksville, TN
- American Heart Association Heart Walk, Bibb Graves (steps), 9:00 am-10:00 am

Monday November 2

- Japanese Language School #03, Houston Cole Library 1101A, 7:00-8:00 pm.

Wednesday November 4

- African American Association Presents, the 2nd Annual Self Esteem Program: The Academy of Charm, 7:00-9:00 pm, TMB

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From Newswire

The JSU Office of Continuing Education will sponsor the first Calhoun County Community Fiber Art Show featuring quilting, knitting, crochet, needlework and other fiber arts made by past and present residents of Calhoun, Etowah, St. Clair, Talladega, Cleburne and Cherokee counties. The exhibition will be held November 5-8, 2009 at the Leone Cole Auditorium at Jacksonville State University and is free and open to the public.

JSU Associate Professor of Music Dr. Patricia Corbin, herself an avid quilter, was inspired to produce the show in response to the Gee's Bend Quilts exhibit currently on view at the Berman Museum in Anniston. "Just as the Gee's Bend Quilts exhibit features the artistic achievements of a specific Alabama community, so should we celebrate the artistic achievements of

our community," says Dr. Corbin.

"Many people, like me, do these arts in private for family and friends or just for the sheer joy and satisfaction that it brings to their everyday life," says Dr. Corbin. "This show is an opportunity to share these gifts with the community at large."

JSU's Office of Continuing Education is pleased to participate in this promotion of local artwork. Ann Spicer, a program planner for Leisure Learning in the Office of Continuing Education says of the Calhoun County Community Fiber Art Show, "It's a perfect partner for our Lost Arts Series. We hope our neighbors' beautiful handiwork will inspire others to discover their own artistic talents and to check out our Lost Arts Series to help them achieve their goals."

The show hours are:

* Thursday, November 5th, Opening

Reception, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

* Friday, November 6th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

* Saturday, November 7th, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

* Sunday, November 8th, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Along with the exhibition, free mini crafting classes and demonstrations will be offered several times during the show, including "Introduction to Knitting", "Introduction to Crocheting", and "Making a Lanyard Keychain". Classes are geared for children through adults and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Students interested in learning to knit or crochet should bring their own crochet hook, knitting needles, and/or yarn. For class times and further information, please contact the JSU Office of Continuing Education, (256) 782-5918.

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Dr. Meehan responds

Editor's Note: The following is in response to last week's letter to the editor from Brittney Ellison

Dear Brittney:

I read your letter in *The Chanticleer*, and wanted to respond to your concerns and hopefully alleviate some of your frustration. It is important to understand that JSU is not solely responsible for the budget cuts.

We operate our university with money that comes both from tuition dollars and dollars appropriated from the State of Alabama. The national economy has taken a turn for the worse over the last two years, and unfortunately, so has our state budget. The Education Trust Fund is the source for all of Alabama's education budgets, kindergarten through doctoral programs. Alabama's income tax and sales tax are the two primary funding sources for The Education Trust Fund and these revenue sources are naturally sensitive to any economic downturn.

The amount the state cut from JSU's appropriation

over the last two years is actually 18.5% and amounts to over \$9.1million. The University had to find ways to reduce its spending and yes, we had to raise tuition. But we kept our promise to our students that tuition and fees at JSU would be at the median cost of four year universities in Alabama.

JSU has 38 accredited academic programs, more than any other regional university in the state of Alabama. We are proud of the fact that between 2001-02 and 2008-09, the number of sections and classes offered at JSU increased by substantial numbers. Our enrollment has also increased over that same time by 12%, the number of sections added is up 65% and the number of courses added is up 26%. That doesn't mean that these numbers are up in every discipline. Departments and colleges manage their own curriculum and specific class offerings and concerns you may have within your major will need to be addressed with them.

We have more on-line courses at JSU than ever before and currently have

3,344 students who are taking an on-line course and have the opportunity to "go to school anytime, 24 hours a day, in their pajamas!" JSU offers 18 on-line programs in areas such as Nursing, Computer Science, and Business and Emergency Management. There are 187 distance education courses currently being offered in this semester.

It is also important to understand that the football stadium expansion is being funded by a bond issue. The new dorm space will be paid for by the students who live there. JSU also receives money from external funding sources such as grants and contracts. One example is the new transit system.

It is impossible to manage the budgets and keep everyone happy. We all are experiencing some tough economic times, but we are doing our best here at JSU to continue to offer a high quality education for a very fair price.

Sincerely,
William A. Meehan, Ed.D.
President

Remembering Representative Lea Fite

Editor's Note: This letter is in response to the untimely pass-



and new vehicles. It was his belief that even though there

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~~Rutgers basketball team~~

While hoping that the furor caused over remarks made by [redacted] dies down, [redacted] have come under fire again, this time for [redacted]. The American Association of University Professors has criticized the Rutgers administration for [redacted] with reporters at *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," [redacted] other must not be curtailed simply

because they are [redacted]. Two days after student protesters demanding the resignation of [redacted] halted the Scarlet Knights' game against the University of Massachusetts, guard Damon Santiago told a *Targum* reporter that he thought [redacted]. Senior forward Jamal Phillips told a reporter that [redacted] he said. The next day, head coach Bob Wenzel asked team members not to discuss the issue with reporters.

Arts & Entertainment

Dear
Julie

By Julie Skinner
Columnist

The wedding of a dear friend of mine this weekend inspired me to sit and think about what makes a relationship truly special. For this couple, it's their unfaltering faith and the abundant amount of optimism that simply radiates from them. To the happy couple, I am blessed to have attended your wedding. Thanks for allowing me to.

You know, when Sam and I first started dating, I was meticulous about looking my very best and then some. My hair was always straightened to cover up my naturally not-quite-curly-but-more-messy-wavy-type hair. I blame my mother partially for that because she made me wear so many barrettes and bows as a kid that it broke off parts of my hair that just happened to grow back wavy. My skin radiated from fake tanners and brush-on bronzers. My teeth and gums ached from brushing 5 times before he picked me up, and also from the whiteners I applied the night before. By the end of the date when he dropped me off, my eyelashes were actually sore from the amount of rubbing I had to do to get the gloppy, gunky mascara completely off. Not to mention, my calves and heels ached from my 3-inch heels I wore for the first 2 months we dated, because apparently I was self-conscious of my 5-foot frame.

It was fun while it lasted. Now, I wouldn't quite say I "let myself go." No, I would say that I let myself relax.

My hair frequently has that wavy-weird thing going on. My teeth are by no means the color of butter, but they're definitely not the color of pearls, either. I wear flats 9 times out of 10. Often, I go completely without make-up in order to let my skin breathe.

And the funny part about it all?

He compliments me the most when I am completely natural, in blue jeans and a shirt so worn out it has developed tiny balls of soft material all over it. It's also

"One set of Eyes" Prolific author visits JSU

By Doran Smith
Arts & Features Editor

The Organization Friends of Houston Cole Library hosted meeting with the prolific author Frank Turner Hollan on Monday, October 26. The author spoke for half an hour on his works and his experiences before opening the floor for questions from the audience on the eleventh floor of the library.

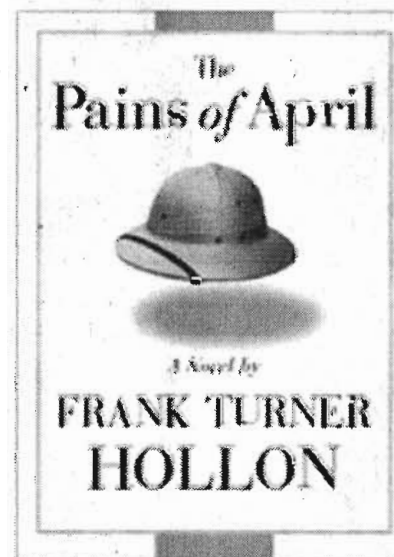
Hollan has only been published for the past decade, but his writing was older than its publication date implies. He wrote the rough draft of his first work, *Pains of April*, while he was finishing law school in Tulane in the late 1980's.

"I was getting ready to grow up," said Hollan when asked what influenced him to write his first work, "after 7 years of college and having a good time, it was time to leave school. All of the sudden, it was all about where am I going to live, who am I going to marry, what am I going to do."

"I started thinking about looking back at this, instead of looking forward from where I was, then,

writing allows me to do that, it allows me to become that other person for a while and see life from their perspective."

As one thumbs through Hollan's books, it is apparent that he does not rely on any formula that has given him success. Each of his books has a unique quality to it. Dr. Joanne Gates, president of the Friends of Houston Cole Library and an English Department professor, introduced the author and his works before he spoke. She elaborated on the differences



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between his works and the necessity to finish them once they have been started.

Hollan is a lawyer by day, so the legal aspects of things tend to bleed into his work. Whether it

is one of Hollan's two humorous books. While there is no guarantee that the film will be picked up and distributed by a major company, Hollan said he was just amazed that someone thought his work was good enough to turn into a movie.

Life is a Strange Place is the story of Barry Munday as he goes through certain adversities that make him redefine what his role is in life. Despite the dreary one-sentence-summary, this

Some of Hollan's works that have not yet been mentioned are *Wait, Blood and Circumstance*, and the not-yet-released comedy *Austin and Emily*. With all of these accomplishments under his belt, one might think Hollan is confident in his ability to write. Never the less, Hollan comes up with a different answer than that which we would imagine.

"I wouldn't be able to venture the definition of a great writer, so I wouldn't be able to tell how me or anyone else can fit that mold," said Hollan. "A great writer is a writer that speaks to you."

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He compliments me the most when I am completely natural, in blue jeans and a shirt so worn out it has developed tiny balls of soft material all over it. It's also funny that most of my girlfriends say the same thing about their boyfriends.

Love doesn't notice the big things. My favorite memories never include what he looked like or how neatly his hair was trimmed. I don't remember exactly what I was wearing, or if my eyebrows were or were not recently waxed.

Love notices the simple things. The times you laugh until you cry. The warmth from holding the hand of the person that means the most to you. The moment you realize that you want the same things out of life as the person you love.

Then you began to realize that those moments are the big things. The simple things, like your outward appearance, are all temporary. Sooner or later, we all migrate back to what looks and feels natural.

Here's a question that was submitted. Have a great week!

Dear Julie,

My boyfriend has a uni-brow. He refuses to let me tweeze his eyebrows, and he won't get them waxed either. Any suggestions?

-Eye Spy

Eye Spy,

I don't blame you for not wanting your guy to have a uni-brow. However, I don't blame him either, because it's an unpleasant experience to have your eyebrows plucked or waxed.

Remember that this is so minor compared to the problems you could have in your relationship. I would say it's easily fixable, but maybe it's not in your case. Instead of hounding him to get it done, try just talking to him about it and letting him know that it bothers you.

Keep in mind that if you open that door, you might not like what he has to request for you to change in return. We all have things we wish we could change about the people closest to us.

I wish my fiancé wouldn't constantly wear his favorite Yankees cap that reeks of fibers that have soaked up his sweat from the gym, red dirt from our co-ed softball games over the summer and who knows what else. But, I found that the more I nagged at him to stop wearing it, he wore it even more. So, I just bought him a new one for a holiday. He still wears the old gross one, but at least he has the much cleaner option if and when he ever gets ready for it.

You can't exactly buy your guy new eyebrows, but maybe you can approach him in a different way. If all else fails, at least bad eyebrows don't smell. It could always be worse.

ing to live, who am I going to marry, what am I going to do."

"I started thinking about looking back at this, instead of looking forward from where I was, then. Maybe it would be a little easier to see. It's like being up in an airplane up above, as opposed to on the ground where you can't see passed the trees or around the building next to you."

Hollan had been writing on and off since his childhood, but his first serious interest in it came when he was inspired to write *Pains of April*.

While he spoke, it became evident to readers that he had a special way of writing. "I try to show something different in each of my books, some new perspective on life," said Hollan. "We are limited to seeing through only one set of eyes, it is difficult to see the world any other way. But

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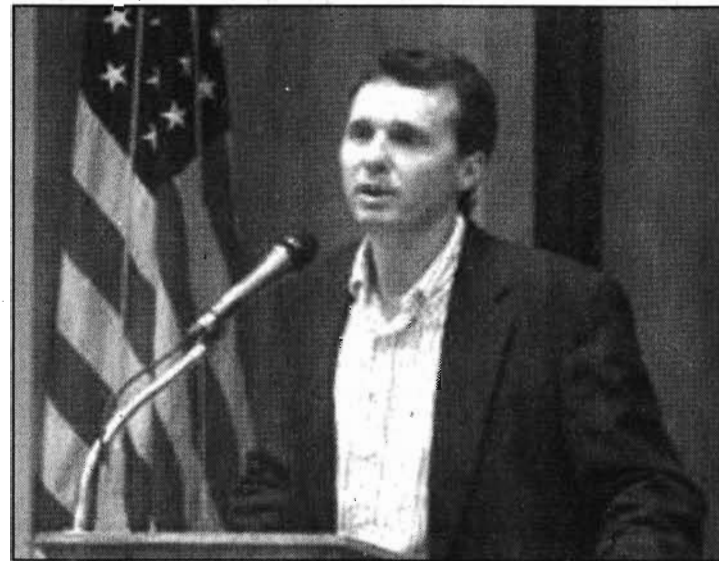
informed that he was a child via lawyer, the legal aspect can usually be found in his work. Gates even went as far as to draw comparisons Hollan and the best-selling, legal-thriller author John Grissom.

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Chicken Scratch

Shouldn't we have a choice of at least two teachers to each class?

If the Catholic Church has likened Masturbation to Abortion...then are most men, and teens, guilty of genocide?

Extra credit equals extra work. DUH!

Well, lets see what's in the Chanticleer this week; hmmm, more sex and Zach Childree is STILL gay

(Editor's Note: Yes I am, but where are your complaints about Julie Skinner's heterosexuality)

Uh-Mazing!

What does an agnostic dyslexic

insomniac do? He lies in bed all night wondering if there is a dog.

JSU football has nothing else to look forward to. Hey, maybe try keeping up the grades and your retention of athletes, then we wouldn't have to worry about "just poll position."

MJ is HOT!!!

If your English professor says you can earn extra credit if you attend a guest author lecture, it means you stay for the lecture. You don't sign in and leave!

Anybody else ready for Christmas to be here?



Chicken Scratch



Why do we have class on Friday? They should make the classes MW for an hour and a half like the TR classes.

Who wears snow boots, with ripped jeans?????

CONGRATS OMAR KATIE and CHAD on getting passed through SETC!! JSU DRAMA FREAKIN' RULES!

WHERE YOU DO THAT AT?

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I look forward to Julie's article every week!

Fashion Tip: If you don't like wearing Pepsi, don't

drink it on the Gamecock Express. I learned it the hard way.

ARE YOU REAL...

Everyone needs to believe in something. I believe I'll have another shot.

Shaka Shaka Hotdog!

Why isn't Brewer Hall receiving any news papers? I've had to make a special trip to another building for the last 3 weeks to get one.

There should be a place on this website where you can view the scratch submitted!

"The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"

Energizer Bunny arrested, charged with battery.

I hope you had a wonderful engagement anniversary, six months down 19 to go.

Have you ever ran your hand down a wall at the TMB Auditorium?

How YOU doin'?!?!?

Knock Knock....Who's there?....Nobody....

General Reminder: The Chanticleer will not print obscene, slanderous, or offensive chicken scratches about a person or organization. If you wish to see your scratch posted, be nice. Or at least abide by the rules.

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Unsolved Crimes of Calhoun County:

A look at one of the county's mysterious murders

By Elliot Slanton
Special to the Chanticleer

In the spirit of Halloween, members of the Chanticleer searched for Halloween-appropriate stories. And what is more appropriate to the season than a thrilling murder mystery?

Before most of the student body at Jacksonville State University was even born, during the construction of what we now know as Highway 21, the county had some problems with drugs and drug trafficking. In this setting of the early 1980's, there lived a man north of Jacksonville who had gotten himself mixed up with drugs, not their usage but their distribution. Many people knew the man's family and knew that he was mixed with the wrong sort, outside the teachings of his family.

As sure as he had been in the wrong business this man went missing. After an extensive search, the man in question was assumed to be dead.

The police suspected some sort of foul play, perhaps a drug deal gone wrong or a complication with an associate. The police started pushing their informants and collecting evidence. Little evidence turned up.

As the case grew colder and construction of the highway carried on, some piece of information found its way to the detectives working the case. That information suggested that while the highway was being built, the man was murdered and buried below it at night. Predictably, construction continued the next morning possibly covering up the crime scene in drivable concrete.

The Police thoroughly searched the area around and along the highway. Using the time frame they managed to put together of his disappearance and the scheduling of the road construction, they had only an idea of where to look. They eventually considered a small pond next to the highway's construction and decided to search it for evidence. After it was drained, officials found remnants of the man's motorcycle. However, the police still could not warrant digging up a brand new highway to search for a body when they have little evidence to suggest it might be under the highway.

No one was ever convicted of his murder and no one suspects that he is still alive. Much later, though, a lawyer did attempt to bring

charges up during drug trafficking trial. The charges did not stick and, even though the man is serving time for drug trafficking, no resolution was ever brought to the case.

No one knows who the murderer is.

No one knows where the body could be found.

But they all have a guess.



Review: Hockey in all of their glory

By Whitney Harris
Music Critic

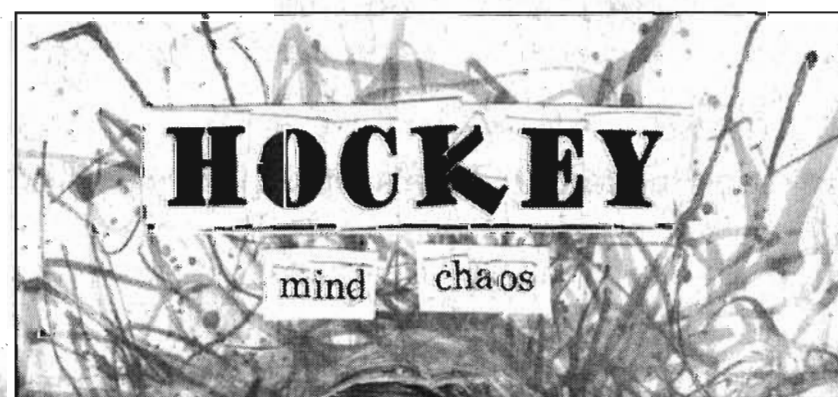
The album Mind Chaos is here and is displaying a new definition of Hockey.

Usually when you think of hockey you think of men dressed in pads racing up and down an ice arena to get a little black puck in the goal.

ey has been touring all summer throughout Europe playing nearly every major European Festival there. Hockey was also nominated for 2009 MTV European Video Music award. Hockey then decided to return to the states this fall to continue their tour and to push release of Mind Chaos. Mind chaos fits in the cat-

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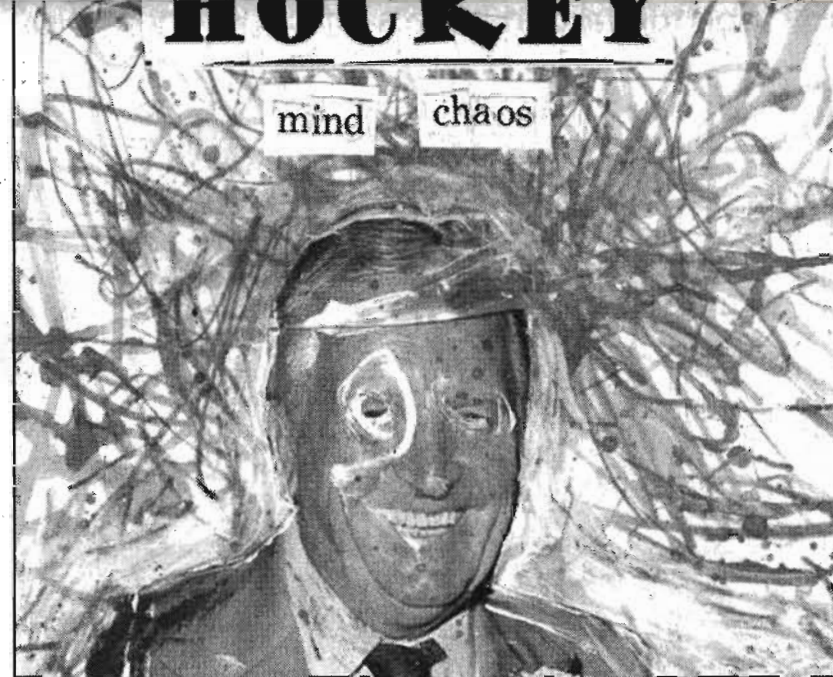
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definition of Hockey. Usually when you think of hockey you think of men dressed in pads racing up and down an ice arena to get a little black puck in the goal. Well, the multitasking four-some out of Portland OR is here and giving you an alternate thought when you hear the word hockey. The highly anticipated debut album of the group Hockey was released earlier this month and they have been climbing up the charts every since. Hock-

award. Hockey then decided to return to the states this fall to continue their tour and to push release of Mind Chaos. Mind chaos fits in the category of new wave/soul. This album is very fun and energetic, it makes you just want to dance. That is one of the main reasons why I like this album. Through out the eleven tracks on this album, Mind chaos is a mind-blowing combination of good lyrics and good music. If you're

tracks like "Too Fake" and "3am Spanish," they're sure to get the party going. If there is a party going on, I'm sure that Mind Chaos



Hungry?

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Cook what you want,
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Cook or starve!

by Kevin Telles Roberts

Kierra Reeves Staff Reporter

Hungry? Got the munchies? No, there will never be food around campus like your mom's. Also, you know you've had a good day if you have had three square meals.

In Kevin Robert's cookbook, "Munchies," it's not about cooking skill, but effort. A quick scan through some of his easy recipes will leave you wondering why you ate Taco Bell for the last 7 nights.

With a few cooking items such as a saucepan, skillet, baking sheet, pot, mixing bowl, strainer, measuring cup, knives, and a can opener, you will be on your way to saving some money and your health.

Between studying in the middle of the night and dragging yourself out of bed at 7:00 a.m. for early morning classes, what can a col-

lege kid eat? After sleeping or working through the afternoon and socializing at night, what kind of grub can a student find?

Try a breakfast burrito. With a few eggs and other basic ingredients, you will be well on your way to making it through the day without stopping at the snack machine.

Want a taste of Hollywood? Try the Beverly Hills Burger and as Mr. Roberts says "you can eat an artsy, frou-frou burger."

If you are looking to impress your girlfriend, how about the Pistachio-Crusted Halibut.

It sounds fancy, but with only six ingredients and a preparation time of twenty minutes, one can't go wrong.

Grab some basic cooking items from your mom's place, look over the book and who knows, maybe those late night hunger pains may turn into a Quick Quesadilla or an Eggo Ice-Cream Sandwich instead of your usual trip to a fast food restaurant.

Sports

JSU football suffers disappointing loss at Homecoming against EIU

By Ryan Rutledge
Staff Writer

Eastern Illinois University Panthers (6-2, 4-1 OVC) came to play. The Jacksonville State Gamecocks (4-3, 2-1) apparently did not. 28-20 was the final, with the Panthers coming out on top.

"I know there wasn't a time where I didn't think we couldn't run or throw or stop their pass," Coach Jack Crow said. "The components of winning were there... but, we played on 80 yards and they played on forty."

Before the Gamecocks ever got on the field on offense they were down a touchdown.

When a team loses a game there are all kinds of reasons and excuses given. Not often do you hear, "The other team was just better". In this game, Eastern Illinois University was just better.

Jacksonville won the toss and deferred to the second half. The Panthers received the ball. Nine plays and 56 yards later, they were in the end zone. EIU kicked an onside kick after they scored. They recovered. -By this time it's apparent that the week off for JSU wasn't a good thing- Twelve plays later the home team stopped the Panthers. It was fourth down.

The field goal teams were brought out for each team. The only thing special about the Jacksonville special teams came next.

It was Jamison Wadley's first game back. He has been out with a subluxated shoulder injury. "I was lined up just to rush the gap, but whenever the ball was snapped you could tell they were really trying to really block you," Wadley said. "The center blocked down. The guard really tried to block me, so I just went off the center's but. So I just got up field. When I got up field I went to reach to block the kick, I saw the kicker take off running. So I just made the play.

It was not only a big play for Jamison and a confidence builder



Perrilloux throwing a pass against EIU during homecoming. Photo by jsufan.com

back, but the Gamecocks squandered the opportunity with penalties and more bad special teams play. False start, illegal formation, a squandered timeout, and a personal foul- 8 plays and 25 yards later the "un-special teams" went out on the field.

Patrick Tatum's punt was blocked by Lorence Ricks, and the ball went all the way back to the JSU 4 yard-line.

Two plays later they were in with a 4-yard rush from EIU's Mon Williams.

Later, with the second quarter coming to a close JSU finally scores with 0:54 left in the half. Then the special teams came out to attempt an extra-point. Key word: Attempt. Attempt: no good.

Second Half

"Field position, we lost the field position battle. We just gotta go back to the drawing boards. They just played their best football and we played our worst, and they [EIU] win 28 - 20."

It might not of been the Panther's "best football" but it was enough to beat a Jacksonville team that appeared out of sync, no thanks to the week off.

Last Chance

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Opinion: Baseball back to normal

by Jalon Turner
Staff Writer

It is the end of October and this can mean only one thing, World Series of baseball. Once again the greatest team in baseball and the greatest sports franchise will be playing for the title, the New York Yankees.



That is right; once again the Bombing Bronx has made it to the end of post season. Where were you when the Yankees last won a world series? The year was 2000, I was 19 years old. Since 2000 the Yankees have played for the title two other times before this year and have won the eastern division title six times.

This year however, under the second year with Joe Girardi as the skipper of the pin stripes, and in a brand new facility across from the old and legendary Yankee Stadium, this year is the year. This is what makes the Yankees the best team in sports. They have been around so long and have won so many times that they have to distinguish their years by certain eras. This is the era of Girardi. He takes over the hardest position in baseball, works for the hardest boss in baseball and so he wins to keep his job and the

This was not the ideal drive of his former FBS (formerly Division-1A) quarterback. The drive ended, with 2:23 left in the game, when EIU's C.J. James intercepted Perrilloux's last pass of the game. Net yards on final drive: -1.

Why the miscues at special teams? Coach Crow said it has to do with the inexperience. "The kicking game was atrocious," Crow said. "About half the players we're playing have been here two years, a lot of them just one year. Some of them haven't been here but a couple of months. They're really sprinkled through the kicking game. That's really where they're more prevalent." Crow added, "This is not a step backwards, but it certainly brought us to a screeching halt."

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It was not only a big play for Jamison and a confidence builder for him, but also a big play at that point in the game for the rest of the team.

Nothing at that point had really gone right for the Gamecocks up to that point. They may have gained the all-important 'mo' (momentum)

liams.

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It was more of the same: penalties and bad special teams play. The Gamecocks never did catch up; ultimately falling to the Panthers 28-20.

"The penalties killed us. Just penalties, just penalties in general..." said Perrilloux on the game.

With 4:02 left in the game the JSU offense had a chance. The stage was set for Perrilloux to have a Favre-like moment. JSU was 61 yards and a two-point conversion away from tying it up. The drive starts out good, with a 5-yard completion to Cory Freeman. Then, Perrilloux gets called for an illegal forward pass. Then Jacksonville has to squander a timeout. Later in the drive JSU gets called for a personal foul and have to squander yet another timeout. In two minutes Jacksonville went 8-yards, receiving two penalties, and a loss of downs.

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When asked on what the rest of the season hold's for his team, Perrilloux said, "We're still going to win the conference". Not quite a Tebow-esque promise, like the one Tim Tebow had after being upset by Ole Miss, just a year ago. But for now, that will just have to do.

they have to distinguish their years by certain eras. This is the era of Girardi. He takes over the hardest position in baseball, works for the hardest boss in baseball and so he wins to keep his job and the New York natives happy. It is only fate that he has taken the fallen back to the top for a chance to redeem themselves. The last time the Yankees played for the title, was against cross town rival the New York Mets.

That series was called the "Subway Series". This series is likely to be called the same, if an out of townie travels to Philadelphia. The train station in Philly has had its workers on strike for several weeks, with this week being the last week of negotiation before employee's walk. That is going to make it hard to get to the game for those going from out of town. This will increase the number of taxis commuting from airport and leave stranded people walking across town. Well either way, the series is starting in New York then moving to Philly. Maybe by then the city will realize that there is about to be a swarm of visitors there and they need to be able to accommodate the fans, even those wearing grey and blue. Go Yanks!

Athletes and their rituals

by **Chelsea Pelletier**
Special to the Chanticleer

Trista Munster, a Jacksonville State University soccer player, puts her left cleat on first, then the right. Triple-knotting the right shoelace. She tucks in the right side of the jersey before the left. What is this all about? She is performing her pre-game rituals. They are a complex dimension of athletics that consist of actions consistently performed before competition by individual athletes or teams.

While they may seem odd to the outside eye, pre-game habits are very important to the individuals who utilize them.

"The purpose of a ritual, or pre-performance routine is to create feelings of familiarity, a sense of control and confidence, or just help the athlete think and feel the way they want to prior to competition or performance," said Dr. Robin Vealey, sports psychology professor at Miami University in Ohio. Performing the habitual movement or routine gives the player a sense of

confidence and comfort. Also, when the routine is complete, they know it is game time, time to perform. "Routines or rituals ... serve to 'prime' athletes to execute a perfect motor performance skill by helping them switch on their 'autopilot'," said Vealey. "That is, they begin a sequence of familiar thoughts/behaviors that just lead them into comfortable, confident, controllable feelings and autopilot, which is performing naturally without thinking consciously about it."

When they do these things and play well, the athletes attribute part of their success to the ritual. Therefore, every time they compete, they must follow the same pattern in order to ensure the same result. Andrea Hoke, a shot put and javelin thrower at JSU, cited the importance of the order in her routine. "I warm-up in the same sequence," she said. "When things go out of order I tend to become flustered and it throws me off."

In most cases, the routine is dependent on its previous results.

"I will generally stick to whatever routine I feel has kept me the most successful at that point in time," said Aaron Elias, baseball player at JSU. "I feel that I do perform differently if I don't stick to my normal routine, and usually it seems to be for the worst."

Routines are unique for each individual. There is a wide range of possibilities regarding what an individual considers their routine. Some people simply put their left cleat on before their right or say a prayer before taking the field. Others have an intricate routine that starts from the moment they wake up on game day to the minute the game starts.

"I get to my event area and put on my specific throwing shoe," Hoke said. "My left shoe is always the first one on." Other athletes rely on music to get them mentally prepared.

"I always listen to 'Voice of Truth' by Casting Crowns," said Austen Stoelting, a soccer player at JSU. "I listen to other music too, but I must listen to that

song."

Teams have pre-game habits also. For the JSU soccer team, certain songs must be played in the locker room and players tape their wrists and write inspirational messages. These routines usually come from traditions passed down from previous teams.

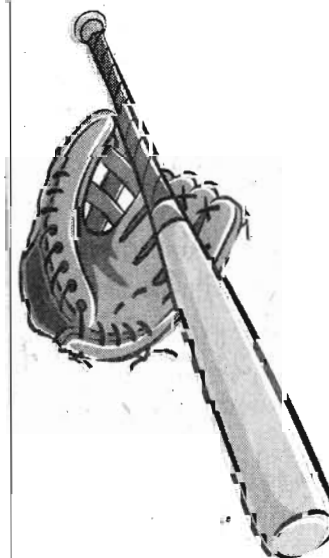
Overall, there is no mysterious power in the routine, no magic.

Although, if you ask any athlete, the power of the habitual action lies in the mind of the individual. Despite the anticipation sparking butterflies in the player's stomach, the routine offers a composed place where they can find comfort. It takes their mind off any doubt or insecurity that could prevent them from performing.

"It helps them avoid over thinking or worrying about the pressure of the competition," said Vealey.

While many do not understand their importance, they are an intricate part of many athletes' preparation.

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Keep your chin up

Loss to EIU not going to deflate JSU football team's hopes

by Austin Faulkner
Sports Writer

"We are recovering emotionally from a very tough loss," Coach Crowe said as he opened the press conference this week. The loss was a result of not executing to the optimum level on special teams. He gave his congratulations to EIU and said he did not think the bye week helped with the finer points of the Gamecocks' game. Last week was the Gamecocks' first game with a negative turnover margin. "If I could go back, I would work differently with our time off," Coach said of the team's free week. He gave credit to Panthers' quarterback, Jake Christensen for his game management. "I thought we played

well enough to win," Crowe stated as he moved forward to review this week's matchup against Austin Peay.

The Governors may not be the best team JSU has faced or will face this season, but do not underestimate them. Junior running back, Terrence Holt, leads the nation in all purpose yards and Coach Crowe believes Holt is "NFL good." Holt, however, is the speedy complement to sophomore Ryan White who is the most efficient back at what he does. White is more of a gap runner than Holt because of his size but has the ability to turn the corner and kick the run to the outside.

The players are trying to maintain the championship mentality they have sustained all season, Coach

looks for Ryan Perrilloux to bounce back after a disappointing loss that dropped JSU from 12th to 20th in the FCS poll. He also commented on senior wideout James Wilkerson's physical play, referring to the defensive back he ran over after catching a pass last Saturday. The 'Cocks will need a strong performance from these two and the rest of the team to win over the Governors.

Look for a turn around this week as Jax State's squad hopes to use the loss as motivation to explode on a conference foe. Jacksonville looks to light up the field with big plays on both sides of the ball and watch for the special teams to be much improved. This looks to be a good game against an underrated opponent.

Get to know Matt Mackenzie

by Austin Faulkner
Sports Writer

Jacksonville State University is home to one of the best rifle teams in the NCAA and is the college of choice for our profile player this week, senior, Matt Mackenzie.

Mackenzie grew up in the suburbs of Centreville, Md. He has a very outdoorsy family and grew up hunting, fishing and playing sports such as baseball, soccer and ice hockey. He did not start shooting for fun until the age of 10, and started competitive shooting at 14.

His friend's dad owned a club and he invited Mackenzie to shoot and watch more skilled members perform competitively. He started shooting and immediately fell in love with it. Unfortunately, unlike some schools in Alabama and Georgia, his high school did not have a shooting team, so he traveled to local competitions to participate and gain experience.

Matt looked for the best scholarships first in his search for colleges, but heeded advice that he should look for the best place to get his education. JSU happened to be one of the best schools in the field he was planning on going into and had a great rifle team. They did not give him the best scholarship but

dio, in order to keep their heart rate down and workout twice a week. According to Mackenzie, people always ask why they work out? "They do not understand how athletic rifle really is, you can pull something easily if you get in a funny (fir-

ing) position," said Mackenzie.

When asked about his favorite memory, Matt laughs and says, "tough one, there are so many."

When prodded he said that he had

to pick winning the 2009 NCAA tournament at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Nevertheless, where there are good memories there are also embarrassing ones. Matt admits that it is always embarrassing when freshmen come in and beat you. Then somewhat under his breath says, "last year actually."

Matt has no hidden talents that he can think of and wants JSU to know that he and the rest of the rifle team are very supportive of all JSU athletics and they try to come to as many sporting events as they can to show support.

Mackenzie is currently majoring in criminal justice and hopes to be able to apply with the FBI or the CIA. He recently sent in an application to the ATF (alcohol,



Matt Mackenzie

Sports moment of the week





JSU soccer team after senior Amber Delaney converted a penalty kick with 7:07 left in the contest to give JSU a 3-2 win over Tennessee Tech on senior night. Photo by jsufan.com

Highlights of the week

- JSU senior soccer player, Amber Delaney was named the OVC conference's offensive player of the week for the second time this season.
- Women's golf team will post a fourth place finish at the Troy Women's Invitational. Tuesday's final round was cancelled due to rain. Ornella Arrizon led the Gamecocks with a total of 151 for sixth place, while Laura Cutler finished with a 36-hole total of 154 to tie for 13th place. Ashley Cox is tied for 16th with a total of 155, while Lucia Fernandez Valdes is 20th after shot a 157.
- David Nilsson and Ashley Stovall were named the OVC male and female runners of the week for cross country.
- The Jacksonville State volleyball team had to rally to win the final two sets on Saturday, but the Gamecocks pulled off a 3-2 (25-20, 23-25, 16-25, 25-18, 15-12) win over Murray State and extended their winning streak to 14 matches.
- A career performance from freshman Jen Meyer led the Jacksonville State volleyball team to its 13th-straight win on Friday night, when the Gamecocks claimed a 3-1 (19-25, 25-18, 25-15, 27-25) win against UT Martin.
- Senior Amber DeLaney converted a penalty kick with 7:07 left in the contest to give Jacksonville State a 3-2 win over Tennessee Tech and provide a fitting end to senior night at the JSU Soccer Field on Friday.
- The Jacksonville State Women's Cross Country claimed a third place finish while freshman David Nilsson returned to his winning ways for the JSU Men team on Friday at the Kennesaw State Owl Invitational.
- Jacksonville State Women's Basketball is picked fifth in the 2009-10 Ohio Valley Conference Preseason Poll while two Gamecocks were named to the Preseason All-OVC team in a release from the league office. Jolie Efezokhae and Brittany Wiley were named to the 2009-10 Preseason All-OVC team.
- JSU men's golf finishes fifth at F&M Bank APSU Intercollegiate.

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Matt said the team plays a big part in what rifle means to him. They do a lot of car-

events as they can to show support.

Mackenzie is currently majoring in criminal justice and hopes to be able to apply with the FBI or the CIA. He recently sent in an application to the ATF (alcohol, tobacco and firearms) and is waiting for a response. Matt hopes to be able to apply the skills he learned in the classroom and on the rifle team to his career in the future.

Chicken Scratch

By the Nine! I will rear-end the next first year student who cuts me off again. I'm on year three and shouldn't have to take this crap!

I read Julie's articles to my best friend every week!

Student activity fee? No, thanks. I'm inactive.

How is it possible that there are only 3 electives available to EH grad students? Do you REALLY think we want to take English Renaissance, Theories of Speech, and Middle English?? Man, I love having no options.

Zombie Survival Guide. Rule 1: Cardio.

Kluckin Bell. Kluckin Bell. The chicken has a tiny brain that means it doesn't feel any pain. Kluckin Bell. Kluckin Bell.

What's shakin', bacon?

I think it's about time to cut the heat on, JSU.

Happy Homecoming =]

No Ma'am!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am SO ready for Halloween....BOO!

Basketball season is right around the corner, I can hardly wait! Go Gamecocks!

...that was my last Homecoming :(

Shoogada Boogada!