

Administration says no more Bonus Bucks for students

By Zach Childree

Editor in Chief

Students who were expecting to see Bonus Bucks, the funds usually credited on student IDs per credit hour, are in for a surprise this year. According to Joe Whitmore, director of Jacksonville State University's Institutional Support Services, the funds won't be added to student IDs this year. "This was published in the spring that the bonus dollar program would be eliminated with the new meal plan that was implemented this fall," Whitmore said. "We were trying to keep the cost of the meal plan down as low as possible."

Whitmore said that having the Bonus Bucks added this year would have driven the cost up for those students who purchased meal plans.

President of the Student Government Association, Bryant Whaley, said he knows the idea won't be popular with students, but it's better than the alternative. "I realize students do not like the Bonus Bucks being gone," Whaley said. "but that is better than having to lay off faculty or increase class room sizes."

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Whitmore said could come back in the future. "There are not any current plans [to reinstate the program]," Whitmore said. "But it's not out of the question that we could sit down in the future and reevaluate it."

Whaley said the SGA will continue to work with the University on the student's behalf. "The SGA is always working with administration when it comes to situations affecting students," Whaley said.

Meanwhile, Whaley said the SGA was encouraging

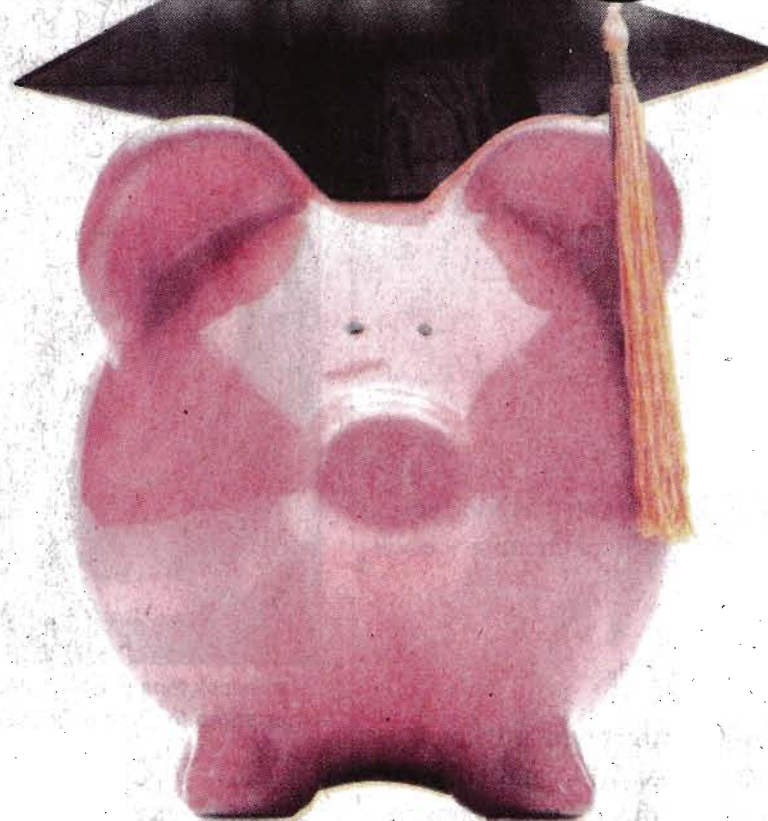
students to patronize the benefits the eateries around campus have to offer. "The hours of the caf were changed to benefit students," Whaley said. "The WOW Wingery is open until midnight for students, and the library's coffee shop was added as way to increase the appeal of the library to the students. There will also be more changes to dining services before next fall including a sandwich shop added in Merrill Hall."

Another way the SGA is encouraging students to eat on campus is by sponsoring events with Sodexo dining services. Among the events is "Karaoke in the Caf" from 6 p.m. til 8 p.m. on October 15.

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Bankin' on it



Student Government to host a vote on activities fee for new facility

By Doran Smith

Arts & Features Editor

The Student Government Association will host a vote for a new student activity fee on October 22. The vote will take place along with J-Day and the vote for the top five homecoming queen candidates.

The SGA is holding the vote in order to see if students desire a new recreational facility and whether or not they are willing to pay for it. The proposed student activities fee will be a \$100 fee for the fall and spring semester, possibly starting during the 2010-2011 school year. Exactly 50% of the fee would be piggy-banked for a recreational facility based on students' desires.

"Dr. Timothy King, Associate Vice

President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, has a design for a new recreational facility," said SGA President Bryant Whaley. "However, he is open to additions and modifications as students bring him new ideas."

The idea of another increase in price has some students on edge. That is one of the reasons why the fee must be voted on by the students, Whaley says, it must have their support.

"Students will be able to dictate where the money goes," said Whaley. "I don't want to give off the feeling that we are in control of what to do with their money."

Just how will the money be spent, though?

If the fee is passed in its current

form, 32% of funding will augment the budget of the Office of Student Life. Whaley states that this will help the office to schedule concerts, speakers, and events that the student body will enjoy. Whaley also promised an increase in Student Senate allocations to student organizations.

"Students are more receptive to the idea of a fee when they attend a concert or when their group receives an allocation allowing them to attend a conference in Destin or Mobile," said Whaley.

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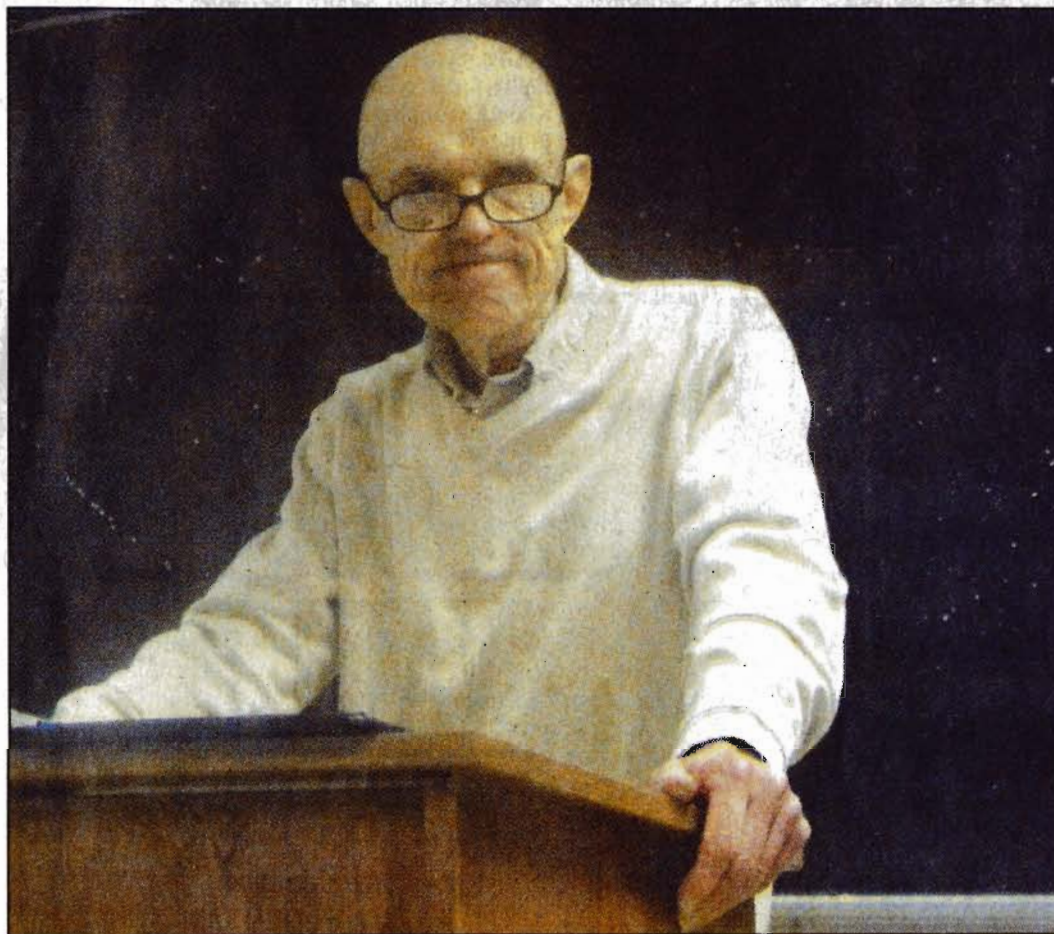
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Claeren, Drama Department founding member, to leave after 35 years



Dr. Wayne Claeren teaches his class. Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer

By Fran Popovic
Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State University Drama Department has been a strong and influential part of the university for many years. Those who stuck by the department through thick and thin made possible the success the department has today. Dr. Wayne Claeren (Doc) is one of those drama veterans. Unfortunately, however, he has decided to retire once the school year is at an end.

Teaching is not the only thing Claeren has done during his career. Prior to teaching at JSU he was an actor at the University of Pittsburgh where he received his degrees, undergraduate as well as Ph.D. “I did some acting at Pittsburgh and I was taking some classes on the side,” said Claeren. “Before I knew it, I had only a couple of classes left to graduate.”

Claeren has been a teacher, playwright, and director at the Drama Department for 35 years. When he first started at JSU, the department was a work in progress to say the least. “When I first started, there were about two professors in the department and only a handful of students,” said Claeren. “We had to move all around Jacksonville, Anniston and Gadsden just to have a place to practice.”

The one most responsible for the department’s success is Carlton Ward, according to Dr. Claeren. Ward’s collaboration with surrounding theatres, as well as the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, resulted in an increase of funding and thus growth of the department according to Claeren.

The first play ever to be performed at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center was

“Cyrano de Bergerac” in 1980. Claeren was its director.

When asked which production was the most memorable for Claeren, he chose a show called “V for Victory.”

“I may be somewhat biased by choosing that one since I wrote and directed it,” said Claeren, “but that is the first play that came to mind.”

“The play was written in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Second World War and was set in that time frame. It brought back memories from the war to those that were old enough to remember it. To those that couldn’t, it gave an insight to the way of life during those troubling times,” said Claeren.

Besides teaching and directing plays, Claeren enjoys the occasional game of tennis. In fact, that is one of the reasons why he chose to live and work in Jacksonville. “The weather here is nice enough through the year, so that way I can play much more tennis than I could up north,” said Claeren.

Claeren announced his end-of-the-year retirement in order to focus on his playwriting and perhaps to travel for a while. “I love it here, but I think it’s about time to let in some new blood,” said Claeren. “I want to focus on writing, and perhaps travel if time allows.”

With 35 years at JSU, Claeren deserves nothing but words of praise for his accomplishments. His devotion to his work and the Drama Department is a great inspiration to all students and professors alike. Retirement marks a new age in Claeren’s career, and hopefully it will be as inspiring and fruitful as the entirety of his career has been thus far.

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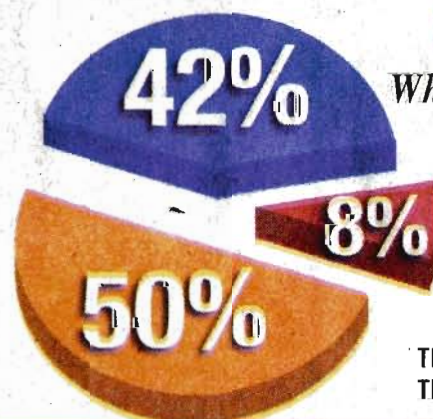
Get To know Brittney Whitton

Meet JSU’s senior volleyball player.

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QUESTION of the WEEK

What do you think of the job the SGA is doing this year?



I think they are doing a bad job- 50%

Eh..so so. Mediocre - 42%

I think they are doing a good job - 8%

Next week’s question:

Do you support a student activities fee?

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ON Campus

Briefs

There will be two interest meetings in October for the Miss JSU Pageant.

The meetings will be on Wednesday, October 7 and Tuesday, October 20.

Both meetings will be at 6 p.m. in Room 302 of the Theron Montgomery Building.

For more information call ext. 5265 or e-mail mrussell@jsu.edu.

Campus Crime

Monday September 28

- Theft of property was reported at McGee Hall. Stolen were a physical chemistry book and a physics book.

Tuesday September 30

- Theft of property was reported at Pannell Apartments. Stolen was a 14-carat gold tennis racquet ring with a ¼-carat diamond.
- Domestic violence and criminal mischief were reported in Jax Apartments. Stolen was a Sonny Erickson flip phone.

Saturday October 3

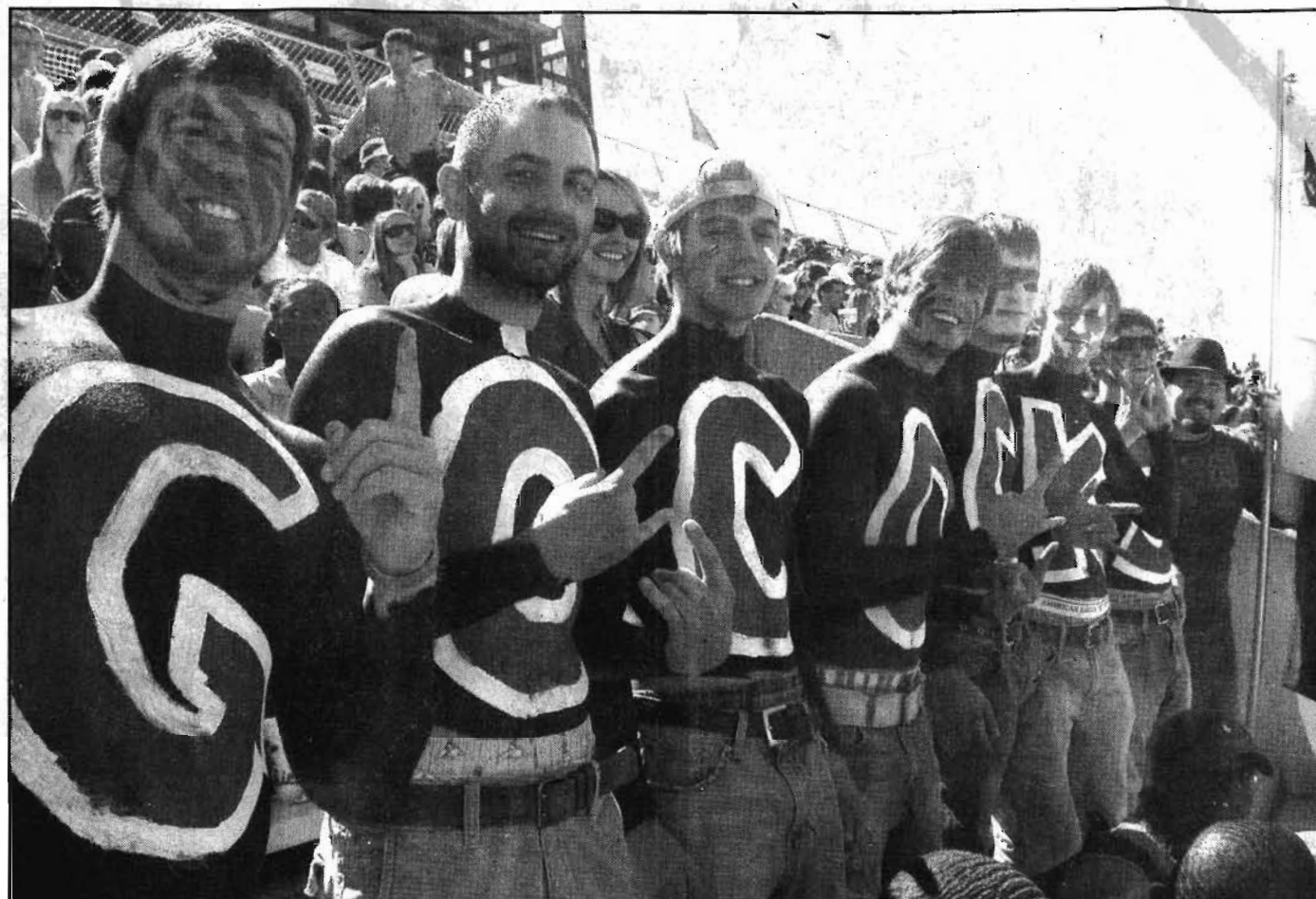
- Theft of property was reported in 212 Daugette Hall. Stolen were a 10-carat gold cobra ring and a 10-carat gold Jesus face diamond ring.

What's Happening

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

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Picture of the week



Gamecock fans show off their school spirit at the first JSU home game of the season last Saturday. 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

Activities: SGA want students to have final say in funds

Services, and the University Police Department. After the new facility takes 50% of the fee's income, the remaining 3% will help improve the distance education at JSU.

Once the facility is completed, 2% of the funding will be allocated to the facility for salaries and upkeep. The remaining 48% will be saved for construction of other needed facilities.

"This is not going to benefit athletics or pay for the stadium in any way," said Whaley. "We could later use this fee for a parking deck or other things to satisfy the growth of the university; whatever the students want."

The SGA is also taking into consideration how many students vote in October. That is why students now vote online on their MyJSU accounts. "We don't want the

opinions of 200 people dictating what 10,000 have to do," said Whaley. "With online voting, we hope that more students will participate."

As always, students are encouraged to express their views to the SGA members. The Office of Student Life and the SGA executive offices are located on the top floor of the Theron Montgomery Building.

Race for homecoming royalty begins

**By Alison Nichols
Staff Writer**

On Tuesday night, crowds filed into the Leon Cole Auditorium for the 2009 Homecoming Pageant. Student Government Association President Bryant Whaley and Vice President of Student Activities Jacob Parks greeted students and families at the door with a program of the night's activities.

The evening began by introducing the 5 male participants in the running for king. After applause from the audience, the 23 ladies in the running for top ten came out on the floor. The

"I feel I should be the homecoming top ten because I'm really involved in my campus. I love JSU. I believe I would reflect JSU in a good light," said Reece, a junior majoring in elementary education.

After every lady had a chance to answer a question and strut her stuff on the catwalk, it was the guys' turn. Contestant # 26, Andy Parris, was asked what one thing about himself he would change if given the opportunity and why.

"I wouldn't change anything," said Parris, a junior majoring in pre-health professional biology.

Once the question portion of the competition had ended, the emcees introduced the judges for the evening, many of whom

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Thursday October 8

- Mental Health Awareness Program, TMB Auditorium 6:00-8:00 pm
- Storytelling Workshop, JSU Continuing Education at McClellan 6:00-7:30 pm

Saturday October 10

- JSU v. Murray State University, Murray, KY, 3:00 pm
- Foothills Invitational Cross Country Meet, Oxford Lake, 10:00 am -11:30 am

Tuesday October 13

- Traffic Court, TMB Auditorium, 4:00 pm
- Mixer, Leone Cole Auditorium, 8:00 pm.
Admission: \$1 w/ can good, \$2 without.

Wednesday October 14

- Blood Drive, TMB Auditorium, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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The masters of ceremonies for the evening were Ashley Gray and Josh Rush. Before beginning the competition, the emcees explained to the audience how the evening would take place.

The contestants began by answering questions which were randomly picked from a fishbowl. Contestant #4, Kelsey Butler, was asked whether or not she uses the transit system.

"Yes, I do. When my boyfriend is at work and I can't ride with him...I definitely use the transit system," said Butler, a sophomore majoring in Communication.

Some of the questions were directly related to Jacksonville State University and some asked of a person's feelings on a certain subject. Contestant #13 was asked, Emily Reece, was asked why she feels she should be in the Homecoming top ten.

Andy Parris, was asked what one thing about himself he would change if given the opportunity and why.

"I wouldn't change anything," said Parris, a junior majoring in pre-health professional biology.

Once the question portion of the competition had ended, the emcees introduced the judges for the evening, many of whom were JSU graduates such as Joy Boyd, Emily Clark, Marinda Pate, Porter Brian Snead, and Frederick Smith.

While the judges were deliberating and the votes were being tallied, the audience was entertained by the singing of Hasan Green. The emcees then brought all of the contestants back out on the floor to reveal the final results. The Homecoming finalists for King are: Rafael Ferrell, Joshua Jones, Andy Parris, Chris Stokes, and Zach Patterson.

The top ten ladies for Homecoming Queen were Haley Houser, Carrie Hicks, Kensi Cottingham, Emily Reese, Christina Rachael Ginn, Kelsey Butler, Lauren Moon, Sasha Brooke Willingham, Maggie Fletcher, and Raevin R. Billingsley.

On Thursday, October 15, the race for homecoming queen will continue. Elections will be held to narrow the ten contestants down to only 5.

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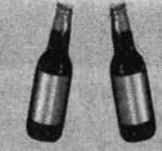
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Katrina victims still need help

By Kate Larrabee
OWIRE

More than four years have passed since disastrous Hurricane Katrina ripped through New Orleans, and the images of demolished buildings and homeless families have faded from our memories. But the nightmares are still a reality for the more than 14,000 families in New Orleans still living off Disaster Housing Assistance Program vouchers and the countless internally displaced persons.

Unfortunately for those 14,000 families, the DHAP vouchers expire this month. According to Amnesty International, the government estimates that about half of those families could be eligible for Housing Choice Vouchers, allowing them to live in Section 8 Housing. But what options remain for the families who do not qualify for Section 8 Housing?

"Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of his family, including food, clothing, housing, and medical care and necessary social services," according to Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

If more than 7,000 families lose their homes, the United States would be failing to uphold this clause.

Now is not the time to place disaster relief in New Orleans on the back burner, but it seems that many Americans have pushed it to the back of their minds and consider it old news.

"I think it's definitely not on everyone's minds anymore just because the shock value is gone

now," Hannah Nusz, co-director of the Alternative Breaks program, said.

The program directors have decided to send a group of students to help clean up and build housing in New Orleans this winter break.

Alternative Breaks has gone to New Orleans in the past but had no programs there last year. This year, Nusz said the program felt as if something was missing.

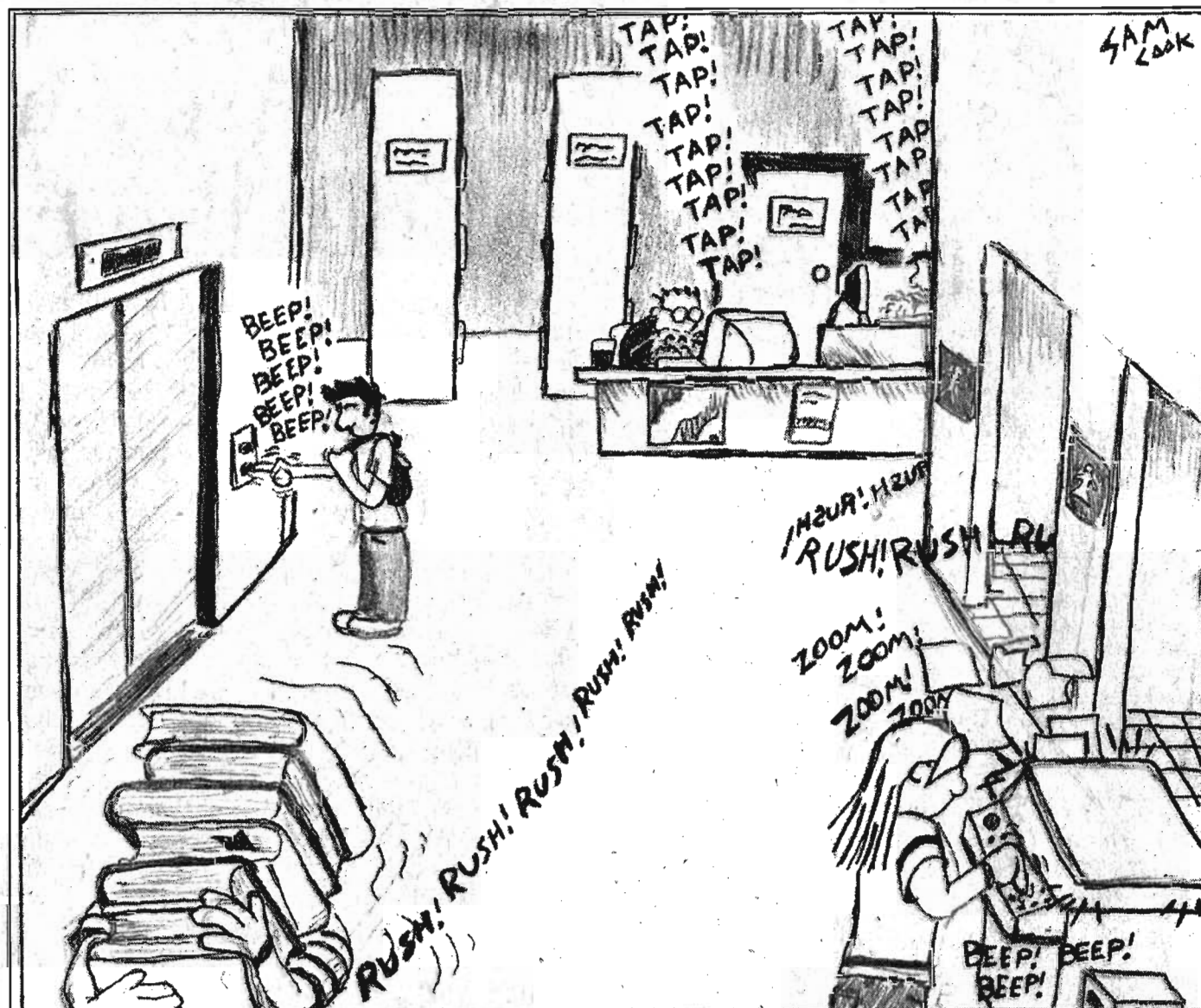
"When you're rebuilding communities, rebuilding homes and peoples' lives, that takes time," Nusz said. "It's definitely not something that just happens in a few months."

Nusz is completely right. The current quagmire that will leave many Katrina victims without housing is proof that reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in New Orleans are not yet finished.

If only there were other forms of assistance that victims could turn to when federal aid runs out. Groups such as the American Red Cross, Oxfam America, Louisiana Disaster Recovery and the NAACP Disaster Fund have helped since the hurricane hit. At least one of these organizations, Louisiana Disaster Recovery, is still offering support, but the thousands of families who risk losing their homes at the end of this month need a larger relief effort.

Alternative Breaks does more than assist Katrina victims; it also provides a new perspective for the students involved. If more organizations still showed the interest Alternative Breaks is investing in the problem, New Orleans could make great strides forward.

Sam Cook, Editorial Cartoonist



After JSU set up a brand new coffee store at the Houston Cole Library, things are getting more lively than ever before.

Chicken Scratch

Why is it that the JSU Faculty/ Staff decals can be found in any parking lot even if it is clearly marked for another color?

You're missing the bigger picture here: I DON'T CARE

Hey Haley... it's sooo good.

I love how students are always complaining about how no one rides the buses. The things are often packed between classes.

Kickin the tires and lightin' the fires, big daddy!

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Family Guy's episode this week was a little offensive to Jews

Not Da MAMA!

Oh Baybuh, You're so weird!

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Glenn Beck makes me mourn for humanity.

Dr. T! you ROCK

Is a bromance REALLY just a romance?

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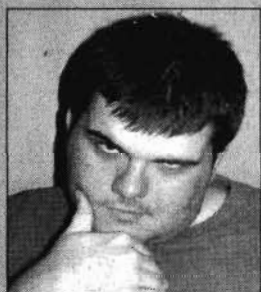
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I'm getting tired of the random pieces of cars on the road in front of Winn Place III. Clean it up drivers.

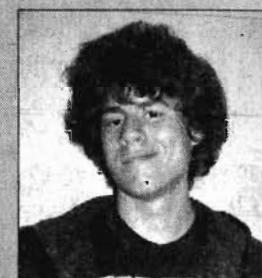
What do you think of the job the SGA has been doing this year?



"I think they're doing a lot better job then last year's administration"
- James Burton



"Sometimes I see the SGA take over activities of other organizations, that they don't have any association with"
- Juan Molina



They're doing a good job.
-Jesse Hall

"I don't think many people know what they do or know of them, and at least try and work up a more reputable name"
-Jesus Rosendo



"I really don't know. I never hear about anything they ever do"
-John "Gravy" Nicholson



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Arts & Entertainment

Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner
Columnist

A chilly nip has definitely been in the air. My flip-flops and thin t-shirts just won't cut it for much longer. With the changing of the seasons also comes a change with the way relationships are viewed.

The media has always played up the "summer fling" as the favored relationship during warm weather, a relationship that is all about having fun and nothing serious. As many movies and shows suggest, at the end of the summer, along with the death of the endless hours of sunshine each day, the summer fling will disappear, too.

When it comes to the holidays, though, it seems people scramble to find someone, anyone, to occupy that hole that the summer fling leaves. Someone to cuddle with in haunted houses, visit with during Thanksgiving, exchange gifts with at Christmas, to smooch on as soon as the clock strikes twelve as January 1st rolls around and of course, the biggest one of all, someone to call their Valentine.

It may all sound a little cheesy and unrealistic, but so often I've heard my girlfriends moan and groan about being alone during

and shows we watch define how we are supposed to feel about love and relationships according to what time of year it is.

Summer, fall, winter or spring, relationships take the same amount of dedication and trust in order to function properly. It's up to you to decide what you want in a relationship and when you're ready for one. Facing the colder months alone doesn't mean anything. Even though I adore my fiancé, my most vivid memories of holidays are not solely centered on him or any other guy I have dated in the past. My attitude, my friends, my family and my outlook on life all played a key role in my happiness when I look back. Relationships are important, yes, but they don't always have to be the romantic kind to make a difference.

So if you're single, don't sweat it. And if you're in a relationship, don't place a ton of weight on your significant other to keep you happy. To get through the colder months, or any time of year, you don't need a boyfriend or girlfriend. Instead, approve of yourself. Acknowledge the importance of your own existence in the world. Recognize how warm you can feel by being independent and not needing to be in a relationship.

Being able to appreciate and love yourself is one

We live in a Romance culture. Date movies, chick flicks, fairy tales, and a sundry of misinformation have tricked us into thinking that two people fall in love, maybe encounter an evil witch, and then live happily ever after. While this is true for an exceptionally small portion of real people, it simply is not enough to make a real relationship work. Relationships, either with sex or without sex, require many parts to evolve into fulfillment and happiness.

I have read about two types of relationships: active and passive. Active relationships require a good bit of work, which is more fulfilling and rewarding for long term happiness. Passive relationships have an ill-conceived foundation in romance and fairy tales. When, exactly, does Margo meet Todd at the bus stop and instantly fall in love with all of the pieces fitting together just perfectly? In fairy tales and movies.

There are many pieces that have to be set into place before a relationship has any chance of holding up to our fallible human nature. Respect is like a box that all of these pieces can be pulled from. Each partner must have amicable respect for each other as well as for themselves; if each person remains mature and takes a good deal of responsibility for the growth of the relationship,

history is vital to opening up doors of honesty and respect.

Lying is almost never prohibited.

Why would you lie to your partner just to get laid? Don't tell them that they are the one, knowing they aren't, just to take the boat into the tuna town.

You also shouldn't lie to yourself; far too often I see women put up with serious ass-clowns or get sexually intimate with a man just to get him to stick around because they're afraid they're going to end up alone.

While this is generalizing women, it's true for a good number of men, too. I've had a few male friends that seem to always end up telling their current significant other anything they need to hear to get them into that wedding dress with hopes of living happily ever after.

Marriage and sex are a big deal.

According to a 2007 report from the CDC, roughly 33% of marriages end in divorce before the ten year mark. For those of you not paying attention, that's a third of our married population

Although that definitely is a lot of people that failed to lay good ground work, instead setting themselves up for failure. Remember that only you can prevent forest fires.

For more information on having a mutually fulfilling relationship, talk to your parents and grandparents; married or divorced, friends, search the internet, go to the library, or just date people. Just remember to always wrap it up and never do anything that compromises your health and safety.

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Of course, the biggest one of all; someone to call their Valentine.

It may all sound a little cheesy and unrealistic, but so often I've heard my girlfriends moan and groan about being alone during this time of year, but it never seems to bother them during the summer. I've also heard my guy friends criticized after breaking up with their girlfriends before Christmas, because it's just such an awful time of year for someone to go through that.

Maybe it's just the way we are

Perhaps the change of weather makes us go into a frenzy and not know how to face the colder months alone. Maybe. More likely, I think, it's that we let the movies

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Being able to appreciate and love yourself is one of the greatest feelings there is, and if you haven't found a way to do that yet, how can you expect to find someone else who loves and appreciates you? It starts with accepting yourself.

Sodon't go into hibernation if you're single. And don't get too clingy if you're in a relationship. Being able to share your time and energy with another starts with first being happy with the person you are.

And hey, there's no rule saying you can't have a winter fling.

from. Each partner must have amicable respect for each other as well as for themselves; if each person remains mature and takes a good deal of responsibility for the growth of the relationship, they can stop a potential cycle of self-degradation and hurt from ever beginning.

Respect for your partner means knowing the other person. It's not enough to just know what their favorite food is, what music they like, or which brand of toothpaste they prefer; you have to know your partner's inner workings that make them who they are. Also, knowing their relationship history and sexual

before the ten year mark. For those of you not paying attention, that's a third of our married population having enough irreconcilable differences to end a legal or religious contract with each other. One out of three people you know will get it on, get married, get divorced from the fairy tale, and end up bitter and alone. Kidding.



Chicken Scratch

So, when the GX driver forgets a stop, he automatically tells me it has never been on the route. Next time I ride the bus, he stops AGAIN at the designated stop. Admit fault guys! Its no big deal!

Chicken scratch seems like a bad idea. Can we remove it already?

(We think it's hilarious that you used chicken scratch to tell us this. - ed)

I love my Mole Sisters! <3

Job Fair..? Yea I need to get one of those.

Somebody needs to save me from the candy corn - at this rate I will OD by Halloween.

The red pants JSU football wore Saturday were an eye sore. BRING BACK THE WHITE PANTS!

Here's the thing...no really, here it is. Take it.

Well done, JSU drama, on your production of "The Man Who Came To Dinner". A great season opener to a wonderful season of theater @ JSU!!!

I have a man crush on Ryan Perrilloux *(Don't we all? - ed.)*

DORAN! Call your fiancé.

I'm so glad people quit commenting on the Parks article. Talk about beating a dead horse...

Is it just me, or does Sparkman look like a mental institution?

I'm Batman *(No, I'm Batman..ed.)*

Remember Swayze.

OMG!!! Bryan Price rocks my socks!! Thanks for Chicken Scratch man!

To the girl walking by the library in the blue T-shirt, yellow shorts, and grey leggings... I never thought that look would work but it looked great! I hope it catches on

The "Aunt Edna" picture reminds me of Wrinkly Kong from the Donkey Kong Country games.

Remember the pumpkins!!!

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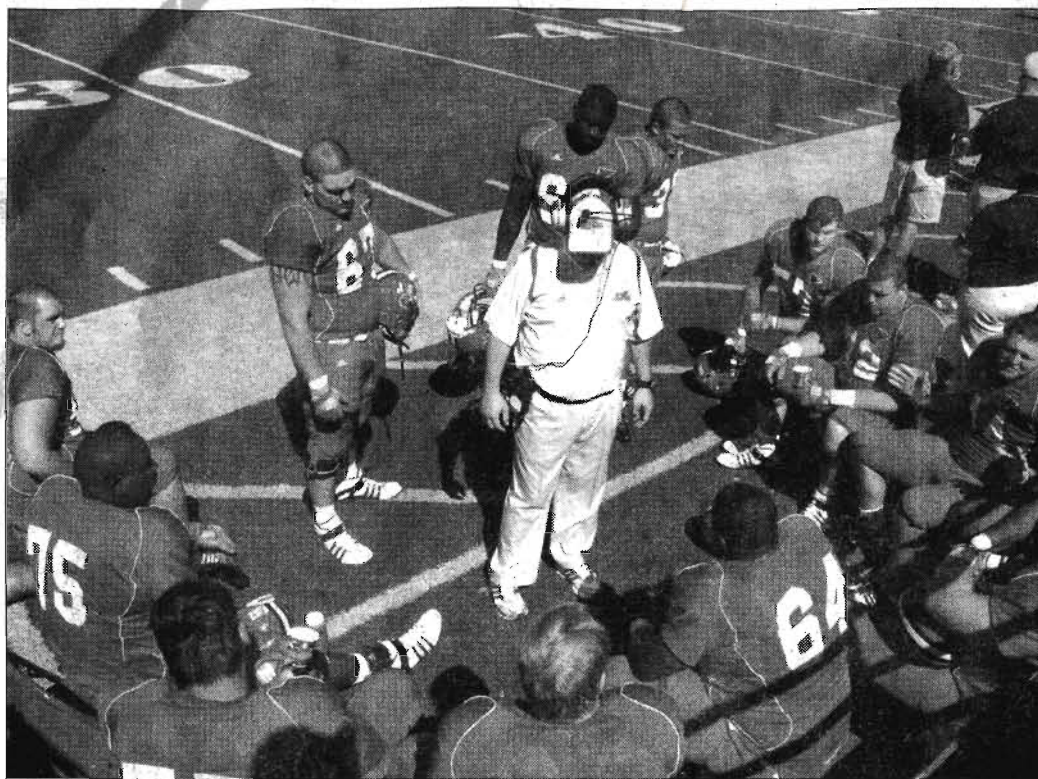
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JSU football team at the home opener. Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer

Football preview against Racers

by Austin Faulkner
Staff Writer

Coach Crowe, joined by linebacker Kevin Dix, bragged about his team's home performance this past weekend and discussed the challenges the 'Cocks might face when they travel to Murray, Ky., to take on the Murray State Racers. He pointed out that Murray's quarterback, Jeff Ernhardt, is different because he is big (6'4, 220 pounds) and mobile. Coach Crowe compared Ernhardt to Christian Ponder of Florida State, stating he was more difficult to prepare for because he moves around in the pocket. "Ernhardt is as talented as any quarterback in the league," said Crowe.

While the quarterback helps to lead a potent

passing attack, the wide receivers, Derrick Townsel and Marcus Harris are two of the league's leading production players in all purpose yards. To neutralize their efficiency in the air and create turnovers, the defense, led by Kevin Dix, will have to pressure the quarterback. Dix who leads the Gamecocks and the OVC in sacks (4.5) has to be all over the field. "Their offensive line looks okay, but I am going to do my best to get to the quarterback," stated Dix.

The Gamecocks will also face challenges on the offensive side of the ball as well. JSU is the worst in the league at giving up sacks and they face the second best pass rusher in the conference, Austen Lane (4). The passing game isn't

going to be able to develop unless running backs Jamal Young and Calvin Middleton are successful at keeping the Racers' defense honest with the run.

"This is the most talented group of players we have ever had," Coach Crowe declared. "There is no reason we cannot be as effective as we have in the past few weeks."

Look for this game to be a slugfest, as both teams will try to enforce their will upon the other team's quarterback. With the first and second best pass rushers in the nation on opposite, look for a high speed, turnover prone game. The Gamecocks again must become road warriors to defeat a hefty conference contender. It's going to be a great game.

Come support the Gamecocks at home

10/9 - JSU Soccer vs. Austin Peay at 7p.m.

10/10 - JSU Cross Country Foothills Invitational at Oxford Lake Park - 10a.m.

10/10 - JSU Rifle Team vs. Murray State

10/10 - Softball Tera Ross Memorial Tournament - Oxford Park
- GSCC 9a.m. - Middle Ga. 11a.m. - Snead State 1p.m.

Chicken Scratch

Have you heard? Bibb Graves is trying to pound itself to the bowels of the earth.

Whoever has been doing the comics for the past three weeks doesn't need to quit their day job. It was about as funny as the love child of dysentery and Late Night with Jimmy Fallon.

Fantasy football is about as close as most men will ever get to being a professional athlete.

You have to live like you're dyin'

We only got 86,400 seconds in a day

EVERY TIME I CLOSE MY EYES!!!!

To turn it all around or throw it all away.

That Lab Assistant in Self Hall won't even open the labs up on the weekend for students - What a TOOL!!!!

One of these days, I'm going to be run over while crossing the street! What then JSU parking? Hospitalization? I expect flowers. Roses are good.

Happy 23rd Birthday to Sara Fink!!!! 10/13

Last time I checked, $40 + 20 + 20$ does NOT equal 100 percent.

We could put Bear Bryant's skeleton in a chair and probably stand a better chance of making it to the play-offs.

Where the hell are my cookies?

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JSU vs. UT Martin at the first home game of the season this past Saturday. Photo by Steve Latham / JSU Photographer

Gamecocks crush UT Martin in football home opener

by Ryan Rutledge
Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks (3-2, 1-0 Ohio Valley Conference) and The University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawks (2-3, 1-1 Ohio Valley Conference) met at Paul Snow Stadium this past Saturday, and, as is customary in any sporting event, one of the teams doesn't have things go as they planned. In this case, that "thing" was the score and that "team" was UTM. JSU emerged as the victor after controlling nearly all facets of the game against the Skyhawks; with the final score: 52-7. With the win they improve to 25-6 against UTM.

If a Skyhawk had a tail, it would have been tucked between its legs going back home on Interstate 24 to Martin, Tennessee, after its

game of the 2009 season. "I'm a traditionalist," said Jacksonville State head coach Jack Crowe, "I didn't initiate it. The seniors wanted them". This wasn't the "three yards and a cloud of dust" offense of the early Jacksonville State Teachers College. This was the high-flying offense of the, now, Jacksonville State University led by the likes of Ryan Perrilloux (14-16, 205 yards, 4 TD) (OVC player of the week), Calvin Middleton (13 rushes 121 yards, 1 TD), and James Wilkerson (6 receptions, 137 yards, 2 TD).

The Gamecocks won the toss and deferred to the second half. However, they would give it up JSU soon after the kickoff. Cade Thompson (All-OVC Preseason Offensive Player of the Year) almost immediately gave it up to junior defensive back T.J. Heath. Heath returned the

of JSU football at quarterback: Marquez Ivory. Ivory passed for 39 yards and was five for five on the last drive of the first half. If it wasn't for bad blocking by the offensive line on the last two plays of the drive, then they would have ended up with a touchdown. Instead, the Gamecocks had to settle for a 27-yard field goal from Patrick Tatum.

If Jason Simpson decided to make any adjustments at half time, he might have overlooked his team's defensive secondary. The first play from scrimmage, after halftime, was a 51-yard bomb from senior quarterback Ryan Perrilloux to senior wide-receiver James Wilkerson. Perrilloux would throw two more touchdown passes before it was all said and done. He and the rest of the team never let up throughout the rest of

by Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

Brittney Whitten is a senior outside hitter for Jacksonville State University's volleyball team.

When entering Pete Matthews Coliseum one cannot help to see the number 13 commanding her team. She has a presence on the court that few possess, not to mention that no one is exactly willing to stand in front of a ball spiked by her.

She originally wanted to be a cheerleader but her father denied her request and told her not until she gave sports a chance. Whitten started running cross-country and then picked up volleyball her sixth grade year and hasn't put it down since. She played club during the summers and played for Booneville High School in Indiana in the fall until she graduated in 2006.

Whitten was sought by many colleges including Auburn but in her own words, "JSU just felt right."

She has a had a successful career as a Gamecock, superstitiously always putting her left sock and shoe on before the right, earning OVC All-

Get to know Brittney Whitten

Newcomer Team, Second Team All-OVC, OVC Freshman of the Year and appeared in all 98 games in 2006. She appeared in all 28 games her sophomore year and earned First Team All-OVC as a junior, including other OVC honors. She started her senior off by being picked First Team Preseason All-OVC.

She has a quiet fierceness about her that will let a stranger know at the beginning of a conversation that she is a leader.

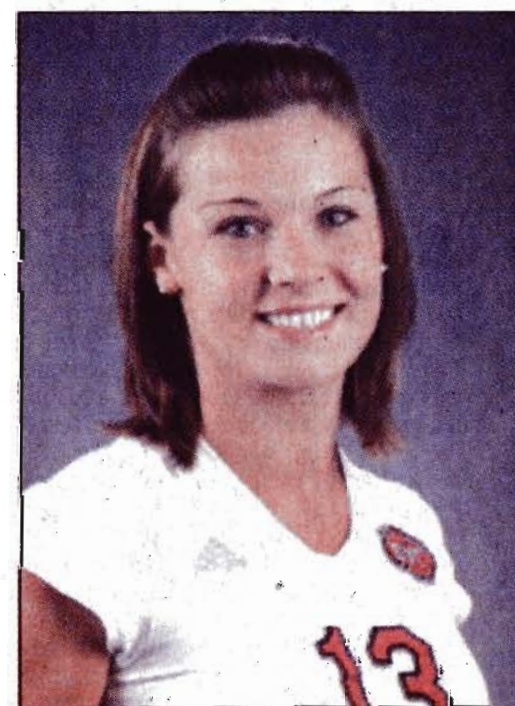
You go in the gym and pick up a ball, the court is the same size and ball is the same shape. Its kind of my sanctuary, my escape when nothing is going right or when everything is going right it's there regardless," said Whitten.

Her goal this year is to not cry after every match, a goal she has yet to reach. The ticking clock in the back of her head that will expire at the end of this season is something that Whitten thinks about after every game. The fear of not being able to play volleyball after college is a threat too much for Whitten to bear. Volleyball is a tough sport to get into professionally; there is no draft for her to enter. Players have to market themselves.

She hopes to continue volleyball after she graduates, but on a different surface – sand. She will have to find another superstition, because there is no need for shoes in that game.

Whitten is an English major and is working on a minor in criminal justice, and if you see her around

campus ask her to do her unbelievable "man voice" – its impressive. "We need butts in the seats," said Whitten. "We need people to come out and support us during our home games, Go Gamecocks!"



Brittney Whitten

Volleyball is her escape. "If I fail a test, get in fight with my parents, my cat runs away, volleyball is the one thing in my life that is never going to change.

UTM. If a Skyhawk had a tail, it would have been tucked between its legs going back home on Interstate 24 to Martin, Tennessee after its loss to the Gamecocks. UTM is no stranger to blowouts (9/3/09, Iowa Wesleyan L, 56-0), but what they haven't seen is a really tough opponent in a while. This was their "toughest opponent since 2006," said fourth-year head coach, Jason Simpson, prior their game against JSU.

The Refrigerator Bowl, December 4, 1955. Jacksonville State beat the Rhode Island Rams 12-10, and that was the last time JSU wore all-red uniforms, before their first home

kickoff. Cade Simpson (All-OVC Preseason Offensive Player of the Year) almost immediately gave it up to junior defensive back T.J. Heath. Heath returned the interception for a touchdown. To add insult-to-injury, Heath plowed through the UTM quarterback on his way into the endzone. Then, just four minutes and 35 seconds later Heath would get his second pick-six. This was the first time since October 14, 1995, at Samford, that they have taken a turnover into a defensive score.

The Gamecocks scored 17 more unanswered points before the half. However, before they ran back into the tunnel the Gamecock faithful got their first look at the future

receiver James Wilkerson. Perrilloux would throw two more touchdown passes before it was all said and done. He and the rest of the team never let up throughout the rest of the game. The OVC Player of the week (Perrilloux) is pilling up stats and is getting back in the spotlight, for positive reasons. When asked what his opinion of the Laplace, Louisiana native, Coach Simpson said, "He's a great player and its fun to watch him, not necessarily against your team but against other teams. He's fun to watch."

Jason Simpson, along with the rest of the JSU fans in attendance didn't seem to mind the 'clinic' put on by the Perrilloux, Wilkerson and the rest of the team.

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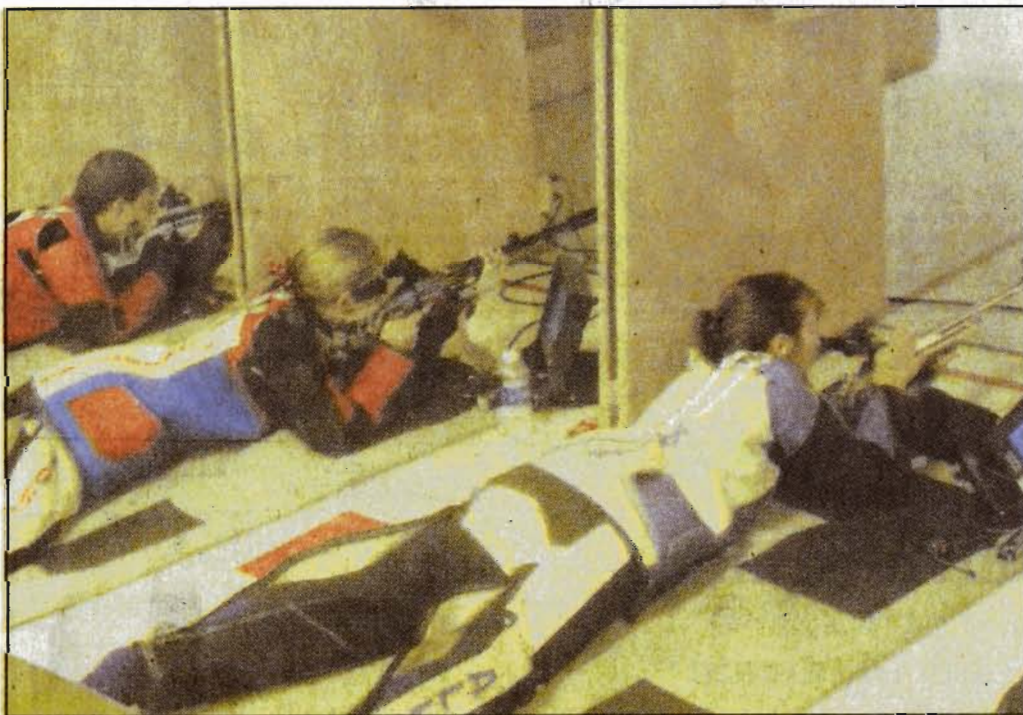
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need people to come out and support us during our home games, Go Gamecocks!"

Highlights of the week

- JSU's T.J. Heath was named *The Sports Network's* and FCS National Defensive Player of the Week for football.
- Gamecock Football continues to rise in the polls. Currently No. 18 in both FCS Coaches Poll and *The Sports Network* Poll.
- Gamecock Trio earns OVC Football honors. Ryan Perrilloux was named Offensive Player of the Week, making him the first player in history to win this honor for four consecutive weeks. Heath earned Defensive honors, while Patrick Tatum earned his second straight Special Teams honor.
- JSU men's golf finishes ninth at the La Tech Squire Creek Classic.
- David Nilsson captured the individual title while the JSU men and women's cross country teams each claimed third place finishes at the Tennessee Tech Invitational on October 2.

Sports photo of the week



JSU Rifle Team vs. Army on October 3. Photo by Kevin Brant / *The Chanticleer*

The Scoreboard

- JSU Football vs. UT Martin
52 - 7
- JSU Volleyball vs. Austin Peay
3 - 2
- JSU Volleyball vs. Tenn. State
3 - 0
- JSU Soccer vs. Eastern Kentucky
0 - 1
- JSU Soccer vs. Morehead
1 - 2
- JSU Rifle lost home opener to Army
4503 to 4545
- JSU Cross Country placed third, men and women at Tenn. Tech Invitational

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