Student sexually assaulted near tennis courts

By MJ Ortiz
News Editor

A student reported a sexual assault on campus Monday night about 8 p.m.
The victim, a 21-year-old Jacksonville State University senior, said she was walking to her friend's house on the corner between the JSU tennis courts and the Jacksonville cemetery on Park Ave.
The student said a man drove up beside her in a green Jeep Cherokee and asked her where "Christopher Apartments" were located.

The student said she thought he was trying to tell her his name, "When I came close to the vehicle I saw that he didn't have his pants on and that he was masturbating," she said. "First, I was really shocked because I didn't expect to see that. Then I got nervous and I thought he was going to attack me and that nobody knew where I was."

It is the policy of The Chanticleer not to reveal the name of a sexual assault victim.

According to Chief Shawn Giddy of Jacksonville State University Police, students have to be careful when walking alone around campus. "That's why the safety rules are in place," he said. Giddy said this type of event does not happen very often on campus.

"Never go to a vehicle, just stay where you are, get the tag number and call the police," he advised.
The victim filed a report with the Jacksonville City Police where she was presented with a photo-line up. She was able to identify one suspect but said she was not sure.
The case was forwarded to investigators but there was no information available of an arrest being made when this story was sent to print.

To lower chances of being sexually assaulted, the National Crime Prevention Council advises the following:

- Be aware of your surroundings — who is out there and what is going on.
- Walk with confidence. The more confident you look, the stronger you appear.
- Know your limits when it comes to using alcohol.
- Be assertive — don't let anyone violate your space.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in your surroundings, leave.
- Don't prop open self-locking doors.
- Lock your door and your windows, even if you leave for just a few minutes.

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Students weather the rain to enjoy free drive-in movie

By Ryan Rutledge
Staff Writer

Tuesday night the Student Government Association sponsored a drive-in movie at Pete Matthews Coliseum. "This was the first drive-in movie since my freshmen year," said Director of Publicity Jacolby Parks. "I believe it was 2005 when the last time we had one".

The movie originally selected was The Hangover. However, at the last minute the movie had to be changed because the agency that was providing this for the evening was not able to release the movie to the school yet. The alternate movie selected by the SGA was "The Taking Of Pelham 1,2,3" starring Denzel Washington and John Travolta.

The threatening weather did not deter that many people from coming out Tuesday to see the show. However, attendance was not as high as anticipated.

Sophomore Toddroock Johnson had a very similar attitude as the rest of the audience. When asked if he was enjoying the movie, even with the bad weather and technical mishaps, Johnson said he was "You know, actually I am", Johnson said, "I could be somewhere else, but I'd rather be here".

The SGA has had numerous movie screenings at JSU for decades, but some ask why a drive-in movie. "It's a good old fashion way to show a movie", asked one student to the question. "We want to show something different then the regular traditional screening... something that would attract a wide variety of people could come out and enjoy the show students in the ITMB". This attempt to reach movie lovers from all walks of life on campus will be continuing in October. "We plan on having a drive-in, probably in October for a Halloween movie", Parks said.

Parks said there were also plans for a spring screening as well.

New 9/11 GI bill offers financial benefits to military college students

By MJ Ortiz
News Editor

The 9/11 GI Bill came into effect August 1, 2009. The new law is to provide education benefits for servicemen and women and their families as well as veterans that served active duty after Sept. 10, 2001.

The bill was signed into law in July 2008. And according to military.com it is "creating a robust education benefits program rivaling the W.W.II era GI Bill of Rights."

Students may get up to 100% tuition and fee coverage, a monthly housing stipend, up to $1000 a year for books and supplies and a one time relocation allowance. Beneficiaries may also be eligible to transfer some benefits to family members.

If eligible, the GI Bill will pay for tuition and fees that do not exceed the highest undergraduate rates based by the state where the state college or university is located.

In addition the Yellow Ribbon program is a provision designed to help students prevent the "out-of-pocket" money derived from tuition and fees that exceed the GI Bill.

To qualify for this provision students must have served at least 36 hours of service after Sept. 10, 2001 or 30 hours but were discharged from duty from a service connected disability.

The monthly living stipend is awarded to veterans or members of the National Guard or Selected Reserve.

According to reports Service members currently on active duty and veterans who only attend half time or take online courses are not eligible.

The stipend does not require students to live on campus. The bill also allows a stipend of up to $1,000 and a one-time relocation allowance.

Students are paid proportionately on the number of credits taken at the beginning of each term.

A payment of $500 will be received one-time for students relocating in order to attend school from a rural area.

"This is definitely bringing more students to JSU," said Teresa Wilson Specialist for Veterans Affairs at Jacksonville State University, adding that some of the veterans are currently requesting to transfer from previous programs to the new GI Bill.

According to Wilson, "tuition can get paid from to 100 to 40% depending on the amount of time spent on duty."

Students started applying for the new GI Bill before it came into effect at the beginning of August; yet, many will have to wait until it is approved. Since it is a new program, it is expected to take a while until all submitted paperwork can be processed. Until then, school is in session and financial aid offices in every college and university are swarming with students waiting in line.

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ON Campus

Briefs

Friday, Sept. 4, marks the fifth annual College Colors Day, a celebration dedicated to the spirit and accomplishments of universities nation-wide. JSU students, alumni, athletes, faculty, staff and fans are all encouraged to wear red and white in order to show off our own "cocky" college spirit, as we partake in the national College Colors Day celebration.

College Colors Day was designed in order to unite fans not only at universities around the nation, but to bring together surrounding communities who are supporters and fans of those universities, as well. The College Colors Day will fall the day before JSU kicks off their 2009 football season with an away game against Georgia Institute of Technology at 12 p.m. Alabama Governor Bob Riley signed a proclamation that decided to designate Friday, Sept. 4 as College Colors Day across Alabama.

"In keeping with governor's proclamation, and to show JSU's school spirit, I would like to encourage all students, faculty and staff to wear JSU colors, Friday, September 4th," says Dr. Tim King, associate vice president for student affairs.

To do your part in College Colors Day is simple... wear your red and white! By doing this, you are supporting JSU's athletics, academics and surrounding community. Let's contribute to College Colors Day, and show what we stand for!

Campus Crime

August 26

• An unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle was reported in Crow Hall Parking Lot. Stolen were 15" sub wofer speakers and a Clarion CD player.

August 28

• Andrew Noel Betts was arrested in Drayton @ Gayle for driving under the influence of liquor.

• Theft of property was reported in Crow Hall #12. Stolen was a Dell Laptop Computer and an Ipod Nano.

What's Happening

Assault: Tips for safety

• Watch your keys. Don't lend them. Don't leave them. Don't lose them. And don't put your name and address on the key ring.
• Be wary of isolated spots, like underground garages, offices after business hours, and apartment laundry rooms.
• Avoid walking or jogging alone, especially at night. Vary your route. Stay in well-traveled, well-lit areas.
• Have your key ready to use before you reach the door — home, car, or work.
• Park in well-lit areas and lock the car, even if you'll only be gone a few minutes.
• Drive on well-traveled streets, with doors and windows locked.
• Never hitchhike or pick up a hitchhiker.
• Keep your car in good shape with plenty of gas in the tank.
• In case of car trouble, call for help on your cellular phone. If you don't have a phone, put the hood up, lock the doors, and put a banner in the rear mirror that says, "Help. Call police."

JSU to host annual September 11 ceremony on Bibb Graves lawn

From Staff Reports

The front lawn of Bibb Graves Hall will be the site of Jacksonville State University's annual September 11 Remembrance Service, hosted by the JSU ROTC.

This year, in addition to remembering all the victims of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, Pentagon and in the sky over Shanksville, Pa., the service will honor Army Maj. Dwayne Williams, a Jacksonville native who lost his life at the Pentagon. The colors, and local Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 502, will present the fallen soldier ceremony as well as a 21-gun salute. Personnel from nearly every area law enforcement agency and fire department will attend, along with area mayors and representatives from Anniston Army Depot and McClellan.

Mrs. Pearl Williams, mother of Maj. Dwayne Williams, has also been invited to attend. Mrs. Williams is a frequent speaker at September 11 services... and continues to

Picture of the week

Members of the Marching Southerners practice earlier this week. If you would like to submit your photo for "Photo of the week", email it to chantyeditor@gmail.com. Photo by Doran Smith / The Chanticleer
What's Happening

Thursday September 3
- All-Sports Pep Rally, Pete Mathews Coliseum, 7:00-8:00 pm
- IFC General Meeting, Room 220 Stephenson Hall 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.

Saturday September 5
- JSU Football v. GA Institute of Technology, 12:00 p.m., Atlanta GA
- JSU/Struts Cross Country, Barber's Dairy Farm/ Oxford, AL 9 -10:30 a.m.

Monday September 7
- SGA Organizational Council Meeting, TMB Auditorium 6:00-7:30 pm

Dont see your event? Let us know! Send your events to chantyeditor@gmail.com

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Art Department Displays Works by McElroy and Wedler

From Staff Reports
- The Jacksonville State University Department of Art is pleased to announce the opening of EquilOBerium: a state of balance between opposing forms of abstraction and representation.

This exhibit features the works from our two newest faculty members, Allison McElroy and Anne Wedler.

Their works are on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through Wednesday, September 30. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. As always, all exhibits are free and open to the public.

For more information, please call Gale Brodie at (256) 782-8257.

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We could all use more exercise but please, watch where you’re walking.

Driving around campus last week, I was minding my own business when suddenly a pedestrian bounded out in front of my car, nearly missing my front bumper. My brakes squealed and I let out a shriek that would embarrass any 6-year-old girl. The guy I almost hit looked oblivious. He almost looked inconvenienced. Almost. See, as much as drivers completely disrespect crosswalks, pedestrians assume that said crosswalks are made of a magical material that stops cars on a dime. Sorry to break it to you walkers, if you step in front of my car without warning, the odds are that ol’ Penelope (yeah, I named my car Penelope) won’t be able to stop in time and you’ll get a face full of hood ornament. Truth is, this is reality. A 5-second delay and let the car pass. You’ll be glad, your mom will be glad and your doctor will have to wait a few more months before he buys another yaeht with your health insurance money. Don’t get me wrong, I’m all for walking across campus. Judging from the Chicken Scratches we got this week, most students are against the bus system so I assume they will be walking a lot. Really, with all the fatty foods being served at the dining hall and Jazzman’s most of us probably need a good jog.

Yes, I know there are some healthy options available, but if you give a college student a choice between a salad and a bowl of Cinnamon Toast Crunch, he going to go with the more sugary option.

My point, and I do have another, is that nearly 3,000 parking tickets were handed out as of 3:30 on the second day of classes. According to the University Police Chief, the tickets ranged from parking in handicap parking spots to parking on trustee circle (a now unparkable place). Students are complaining about “parking this” and “buses that” so much that it is dominating the latest edition of our new chicken scratch feature. Most of my classes are held. Residents took an even bigger blow by being told they can’t park in front of the TMB or Library. In self-defense, they took their anger out on the baby transit system.

Keep in mind that the transit system is a work in progress; it is a pill with rough side effects. As JSU grows, these issues need to be addressed and a transit system is merely the antidote to our growing pains. It is not intended to work wonderfully for us, but to the freshmen of 2010, it will be a medical miracle.

What it really boils down to is this: as
Tell us what you think!
Send your letters to chantyeditor@gmail.com

What do you think of the Gamecock Express?

I love it. I don't have a car so I use it a lot.
-Megan Gilbert

It's good, people just have to learn how to use it.
-Dion Jones

I understand what they are trying to do, but it does get inconvenient.
-Ollie Dillard

It has the potential to be very helpful, but no one I know is being helped by it.
-Nicole Key

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Dear Aunt Edna,

I hooked up with a guy at a party last week. We hit it off, danced, drank, then we started making out in the bathroom. We got pretty wild, but we used a condom, exchanged numbers and parted ways with the intention of hanging out again. I don’t feel used or degraded, just a little slutty. Does hooking up with a guy at a party make me a skank?

- Queen Becky of the Pedestal Sink

Dear Queen Becky,

Oh Honey!! What have you done? You’ve violated someone’s bathroom with your drunken make out session. At least you did it safely. Not the highlight of your college career, but I’m positive you’re not the first woman at JSU to turn the bathroom into a Champagne Room.

Your ability to work it out in a bathroom is most impressive. But if you feel that your decision to perform an acrobatic sex act in a bathroom was less than thoughtful, maybe you shouldn’t do it anymore. It doesn’t necessarily make you a skank to hook up with a guy, but doing it drunkenly at a party while, I’m sure, everyone was listening pressed up against the door, does.

It’s not wrong of you to have an attraction to a guy, albeit under the influence of beer goggles, and have a physical expression of those feelings. But if I were you I wouldn’t do it at party. Call him up and see if he wants to do a rematch, but in your own bathroom.

Dear Aunt Edna,

My boyfriend says it’s my responsibility to buy the condoms since I’m the one insisting we use them. I say it’s his responsibility since it’s his penis. We’re both broke college students, living off Ramen and PB&J, who buys them?

- Debbie Dilemma

Dear Debbie,

Whoever doesn’t want the baby should buy them.

If you don’t want the baby then he should buy them.

You see, Debbie, the way it works is babies are beautiful little creatures that are a gift from Heaven. They also put a cramp in everything young and irresponsible. It’s kinda hard to go out with your sorority sisters to ladies night when you have to find a sitter, pay the sitter, buy the diapers, find time to nap so you can stay up past 9:00 p.m., etc.

Try just buying them and stop arguing over who has to make the walk of shame from the condom aisle to the register.

Inside the door at the Student Health Center is a box, sometimes a basket, with what is known around campus as a “Party Pack”. Their hours Monday, Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. It contains a sundry of rubbers, free rubbers at that. Most Public Health Departments also offer free condoms and information on safe sex practices.

What’s better than free you may ask? Not contracting something that burns, or changing diapers.

Kenyan offers livestock for Chelsea Clinton’s hand

A Kenyan man said he is offering 40 goats and 20 cows for the hand in marriage of Chelsea Clinton, Bill and Hillary Clinton’s only daughter.

Godwin Kipkemoi Chepkurgor, 39, first made the offer when then-President Bill Clinton visited Africa in 2000.

He said he is renewing his offer of livestock to trade for marriage to Chelsea Clinton, CNN reported Friday.

Chepkurgor said he reiterated his offer after Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was questioned about the proposal at a Nairobi town hall meeting.

A 29-year-old woman has a court date next week to face charges stemming from her arrest Saturday, her other arrest Saturday, and her third arrest on Saturday.

Police charged Leytza Martinez with assault after an altercation with a manager at the hair salon where she worked. She was arrested again later Saturday and charged with coming back to the salon and stealing more than $900 in supplies and some customer information.

Police also stopped her car Saturday on Madison Avenue and charged her with driving without insurance, and failure to have a front license plate.

Dumb Crooks: Robbers leave keys to getaway car in bank

Delaware - Police said the men grabbed an employee from the bathroom and demanded that she help them get money from the tills and vault. The men then fled, but left the keys to the getaway car inside.

When they couldn’t get back in, a female robber pulled up in another car and drove the men east on U.S. 40. A witness gave police a description, and a New Castle County officer made a stop near the U.S. 40 and U.S. 13 split.

Bank robber asked teller for a kiss during robbery

Police in Florida said they arrested a man who allegedly asked a bank teller for a kiss while he was robbing the establishment.

Fort Lauderdale police said Deatrick Daniel, 27, allegedly attacked a Bank of America security guard outside of the bank Friday before running into the building and struggling with the bank manager, who was trying to call 911, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported Tuesday.

UK Man has ruptured appendix - 3 weeks after doctors say they took it out

UK - After weeks of excruciating pain, Mark Wattson was understandably relieved to have his appendix taken out. Doctors told him the operation was a success and he was sent home.

But only a month later the 35-year-old had to be taken back to the hospital. To his shock, surgeons from the same team told him that not only was his appendix still inside him, but it had ruptured - a potentially fatal complication.

Feds pass new laws on garage sales

Washington DC - If you’re planning a garage sale or organizing a church bazaar, you’d best beware. You could be breaking a new federal law. As part of a campaign called Resale Roundup, the federal government is cracking down on the secondhand sales of dangerous and defective products.

The initiative, which targets toys and other products for children, enforces a new provision that makes it a crime to resell anything that’s been recalled by its manufacturer.
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Chicken Scratch

- Cackle! Bwak!
- yoooo jsu
- Request to Trustees: Now that we have the stadium upgrade and buses, can we have sky buckets too?
- Wish I could use my flex dollars off-campus.
- I understand that they needed the circle for the bus system, but why no grace period?! With so much info coming to us from JSU, I never pay attention to their updates, because they haven't concerned me in 3 years!
- I get the transit system, but why make on-campus students pay for a decal just to park their car in one spot all semester, and commuters must drive, then ride the bus?!

employees, like our housekeepers and maintenance personnel are not allowed. I'm confused!

- Why in the h*** did they change to the Cafe? The food still sucks and they took out the TVs. This is a bigger waste of money than the stadium expansion.
- I think that the new bus system only helps the students that live on campus or nearby. The money that was put into that could have gone to more parking, like a parking deck. It's a waste of our tuition increase!!
- Parking ticket on the first day of classes. That's the way to welcome students. I know that the school has to pay for a stadium they cannot fill but this is crazy.
- JSU's new transit system is the worst idea in the history of bad ideas.
- Faculty and staff should have to ride the buses and deal with parking like we do! The parking is pure BS. The students pay for it yet faculty get the perks!
- DON'T take the bus if you have less than 30 minutes between classes!
- If students are required to get a parking decal, why aren't the faculty/staff required? I noticed there are several cars parked in front of the maintenance bldg and the cleaning services building who do not have a decal. How's that fair?
- Last night I was trying to get on the safety route of the bus, and it drove off and left my friends and I!

I love being a graduate assistant that doesn't exactly get paid that great and I can't even get gold parking. The only reason I need to be on campus is to teach. Why are we not considered Staff?

I hate this new parking system! I'm an art student who has to carry a lot of large things to class, and most of them are nowhere NEAR weatherproof, and all the parking is for faculty. I'll blame the school if my assignments get wet. Their fault.

Some people have been mistaking the Chicken Scratch box with a search box. Here are some of the things you, the students, have been searching for on thechanticleeronline.com:

Condom
Arrests
sorority pledges
Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner
Columnist

School has been in session less than a week, and already I am feeling the tides of change dragging me out to sea. No more endless hours of reality shows and cheese puffs on the couch. I now feel submerged in endless reading, quizzes, projects and assignments. don’t you? Last week I bought my lab kit for the biology 102 lab class that I'm taking online. I had one of those “what was I thinking” moments when the girl at the bookstore goes to the back to retrieve the kit I asked for, and returns carrying a box that she presents to me with a horrified look on her face. "There’s a fetal pig in here, isn’t there?" I asked. She nodded with sympathetic eyes. "Good luck," she said.

Trying to explain to my mom that I would be dissecting a fetal pig at home was fun. "You’re dissecting that thing in here?" my mom asked with wide eyes. "Pretty much," was all I could reply. My mom is the type that will pour out your sweet tea and have the glass washed and put away by the time you return from your 5-minute trip to another room. So who can blame her for a bit hesitant at the thought of a dissection of any kind going on in our house? What a sad ending for that poor little pig. He’s submerged in an entirely different, permanent, formaldehyde kind of way.

In the midst of all of this organized chaos, is my long-distance relationship with my boyfriend (scratch that, fiance now), Sam. He proposed in June while I was in Memphis! It was magical in its own little laid-back, unique way, as we ate chips and salsa in half-soaked clothes that we slipped over our swimsuits after swimming. It was so simple, yet perfect. I think that’s the key to good relationships: zero pressure. I always imagined my engagement to be some elaborate happening, but when you meet the right person, all of that gets thrown out the window.

In many areas of my life, I feel some sort of pressure. It’s the typical college experience we all go through. But when it comes to my relationship with Sam, I just feel like all of the little kinks will works themselves out. Even trying to plan for our wedding and sort out tiny details, I have to constantly remind myself that a wedding lasts only for a day. A strong relationship, however, lasts a lifetime. A good partner should be someone you can lean on, trust and consistently count on. A relationship should be a stable part of your life, not something to add to your stress.

In the past, I’ve been in relationships that have caused more frowns than smiles. It shouldn’t be that way. Arguing is of course a part of every relationship, but how do you know when it's too much? For me, I draw the line when it interferes with my everyday happiness. I’m lucky, now, to be in a healthy relationship with a guy I’ll be able to call my husband one day.

As college students, we will all face days that we feel discouraged, exhausted and overwhelmed. To have a person in your life that will take part of that weight off of your shoulders is priceless, and the best way to repay them, is to do the same in return. Always remember to embrace the most important things in your life, and with a little work, the rest will eventually work itself out.

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ESPN360.com Streaming JSU Football Opener Live

By Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State University football team will play their season opener away against the Georgia Institute of Technology this Saturday at 12p.m.

Many fans, students and relatives will not be able to travel to the great Peach State to cheer on the gamecocks, but there is a solution to this problem.

ESPN360.com will be streaming the game live online for the first time.

“It will be a fully produced ESPN broadcast with play-by-play commentary, instant replays and a five camera shoot. It's the real deal,” said Damon Phillips, the vice president of ESPN360.com.

Students can now watch the gamecocks in action straight from their computer while studying in the library or their dorms.

According to Marlon LeWinter, senior account executive for ESPN360.com, this is ESPN's live sports broadband network that gives fans a 24/7 online destination that delivers more than 3,500 live, global sports events annually. It is available at no cost to fans that receive their high-speed Internet connection from an affiliated service provider. ESPN360.com is currently available in nearly 41 million homes - a majority of US broadband homes.

JSU Football Coach Jack Crowe Previews the Season Opener

From staff reports

OPENING REMARKS

“We are right here at the beginning of football season. Actually, this season started the day the last game ended. There really has been a lot of ups and downs since we finished last season. We actually ended on a very high note, winning our last three games. Since then, we were not selected to go to the playoffs, which we are in dispute of. We've received a post-season ban, which we felt was stiff, and we are going into a game without our starting quarterback. So, we just stack challenges on top of challenges for ourselves. But really, the biggest challenge is what we are looking at for the month of September.

“We are on the road four straight games. By the end of the year, we will have traveled more than any team in our conference and a lot of it is on the front end. Playing the first two games against BCS schools and then going to Alabama A&M and to Thibodaux to play Nicholls State. These are teams that have proven they can win against anybody. What may highlight this schedule is the fact, and I would dare to say, that probably nobody has started a season with two favored BCS teams. Florida State is favored in one division of the ACC and depending on who you ask, Georgia Tech or Virginia Tech are favored in the other division. This team has heaped challenges after challenges on themselves, so I don’t see a challenge that I feel like we can’t handle. We have handled the challenges until now with a tough and go forward mindset. There has not been any self-pity from anybody.

“I don’t think we could have had a better way to start the year than we have. It is a challenge that our players have labored through and we have handled it well. We have handled the challenges and we have handled the ban. “See “Football,” page 7
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JSU Basketball Team Release 09-10 Schedule

Coach Green in action during one of last years games.

by: Staff Reports

The Jacksonville State basketball team released its 2009-10 schedule on August 25, 2009, revealing a slate that includes 18 home games and just three non-conference road games.

The Gamecocks will play nine of their first 11 contests in the friendly confines of Pete Mathews Coliseum, while traveling no farther than 450 miles for any of their three non-conference road games. The 18 home games, which include an exhibition with West Georgia before wrapping up their regular season at Tennessee-Martin and just three non-conference road games. Highlights of the conference schedule include a home game against Tennessee Tech on December 5.

Breaking Down the 2009-10 Schedule
- The Gamecocks' 18 home dates are the most they have played at home since the 1994-95 season, when they had 20 home dates in their final season before moving to Division I.
- JSU will play nine of its first 11 games at home.
- The Gamecocks' farthest non-conference trip is to Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond, La., which is just 431 miles away.
- The Gamecocks' eight non-conference home games are two more than they've had in any season since moving to Division I.

ON THE GAMECOCKS
We're a talented football team. We're a very experienced football team, but we are going to play with the depth of this football team. Even to inexperience just to make sure we are that are able to represent ourselves. We are probably deeper at some positions than we ever have been. We are at the traditionally shallow positions, like offensive line. Who can say more than just enough when it comes to offensive linemen. It seems like there is always a new face on the offensive line. We do it every year. We have to. There will be some faces change, but we are still going to be very good on both sides of the ball.
Alabama opens a three-game home stand that also will see the Gamecocks take on in-state foe UAB and Georgia Southern over an eight-day span. They will then travel to Southeastern Louisiana and Georgia before returning home to play their next five games, a stretch that starts with a game December 1, with UTC and

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We are probably deeper at some positions than we have ever been. We are at the traditionally shallow positions like offensive line. Who can say they have more than just enough when it comes to offensive linemen. It seems that is a standard story. There are going to be emerging playmakers. For me to forecast all of them would be that I know what is going to happen. I don’t know what is going to happen. There are going to be some and there are going to be some. Gamecock fans will be talking about all week after the game is over.

“We have got our questions as we roll into this year. We are starting a quarterback that will be starting for the first time. Not an average guy to put in that position. I have had first start quarterbacks in a lot of places. I don’t think I have seen one that has been less affected by

ON GEORGIA TECH

“IT goes without saying how good Georgia Tech is. They have probably the premier offensive player in the league in Jonathan Dwyer and a quarterback that has proven his effectiveness. Really, their whole offense returns with some improvement. It is interesting that who we thought was there best offensive linemen last year has someone ahead of him on the depth chart. I don’t know what that means. In fact, there are four positions that we thought the starter was a significant player that had somebody else ahead of him on the initial depth chart.

“Where is the biggest two-deep mentality. Given the enormous challenge of Georgia Tech and an opening game at one o’clock represents, but it will be hot on both sides”.
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