It's not easy being green

JSU both leads and trails in making an environmentally friendly campus

By Zach Childree
Editor in Chief

As discussion of global climate change and sustainability come to the forefront of public discussion, college campuses like Jacksonville State University have begun exploring ways to make their campuses "greener."

JSU has several examples of ways it has taken the lead in energy conservation and sustainability. One example is the JSU Little River Canyon Center which was opened last year.

Pete Conroy, with the environmental policy and information center at JSU said the canyon center serves as a model for other universities on creating green buildings. The building is LEED registered, which is serious green," Conroy said.

LEED certification, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, was created by the U.S. Green Building Council in 1998 to encourage developers to focus on building energy efficient and sustainable buildings.

Conroy said the canyon center is sustainable on several levels. "JSU should be proud to have the largest geothermal heated building in Alabama," Conroy said. "Most of the building materials are from within a 500 mile radius which alleviates petroleum use associated with long hauls."

Conroy said recycled materials such as old bottles were used in the building as well. The canyon center also sports waterless toilets and urinals. "They work great," said Conroy. "Most importantly, they don't stink."

Even with the example of the canyon center, JSU still lacks some very basic green ideas such as recycling. According to Joe Whitmore of JSU's Institutional Support Services, the university currently does not have a recycling policy. "We used to do recycling here on a larger scale years ago," Whitmore said. "But the problem was that the recycling companies that were coming on campus, and giving rebates for the recycling of paper and such, stopped those programs. The market for that went completely under so there was no funding in place for the program."

David Thompson with the JSU Physical Plant said that in November and December of 2009 JSU generated 50 tons of trash per month. "The trash output changes are pretty seasonal," Thompson said. "Usually we produce the most trash right after fall move in. Students bring all of their belongings in boxes and then throw them away."

Still, even lacking a university-wide recycling program, some departments are doing what they can.

Chuck Torruella, director of JSU's print shop, said they do

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Students face long hikes or parking fees

By Adam Alexander
Contributing Writer

It's a cold January afternoon. The campus is crammed with students dressed in various winter garb. "It cost way too much, and they could be spending that money on something else, like the broken chairs in the psychology department."

Joe Whitmore, unveiled a few truths...
Students deal with snow and icy roads
at start of semester

By Matt Tyson
Web Editor

The people of Jacksonville have experienced some harsh weather conditions over the past week and a half. Temperatures have dropped below freezing consecutively for many nights in a row and barely rose above freezing during the day.

Residents of Jacksonville even saw snow for most of the day on January 7th.

These conditions would probably seem like nothing to those living in northern states, however to the people down south, it’s something their not quite used to.

The students of JSU have spoken up about their troubles with the weather. Their issues range from the inability to shower because of frozen pipes to not being able to pull out of their driveway because it was iced over. Others are simply not enjoying the frigid temperatures and look forward to a hot summer.

Nathan Davenport, a student at JSU and employee of the local restaurant The Vault, spoke personally about his troubles with the weather.

He recalled watching cars slide around the square because of ice on the roads, as well as having difficulty getting to his house. “I live in a house on top of the mountain and we had ice and snow until Sunday,” Davenport said. “I had to park my car down my street because the hill I live on was too steep to get traction to drive up.”

The Jacksonville Police Department reported no major issues with the roads, although Emory road, which is well off campus, had to be closed for a while because of ice.

JPD also reported some issues with Church Street due to ice. However JPD says that the problems weren’t terribly severe and that residents should have been able to get around fine.

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QUESTION of the WEEK
Are you ready for the semester?

Yes, bring it on! - 60%

The semester started? - 40%

Not at all - 0%

This poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of internet users in general, nor the public as a whole.

By Adam Alexander
Contributing Writer

It’s a cold January afternoon. The campus is shrouded in a depressing tone of grey. Up above, dark clouds blot out the sun. A steady rain patters the ground. And somewhere in a dorm room, a student is deciding to skip class. Why? Because he has a green parking tag, and Stone Center is reserved for Silver tags.

JSU’s new parking system has been a widely discussed subject since the beginning of the semester. Midterms have passed, and still people comment about the parking on campus.

According to President William Meehan, even before the new system, parking was “the most widely discussed issue on campus.”

That statement seems to ring true even now. And public opinion seems to range from indifferent to negative. No one seems to think that the change was a good idea.

“I don’t like it,” says Greg Gammon, a junior and member of the Marching Southerners. “Since I live at the BCM, I can’t get an on campus tag.”

Gammon is not the only student who has fallen victim to the dreaded loophole. Art majors are feeling the brunt of the parking system. The closest commuter parking to the art building is the lot in front of Brewer hall. Anyone who knows the campus knows that it’s a bit of a walk between that lot and the art center.

Rob McGibbony is one such student who finds himself in a hike to class. “As an art major,” He says, “it’s frustrating that I have to walk that far to get to most of my classes.”

Gammon and McGibbony are not alone. Several more students spoke up, and the answers were similar.

“It was a good idea, but not very practical,” says Felicia Williams, a junior.

“It cost far too much, and they could be spending that money on something else, like the broken chairs in the psychology department.”

Joe Whitmore, unveiled a few truths about the cost of the new parking system. According to Whitmore, the idea had been “in the works” since 2004. Whitmore says that the idea for a transit system came about in late 2004, so it has been debated for several years.

Whitmore says that the school was awarded a grant of $2 million in 2004 which was meant to be used to develop a transit system.

“First we had to hire a consultant,” Whitmore said.

The university hired Skipper Consulting Inc., a company based in Birmingham. The company was called in first to do a feasibility test to see if a bus system could work with the layout of the campus. After Skipper determined that a transit system would work, they zoned the new parking system. A detailed map of the parking zones can be found at http://police.jsu.edu/map.pdf.

But what of the buses? According to Whitmore, there are ten buses which run on six routes. Three of those routes are strictly off-campus, while the other three are strictly on-campus.

Whitmore says that the buses begin rolling at 7 every morning. He says students can expect stops on the Red route (the most used) to occur every seven to eight minutes. Whitmore also mentioned a website, transloc.com, where students can view a real-time map of campus. The map pinpoints the exact location of each bus, thanks to the GPS technology aboard each one.

What about expenses? Joe Whitmore stated that each bus cost roughly $80,000. Skipper estimated that the operational cost

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Briefs

Five JSU co-eds will vie for the Miss JSU title on Friday, January 15, beginning at 6 p.m. at Leone Cole Auditorium.

Competing for the crown will be: Kendal Beverly, Whitney Curtis, Kayla McCay, Lauren Moon and Cierra Odom.

The Miss JSU pageant is a closed preliminary Alabama pageant, which is set for June 9-12. The winner of the Miss Alabama pageant will go on to represent the state at the Miss America pageant in January 2011.

Admission to the Miss JSU pageant is $5 for the general public.

Campus Crime

Campus Crime will return next week!

What's Happening

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

Send your events to The Chanticleer!

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Green: Recycling helps

have a paper recycling program in place.

"People can bring us their paper and we'll recycle it for them," Torruella said. "If the paper is only printed on one side, we cut it up into smaller pieces for use in scratch pads and things like that."

Conroy said the university has taken some small steps in energy efficiency with motion detectors that shut off lights when no one is in the room.

Whitmore and Conroy both agree that a major step the university has taken is the implementation of the transit system. Conroy said the buses were a great way to reduce emissions and increase air quality around campus, if only students will use them instead of driving around campus.

Whitmore said the buses were chosen with fuel selected a low sulfur diesel engine, the cleanest engine on the market today," Whitmore said. "The engines are the cleanest and most fuel efficient engines that are available."

Conroy said there are countless ways for JSU students to be more environmentally conscious. "Set your thermostats back when you're not using them and never leave a window open," Conroy said. "If you find a problem with a heating or cooling unit, report it to the university and keep reporting it until it gets fixed. Also, be conservative with the resources you use. If possible, use online resources rather than paper resources."

Conroy said that every little thing students do can help. "There are many shades of green, many layers of sustainability," Conroy said.

Parking: Long walks

of the buses (including maintenance, fuel, driver pay, etc.) would fall right around $800,000 per year.

Whitmore also mentioned that so far the system is actually operating slightly under projected cost, though there is "no confident way to budget" the system as of yet. He also mentioned that just under half of the grant has been spent so far.

The big question on many peoples' minds, though, is "why?" Why did this transit system come to fruition if no one seems to care for it? For the answer, we turn back to President Meehan.

Meehan revealed several truths that don't show up on the surface. Dr. Meehan stated that the idea for the parking system came along in 2004, but became more intense during the time following Hurricane Katrina. "We run a safety route," Meehan mentioned. The safety route is the bus that runs until 2 a.m. on Thursday nights, meant to haul students who are not in a position to drive back from the local bars. "We don't encourage drinking," Meehan said. "But the school does want the students to be safe."

Meehan also made it clear that he, too, uses the transit system at least once per week. He says that anyone can enjoy the free transportation, even non-students. Despite all of the criticism, Meehan said that he has received some very positive sentiments about the buses and the parking, citing one woman who said "Thank Jesus" for the buses.

"This system is going to continually evolve," Meehan said.

Dr. Meehan encourages students among the students...
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“Do you have any concerns with the parking system?” asked a student.

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But according to Meehan, this desire to save the students money on gas wasn’t the only motivation for the transit and parking systems. There was also the idea of becoming a “greener” campus, a goal the school has been striving towards for a few years now.

“The truth is we’re not a complete commuter college, many students should have been able to make it to class ok.”

Both Giddy and Meehan also said that because people live on campus and that JSU isn’t a complete commuter college, many students should have been able to make it to class ok. However, there are many students that live off campus. For those, a statement was released stating that JSU was taking a liberal approach with attendance policy that Friday. Off campus students were asked to use their own judgment and if they were unable to make it to class because of road conditions it would not be counted against them.

UPD reported no roads around campus being closed. President Meehan says that he went out and drove on the roads early Friday morning to check the safety himself. Officer Giddy did the same thing. Many safety precautions were taken as well. Maintenance crews checked roads and sidewalks and, to ensure added safety, put salt on areas that may have caused an issue.

Temperatures are expected to reach into the mid 50’s in the coming days, thus bringing a bit of relief from the cold weather.
Opinion
The Canterbury Blues
Recent events lead one Episcopalian to questions his denomination

By James Burton
Special to The Chanticleer

As some of you may know, I have been an Episcopalian since I was probably six or seven months old (the first six months I was a Southern Baptist. But that’s another article altogether.) As I was having Thanksgiving lunch with my grandmother and father, I was quite surprised to hear that the priest who had baptized me was not long an Episcopalian. He is now an Anglican. Now other than thoughts of “if the gay that baptizes you changes denominations, does that mean that everyone he baptizes loses credibility?" (Kind of like in the Lost Boys when you kill the main vampire all the minion vampires go POOF) More importantly it made me question my own denomination.

The Episcopal church has been in an uproar since the openly gay bishop Gene Robinson took office back in 2003 and even more stink over having women as ordained ministers. People have been breaking off, changing denominations, etc. since this moment. A popular movement has been totally with Anglicans in African nations, that way you’re still in communion with the Church of England, you’re just avoiding the Episcopal highway. I have a detailed map called “Religion explained using the Interstate Highway system” that if anyone is interested in I will gladly email. The priest that baptized me took this route, and now the Diocese is trying to take back any church that switches to Anglicanism.

First off, I don’t have any problem with gay bishops or priests. In all fairness, if they can preach the gospel of the Lord as well as any straight man, then I don’t give a damn what they do in their private life. The same goes for women. My grandfather is 92 years old and has gone to the same Methodist church since 1935 and he even said, “I don’t have a problem with women preachers. If you think about it women delivered the first message.” The one thing that flies over me worse than bigotry is the fact that there are the people who will let anything fly. And when I say that I mean that the Episcopal church is getting more and more diluted with post-modernism to the point that it’s really just becoming like one of those “All aboard the Jesus train!” churches that reek of pop-Christianity (go find my article about it last semester. Then you’ll understand.)

Jesus is more than just my “Home Boy” and I don’t really appreciate the fact that churches have started doing that too. It certainly doesn’t help that the Roman Catholic church, the greatest PR people in the history of mankind, have started calling Anglicans back home over the whole gay/woman priest issue. Thanks, Pope Benedict, but no thanks. Let us handle our own problems. If I were you, I’d focus my time helping your Eastern cousins make sure that the Turks don’t snuff out the Archbishop of Constantinople.

So I’m torn. I have no problem with gay bishops or women priests in the Episcopal Church, but at the same time I like how the Anglican Church still has an identity. If both sides could come to some sort of happy medium, that would be great. Now, if the Church of England ever decides to sever communion with the Episcopal Church of America I might have to pick a side. But until then, if someone asks me what denomination I am, my answer will just be “My Archbishop is in Canterbury.”
Then let us know your opinion!

E-mail it to:
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(Please be sure to read our letters policy below.)

You might just see it in next week’s issue!

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Dear Aunt Edna,

My boyfriend recently expressed interest in us having anal intercourse. I want to try it, but I am afraid of the risks. How dangerous is it? Is it dirty? And how can I help increase the pleasure of it?

Dear Anonymous,

This is quite a touchy subject, but nonetheless, an area of curiosity for many people.

Before diving into the pros and cons, first let me discuss some issues regarding this subject that go beyond the physical. My first is to say that I am in no way advocating this act nor am I trying to sway your opinion either way. I simply want to give you the facts and allow you to make the decision for yourself and hope that I apply you with enough information to do so.

Anal sex is very taboo to most people, even illegal in some states. While many women find it disgusting, some even look at it as an act of dominance. So, if you decide to engage in this act and should always clean both areas before and do it.

You should not feel pressured to do something you don’t want to do. If you decide to say no and your boyfriend continues to push you towards it, then there may be a deeper, underlying problem.

For this question I have even gone as far as to speak to some women about the subject and how they would feel if put in your position. They all agree that you should do this for yourself and not for him. Take the time to think before you act. Other women simply find it disgusting. While some feel as if it is an insensitive act on the male’s part, as he has control over the females pleasure. Some even look at it as an assertion of dominance. So, if you decide this is something you want to try, then you should next talk to your boyfriend so that you two are at an understanding with one another.

Don’t be afraid to tell him what you do and do not want.

Now, as far as the act itself, how is it pleasurable? To start, there are numerous amounts of nerve endings in that area that can cause pleasure when stimulated as well as a membrane that is shared by both the rectum and vagina. This membrane holds some sexual nerves that are closer to the anal side and therefore give different, unique and stronger feeling. When done carefully, correctly and slowly many women have found pleasure in anal sex.

There are obviously many risks involved with anal sex. One of which is the transmission of STDs and HIV/AIDS. The risk of contracting a disease is higher during anal sex, often times more so for the penetrating partner. The reason being that, biologically, the anus is not created for sex; therefore there can be tearing in the anal cavity that causes bleeding. This makes transmission of STD’s higher. Also, this practice should be used with special attention to cleanliness. The anus harbors bacteria that can cause infections and other problems. Even if you and your partner are STD free. Should you decide to take part, then you should always clean both areas before and after, especially if you plan to switch back to traditional sex.

Should your partner switch from anal to vaginal without cleaning it can cause infections in your genital area. Another risk includes major obstruction to the anal area that can cause pain and bowel problems. Should you decide to engage in this act and it is painful, make him stop.

You should always, always, ALWAYS, wear a condom, especially with this type of sex. To prevent pain and to make the process as easy as possible you should also use a significant amount of water based lubricant.

Please, before anything, remember to make sure that YOU are okay with this first.

It is okay to say no. Sex takes two, and both parties should always be on the same page. I understand you wanting to please your partner, but if you decide to say no and your boyfriend truly cares about you, then he will understand.

Below I have listed a couple websites that may offer some further reading on this subject. I hope that you will find them useful.

http://www.drruth.com/content/view/1231/53/
http://www.sexual-health-resource.org/anal_sex.htm
http://www.jurgita.com/articles-id1345.html
Weather Alert...Ice, ice baby!

Have fun with the sleet and ice on the roads...all the sliding to class will save gas money.

Damn, it's cold in here.

What time is it?

I don't think its right for the EMA to close most of the roads that lead to JSU and JSU still expect us to go to class.

Delta Zeta loves JSU.

Stop it with the drama people! Just quit being annoying bossy balls of emotion:

I can't feel my fingers. I can't feel my toes. Well actually I can feel my toes...I just wanted to be dramatic. :)

Since when did 92J become K98 with bad DJs? Seriously people, you need to find your own identity again.

If anyone comes to your door selling magazines from "Some Day Sales Inc," DO NOT do business with them. The company is one guy and a few kids who smell like ash trays that scam people into buying magazine subscriptions.

Is Ryan Perriloux enrolled here anymore?

The baggy sweatpants - and the Reeboks with the straps...

(Ed Note: Is that in response to someone wearing apple bottom jeans and/or a pair of boots with the fur?)

I have a great collection of silver and gold parking signs.

I couldn't help but notice that the name on a flyer on the door to the engineering office had a list of names and the first one was JAMES BEAM.

I can't wait to come here in August 2011!

Who are all these Shawdys in chicken scratch.

Ashley Cox ='s Legend.

For every secret there is a price to pay!

Re: Chicken Scratch guidelines -- It's impossible to print slanderous scratches. Defamation in print is libel, not slander.

Has anyone besides me ever noticed that "Shawdy," never replies?

I think its awesome how you can't find the finals schedule online.

Come on Tiger..keep it together!

Tiger's keeping the lions den busy these days

NEVER say NEVER...

You want a side of epic with that fail?

I agree with the person who wanted to give James Burton a column in The Chanticleer. He is insightful and very humorous. P.S. No, this isn't Burton writing this (believe it or not).

Student to UPD: What do I have to do, so you will stop ticketing me?

UPD to Student: Stop breaking the law, Moron!!!

I wish my Grandmother were more like Aunt Edna.
JSU’s Marshall

The man that keeps ‘em running

by Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

All athletes face the reality of being injured every time they step on a playing field or enter a weight room. Athletic trainers are a vital part of an athlete’s career by helping them recover and avoid injury.

Marshall continued to produce into the week, following his record-breaking performance last week, the league office announced on Monday.

Marshall, a 6-foot-5 combo player from Garyville, La., earned his fourth Newcomer of the Week award and his first Player of the Week honor, thanks in large part to his career-high four steals.

He capped the week with his second career double-double on Saturday against Morehead State. He scored a game-high 21 points, thanks to a 4-for-5 night from behind the arc, and pulled in a team-best 10 boards. He also dished five assists in the loss to the Eagles.

The two honors give the Gamecocks a total of eight weekly awards this season, tying the most in a season by JSU since joining the league for the 2003-04 season. Marshall joins juniors Nick Murphy and Jeremy Bynum to combine for four Player of the Week awards, also the most in a season for JSU since joining the league. Marshall has earned all four of the Gamecocks’ Newcomer of the Week accolades this season.

Support the Gamecocks at home.

Jacksonville State junior Trenton Marshall has been named the Ohio Valley Conference’s Player and Newcomer of the Week for his record-breaking performance last week, the league office announced on Monday.

Marshall, 20 points and was driven by 28 second-half points, also a school record. It was the highest scoring output in a game since 1991 and broke Knowlton’s previous record of 33 points in a game since joining the league.

Marshall has been named the Ohio Valley Conference’s Player and Newcomer of the Week for his record-breaking night with 17 points and seven boards in a Gamecock win over Eastern Kentucky on Thursday. Despite going 0-for-5 from behind the arc, he was 7-for-7 inside the 3-point line.

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On the week, he averaged 25 points and eight rebounds per game, while shooting 54 percent from the floor and 42 percent from behind the 3-point line. Marshall also dished three assists per game and averaged two steals per contest.

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Chicken Scratch

Dear Marching Band: No one goes to football games to see you. If that were the case then they wouldn’t call it a football game, but rather a band show with a performance by the football team. Get over yourselves.

(ED Note: After an emergency vote, two out of three Chanticleer editors go to the football games, in part, to watch the Southerners. But also for the football...)

I would like to ask Julie Skinner on a date. Would it be appropriate to write in to “Dear Julie” for advice on how to do so?

Housing is not properly run. How can one be responsible for Residents and be pressured to help them create the proper study habits and living experience when they will not help themselves? Then I get stressed out and do poorly in my own classes? BULL!

PION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

UPD would drive around in Mercedes, but the money goes to the University not the police.

Too bad when it rains UPD actually gets out and does something except for their giving everyone tickets. Maybe with all the ticket money they will do something that makes sense.

I will be so glad when they put a side walk going down 204 (Nisbet St.) because Im tired of almost being ran over!

Give Java Jolt a try for breakfast, lunch, or just a coffee! You won’t be disappointed!

Zach Childree should do stand up comedy...I’m just saying

American Idol is back! so exciting!

The Merrill Building is freaking cold! I can barely think in class bc my brain is too busy freezing! turn the heat on

I’m ready for summer!
Get to know Kelsey Johnikin

by Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

Kelsey Johnikin is a senior guard for the Jacksonville State University women's basketball team. She hails from Sioux City, Iowa, and came to JSU for change in climate.

"I didn't want to even be in a state that touched Iowa, and I also felt like the coaches really wanted me here," Johnikin said.

While growing up, Johnikin and her brother would go outside and spend hours playing basketball with an imaginary hoop. She grew up playing numerous sports and took dance.

She describes basketball as her outlet.

"It kept me out of trouble, and when your doing something that you are good at, people invest in you," said Johnikin. "It made me want to do well in school."

To her teammates, Johnikin is known for being very forgetful. Her most famous moment came when she left her keys in Iowa.

Johnikin has four superstitions that she indulges in before she steps on the court. They include talking to her mother, calling her "Alabama" dad, who works for a contractor in Iraq, and they set goals for the game. She then eats a bag of M&Ms and drinks a Coke, and last but not least, she says a prayer.

She models her game after Michael Jordan and admires Kara Lawson for her enthusiasm on the court. When not playing basketball or going to class she enjoys going to her church Victory Headquarters in Anniston, Ala.

Come watch Johnikin and the rest of the Lady Gamecocks at their next home against Tennessee State on Jan. 19th starting at 6p.m.

Women's basketball post 70-60 win over Morehead State

"I now have my keys on a chain that I wear around my neck," said Johnikin.

She is majoring in economics and hopes to get her masters in international development. She plans on helping third world countries build their infrastructure through economic policy changes.

Women's basketball post 70-60 win over Morehead State

Jacksonville State's Todd Cunningham has been named to the Ping, the baseball preseason All-America team.

Jacksonville State junior Trenton Marshall has been named the Ohio Valley Conference's Player and Newcomer of the Week for basketball. The transfer from Jones Junior College in Ellisville, Miss., scored 37 points during the Southeast Missouri game. He became the first Gamecock to score 37 points in a game since 1991 and broke the school's Division I scoring record in the process.

JSU women's basketball team had four players score in double figures en route to a 70-60 Ohio Valley Conference win over Morehead State.

Stephan Hall and Trenton Marshall combined for 35 points and...
post 70-60 win over Morehead State

Jacksonville State had four players score in double figures en route to a 70-60 Ohio Valley Conference win over Morehead State on Saturday at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

The Gamecocks snapped a seven-game losing streak against OVC schools and a three-game overall losing streak to improve to 4-11 overall.

Morehead State saw a five-game road win streak come to an end while suffering its first conference loss, falling to 5-1 and 12-7 overall.

Zenobia Pitts and Karisma Boykin led JSU with 16 points apiece followed by Danielle Vaughn with a career-high 14 point. Brittany Wiley added 13 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

The Eagles jumped out to a quick 6-2 lead before Pitts hit a jumper with one second left to send JSU to the locker room with a 39-35 lead at halftime.

Deja Watson's basket cut the lead to 37-35 with 40 seconds left in the half before Pitts hit a jumper with one second left to send JSU to the locker room with a 39-35 lead at halftime.

The Gamecocks shot 41.5 percent from the floor and connected on 11 of 11 3-pointers for 54.5 percent in the first half. MSU shot 50 percent overall and made 37 percent from beyond the arc in the first half.

With the game tied 51-51, JSU used a 39-35 lead before Pitts hit a jumper with one second left to send JSU to the locker room with a 39-35 lead at halftime.

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The Eagles jumped out to a quick 6-2 lead before back-to-back 3-pointers by Destiny Lane and Zenobia Pitts and a layup by Danielle Vaughn put JSU up 10-6 with 15:56 left in the first half.

Jax State did not trail the remainder of the half while building it lead to as many as nine points. Karisma Boykin's three at the 8:32 mark gave JSU a 27-18 lead.

Jacksonville State’s Ryan Perrilloux and T.J. Heath have been named to the Fabulous Fifty Football Championship Subdivision All-American Team, while Tylor Chambers was an honorable mention selection by the College Sporting News.

Ryan Perrilloux - named the 2009 OVC Offensive Player of the Year for football, ranked first nationally in passing efficiency (172.58) and fourth nationally in points responsible for (18.6 points/game). The senior quarterback also set several other single-season school records, including touchdowns responsible for (31), total offense per game (279.3) and total offense per play (8.36). He finished his two-year career as Jax State’s career leader in passing yards per game (222.3) and total offense per game (260.9) and had a career passing efficiency of 154.9.

Jacksonville State’s Josh Cain was named to the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star Team was announced by the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association.

Junior Jeremy Bynum drained a school-record nine 3-pointers back in December, lifting the Jacksonville State men's basketball team to a 95-78 win over Norfolk State in Pete Mathews Coliseum. Bynum connected on seven of his first nine triples before finally tying the four-year-old record with his eight of the game at the 7:54 mark of the second half. After exiting the game to a standing ovation with 3:06 to play, he returned to the floor with less than a minute on the clock and knocked down the record-breaker with just 24 ticks remaining.

The Jacksonville State football program learned that a renovated Paul Snow Stadium will get a grand opening against an old rival and the Gamecocks will open the 2010 season at Ole Miss on September 4th.

The Jacksonville State women’s soccer team was honored for their hard work off the field by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, achieving a 3.08 overall team GPA.

Jacksonville State volleyball coach Rick Nold has been named the Midwest Region Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Jacksonville State opened the 2009-10 indoor track season competing in the Roaring Tiger Invitational hosted by Clemson University. LaVeeta Oliver 7.76 in 60-meter dash; Elizabeth Bond posted a 42.26 in the 300-meter dash; Donnell Nocero 5-feet, 4-inches in the high jump.