BCM Hosts Welcome Back Party

By MIKEY DONAHOOD
STAFF WRITER

The Baptist Campus Ministries at Jacksonville State University, or better known as the BCM, had its biannual "Welcome Back Party" Thursday night. Around 90 different students came from all around the campus to visit the BCM for the festivities that evening. The BCM's Welcome Back Party takes place at the beginning of every semester. Its main purpose is not only to welcome back their regulars, but also to welcome in many other students who are visiting for the first time. Each Welcome Back Party has a different motif; this semester's was carnival-themed.

The BCM was split into different stations for the evening. Each station had a different game, or activity. In one of the stations, "aspiring artists" made a few smiling faces on their canvas by painting different images onto them. In another station, walking to music and a reasons we do this every semester is to welcome back old friends, and introduce our ministry to new ones. I've seen so many old faces mingling with new faces, and getting to know one another," Pisacrita said. He also explained that while the spring Welcome Back Party focuses more on getting back in the swing of things, the BCM's Welcome Back Party in fall focuses on ways to make the college environment to incoming freshman and transfer students more manageable and enjoyable. "We try to give students a way to survive college and try to show them college life through a Christian perspective," Pisacrita explained. In the works for the BCM this semester; including an event they're calling a "Thrift Store Formal!". Though the event is not official as of yet, and therefore has no date; more information about other events, and updates on this one can be found on the JSUBCM Facebook page.

BCM. Campus Minister Gary Brittain explained that the BCM has different events going on throughout the week on a regular basis as well. "We have Celebration (worship service) every Tuesday night at 8:00pm, Agape (lunch for students) every Wednesday afternoon from 11:15am-12:45pm, and Bible studies every Thursday evening at 6:00pm." Brittain also said that the BCM is participating in some other events in the near future. "We are attending a statewide collegiate leader lab February 11th and 12th. On Saturday February 26th we will be hosting an event called Missions Marathon, which is a big canned food drive. As for mission trips, we have a Spring Break mission trip to Orange Beach planned, as well as another mission trip in the fall!"
Students doing a cake walk. Photo by Kevin Brant The Chanticleer

First Pitch Luncheon Set for February 9

From news reports

The First Pitch Luncheon, featuring Jacksonville State head baseball coach Jim Case and head softball coach Jana McGinnis, will be held on Wednesday, February 9, on the Stadium Club Level of the Dorm Stadium Tower.

Lunch will feature a quick season outlook by Coach McGinnis and Coach Case, while several members of both teams will also be at the event. Coach McGinnis is picked to win the 2011 OVC title by the league’s coaches and enter the season having won four of the last five league crowns. The Gamecocks finished second in the regular-season race last year, but won the conference tournament to earn their third-straight trip to the NCAA Regionals. The tournament came after back-to-back regular-season crowns for the Gamecocks.

Coach Case has led the Gamecocks to eight straight 30-win seasons and five Ohio Valley Conference Championships since joining the league in 2004. The Gamecocks have advanced to the OVC Tournament Championship Game in six of the last seven years and JSU has posted the most conference wins of any other team in the league.

Spring Preview Day

Come join the excitement as we welcome the spring of 2011 with our JSU Spring Preview Day! During the browse session, university representatives from all departments and areas will be on hand to assist with any questions you have about JSU. In addition, we will offer housing and financial aid sessions (parents and students will receive information on the application process, eligibility, fees and residence hall descriptions, financial aid information on the FAFSA, and work study opportunities during these sessions), campus tours, and door prizes.

Spring Preview Days February 5 and April 2

Jacksonville State University will host its annual Spring Preview Days on Saturday, February 5 and Saturday, April 2 from 9:30 a.m. - noon CST. During the browse session, university representatives from all departments and areas will be on hand to assist with any questions you have about JSU.
Wacky, Tacky, but True!

Chose Your Own Adventure

Sure, we all grew up on these or the Goosebumps ones but are we going to ruin the nostalgia by bringing these to theaters?

Red Crown Productions has made a deal with Choose Your Own Adventure series publisher Chooseco to make the series into films. These books were awesome because they were interactive. How would they pull that off on-screen though? We suppose there are some approaches they COULD take, such as:

-Show multiple outcomes of on-screen courses of action, like how they did it in Run Lola Run
-Use self-referential humor as a technique to move the story along.
-Allow audiences to vote on key scenes BEFORE the movie is even made.
-Avoid AT ALL COSTS any techniques used in 1995's interactive Mr. Payback, where audiences used joysticks to vote on the action. Guess we'll see what approach they end up taking. This could be cool if they're smart about it, or it could be REALLY, REALLY bad. Would U like to re-live your childhood with Choose Your Own Adventure movies?

Sources say that this technology will be fully developed by 2021 and will increase fuel efficiency by as much as 20%. Wowza. The future is going to be amazing.

Man Shoots Friend for Eating His Cake Without Asking!

We'll refrain from the obligatory 'let them eat cake' joke because this is actually pretty messed up, apart from its innate ridiculousness.

A Philadelphia man is on the run today after he reportedly shot and severely wounded his friend - and all over a piece of cake!

According to authorities, the two men were in a car together late Monday morning when the passenger began eating a piece of cake that belonged to the driver. The man became so furious that after a heated argument, he got out of his seat and shot his friend in the chest!

The investigator reveals:

"They weren't supposed to be sharing. One was eating the other's food, they got into an argument and 'Bang! Bang!'"

The victim, a 31-year-old, is hospitalized and in critical condition.

One For All

"All for one, one for all, that is our device."

-Alexandre Dumas

By Logan Huggins
Staff Columnist

"No man is an island" or so the old saying goes; the human race is one of great connectivity. We desire connection from others just as much as we desire oxygen or water.

We can see this in every facet of life, from the old days of playgroups to the new social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram. Whether it be shedding some light on a worthy cause or simply connecting with others, we all need our social connections to feel united.

Everyone desires connection. Think about it: political parties, churches, sororities, clubs, on and on and so forth. All of these different organizations or groups have one thing in common; they're comprised of people who want to be part of something larger than themselves. Even anarchists feel the need to assemble. Although, I doubt they would admit it.

Even on the personal level, the need to connect is undeniable. Why are Stephen King and Nicholas Sparks novels so successful? Isn't it because it appeals to the natural desires of adolescent girls to be wanted and connected? Even with sparkly werewolves and vampires...

Why is there more than 400 million active users on Facebook? The internet sensation is nothing but connectivity. Social networking satisfies people's need to stay connected when other mediums can't.

If Facebook was a country, it would be the third largest population in the world, surpassing all but China and India. By the way, according to the 2010 census, the soul of what I hope this column becomes, I desire this column to be a consistent source of positive reinforcement for it's readers.

I know that there are numerous organizations and individuals who strive for unity and togetherness right here on campus. I want to give those "forces for good" a little bit of spotlight. Whether it be shedding some light on a worthy campus cause or simply connecting with others, we all need our social connections to feel united.

This is more than just an advice column or a lifestyle column.

*Ahem*...I solemnly swear not to use this column as a weekly gossip hub, or to just rant and rave about something no one really cares about. I promise not to waste your time. I promise to use this power for the good of JSU, to the good of you the reader, and to do it in a fun and interesting way. I want to create an outlet that people actually look forward to every week as a source of positivity and togetherness here on campus.

It would be foolish of me to think that I could do this alone. This is where I humbly ask for your assistance.

If you know of an organization or individual that deserves some recognition for unifying the campus or some other good deed, let me know. It would be my honor to tell their story and shed a little light on their operations.

Also, if you have any uplifting, fun or just interesting stories that you think the student body should know, I would love to hear them!

Care Will Drive Them.
Cars Will Drive Themselves in 2021

A new European technology has been developed that will actually allow you to eat, read, and SLEEP while driving. Yes, you read that right.

SARTRE, or Safe Road Trains for the Environment, is a new program that has partnered with Volvo that will install an advanced steering and sensory technology inside of cars to create a way to let cars drive themselves. The "road train" will be a line of cars that communicates with a leader car via Wi-Fi that will allow drivers in the other cars to spend little time paying attention to the road. Um, TERRIFYING!!

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The victim, a 31-year-old, is hospitalized and in critical condition.

The driver has yet to be apprehended.

Holy crow!

We know it's rude to take food without asking, but HELLO? It's a lot more rude to shoot someone in the chest - and a lot more ILLEGAL!

We hope that this guy is caught quickly - if he's willing to fire a weapon over cake, we don't want to know what he's like when he's really upset!

Oops, We Did it Again!

The Chanticleer Staff wishes to apologize for the misspelling of "Diner" on the front page. We spelled it "dinner" and we saw that you noticed!

Thank you for being loyal to "The Chanty" and for bringing it to our attention. We have learned our lesson and we are making sure that we do not make the same mistakes again.

Calendar

FEB 17

The JSU Drama Department presents:

AIDA Music by Elton John Lyrics by Tim Rice Book by Linda Woolverton, Robert Falls & David Henry Hwang Opens February 17th!

FEB 25

The JSU Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society proudly presents the 2011 Winter Workshop on February 25 from 8:15 a.m. - noon at the JSU McElhan Center, 100 Gamecock Drive, Anniston

FEB 5

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JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, WE ASK YOU, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

A Southern Man Too Far

By Andrew Holderfield
Staff Writer

Many of the articles you read today about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speak of him as almost a myth; a statuesque champion of the civil rights movement commanding crowds of hundreds and thousands headlong into the winds of change, his voice booming over the reverberating echoes of the bigotry and injustice of his time. But the truth behind Dr. King is much less ornate than this. He was, simply, a humble southern man pushed too far. Born Michael King Jr. into the middle class surroundings of Atlanta, Georgia in early 1929, his father, Michel King Sr., in what can only be described as an act of foreshadowing, soon changed both of their names in honor of the renowned Protestant leader Martin Luther. Like Luther, Young Martin was an exceedingly prolific student, by the age of twenty-five he had already earned a Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy, had accepted the position of pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama and was completing his doctoral studies in Theology with the University of Boston. He became one of Montgomery’s most socially conscious, outspoken and highly educated citizens almost overnight.

Being a respected member of the community, as well as a clergyman, was important to Dr. King, who believed that he was in a position to show people true wisdom, not just guide them to God. Influenced heavily by the teachings of such multicultural influences as Mahatma Gandhi and Henry David Thoreau, his impassioned sermons on topics such as equality and civilly injected perspective deep into the swelling tides of the men and women he saw dealing with the day-to-day atrocities of being second-class citizens. Even though meeting such a social climate with recommendations of pacifism was not always a popular stance, even amongst his own supporters, he never condoned a single act of violence on either side, no matter how seemingly justifiable.

The south in the late 1950’s was the tinderbox of the nation. People everywhere watched and held their breath as ordinary people changed the world, piece by piece. Sit-ins, public transit boycotts, peaceful protests were having profound effects on people at all levels of society. The debate over legislation was running hot, and King’s support for the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was one of his most controversial stances. He stood firm on his belief that although he could affect change through his words, he would not stand for violence. When King was assassinated in 1968, the country was shocked and devastated, but the work of his advocacy continued in the hands of his followers.

Many of the events we hear about today, such as those against the war in Iraq, will be remembered in the same way as those Dr. King fought for. The events we are all part of today are the story of the present day’s social climate. Each of us, no matter what we do, can be a part of that history. By taking action to make a difference, we are fulfilling the legacy of Dr. King and his fight against injustice.
Chuck Norris is coming to kick your butt
Gnomeo and Juliet!!! Seriously please don't butcher a good piece of Shakespeare
Dear Beautiful Woman of Java Jolt... I am in love with your leggings. Thanks.
I see your mouth move but all I hear is blah blah blah
We're off to see the wizard, the wonderful Wizard of OZ
Jeremiah was a bullfrog. Was a good friend of mine.
Hasta la Vista Baby!!!

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Chi Sigma Iota: A Small Organization Making Big Splashes in the Community

By Boyace Pope
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Chi Theta chapter of Chi Sigma Iota is the second oldest chapter of this organization from the state of Alabama and has recently reactivated and apparently just in time. February 25th they will be giving a seminar entitled: Meeting the Sexual Minority: The Helping Professional Role and Responsibility. This seminar will focus on the recent rise in the bullying of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth, their suicides and the things the educators, counselors and the community can to prevent it.

When President Ashley Garrett (Chi Theta) was asked, why reactivate now and why this issue? She said, “We’ve been the process of reactivating for 3 or 4 years now with the organization consisting of actual students and professionals - it was harder to bring it back because of most of our members schedules and locations, but we are back!!! The reason that we are pushing and standing behind this issue so hard is because this is a very ‘push button’ issue for most of the counselors and educators in the Bible Belt. Our goal is to help them find a place between their professional and religious beliefs that will most benefit the will most benefit the clients.”

Dr. Glenda Elliot, Associate Professor Emeritus, University of Alabama at Birmingham, a decorated counselor on the subject matter, will be the headline speaker — she was in the Counselor Education Hall of Fame UAB in ’06 - ’07.

Garrett, said that the goal of this seminar is to: spread information; to give tools and research to school counselors to help them deal with the growing epidemic and to spread the knowledge to the community so that they can help identify and reduce the occurrence of the negative actions that take place due to lack of openness and communication.

Along with CSI and the LGBT community, other media outlets and the WeGiveADamn organization are doing its part to raise awareness and spread information of this issue. To find out how you can do more to end these senseless suicides and bullying visit: www.wegiveadamm.org or call: 1.888.4.U.TREVOR

Lunch and a Conversation

By Maurice Winsell
Sports Editor

The smell of wheat bread and meat permeate the air as I walk into the sub shop. I hear my name from the other side of the place and make my way over to formally introduce myself. He’s wearing a Sigma Nu visor, windbreakers and underneath it all, a nice red dress shirt with a tie. Jason Sumner, is a fifth year senior at JSU. He shares a meal with me and chats about his experience at JSU, SGA and being a part of the Southerners.

MW: So tell me a little bit about yourself.
JS: Well I do a lot on campus, very active. Looking to graduate, then hopefully in the fall of 2012 I’m going to run for State House, that’s my plan.
 MW: Wow.
And We Like What We See!

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Oscar Nominations 2011: The Envelope Please...

By Logan Huggins
Staff Columnist

It’s that most glamorous time of the year again, movie fans. The 2011 Oscar Nominations were just announced and it’s time to see if your favorite films made the most prestigious list in the land. Over 50 films were nominated for at least one category this year, with several racking up more than one nod.

The film with the most nominations was “The King’s Speech” with twelve. Another high performer was the Coen Brothers’ remake, “True Grit,” with ten nominations. Christopher Nolan’s action-packed blockbuster, “Inception,” and David Fincher’s hit, “The Social Network,” tied for third place with eight nominations each. Other big winners were “The Fighter” with seven. Danny Boyle, who directed 2008’s Best Picture “Slumdog Millionaire,” came away with six nominations for his film, “127 Hours.”

The year’s most successful film, “Toy Story 3” didn’t do as shabby either with six nominations (if you count the animated short “Day and Night” that played before the movie). Not a bad year for Disney/Pixar whose final chapter of the life of Woody and Buzz raked in over $415 million here in the states alone.

For a list of all the nominees including Logan’s Oscar picks visit www.thechanticleeronline.com

MW: So tell me a little bit about yourself.
JS: Well I do a lot on campus, very active. Looking to graduate, then hopefully in the fall of 2012 I’m going to run for State House, that’s my plan.

MW: Wow
JS: Mmhm, going into politics. So, I already made it in with the democrats here locally. Been President of the College of Democrats here at JSU and also done the History Club the past couple of years. I’m president of that. Got a full plate, so besides SGA I pretty much stay busy with those things, and my fraternity of course.

MW: Do you have a role in your fraternity?
JS: No, I’m not serving as an officer in there because to do so is going to take a lot of my time as to where I’m not going be get back to the student body as I would like to.

MW: So what is your role in the SGA?
JS: Right now, I serve as President Pro Temp of the Student Senate and I’m the senator. I also served in the Organizational Council, where I was OC delegate of the year the past two years. This year I would have been Parliamentarian but we had some difficulties so I wasn’t able to serve in that capacity. Right now, I’m fighting to see that representatives in there could serve more than just one organization. I think if you’re a member of multiple organizations you should be able to serve up to two organizations. I’ve got legislation written up for that, just got to put it through.

MW: How do we get more students involved with SGA?
JS: Every student here is a member of the SGA. You’re automatic. When you enroll at Jax State you’re in the SGA. But how many students actually choose to be in the SGA? (Currently there are only about 400 students who somewhat actually get involved.)

JS: This is something we’ve been trying to figure out for the past couple of years. It’s publicity. There’s not enough of it. We have a director of publicity and usually they do a great job but it’s so hard to reach students on this campus. So we need to look into new ideas and techniques for getting information out quicker and having a lot more notice for students. If students don’t have the information in an adequate amount of time there’s no way they’re going to be involved and most of the time students don’t even know SGA does anything, that’s been my experience.

MW: There is a public relations organization, why hasn’t SGA and PRO try to come together?
JS: That’s a good question. I know we had a delegate from [the PRO] acut
CRIME: A SERIOUS SUBJECT

By Ed Moore
Staff Writer

Crime. Many people see it as something that happens in large urban areas or just something they see on the news. This is not completely accurate. Crime is prevalent everywhere in every spectrum. It is even right here on this very campus of Jacksonville State University and right in the city of Jacksonville.

We sat down with Jacksonville State University’s Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety, Shawn Giddy, as he gave his input regarding students and some of the crimes they commit and how it could seriously affect them. Giddy without a doubt mentioned alcohol related offenses such as DUI and underage consumption as being high on the list of campus crimes.

“Students need to avoid alcohol until they are old enough to use it,” said Giddy. “Once we catch you with alcohol, you’re drinking, and you’re underage, we have no choice. We have to put you in jail. We don’t want you to go out and hurt yourselves or someone else. That’s the biggest thing.” Giddy also warns students about getting drunk while around their friends as well as the dangerous consequences that can come as a result. “The other kids are not your mother and father. Your friends don’t always have your best interest at heart. Always be in a state of mind that allows you to be able to take care of yourselves and don’t depend on someone else to take care of you when you’re intoxicated.”

Giddy also spoke of a homicide that occurred here at Jacksonville State some years back as a result of alcohol. A group of people were intoxicated and through lack of sound judgment, one discharged a weapon. “One person shot and killed the other. The suspect was arrested, of course.”

Giddy explained that neither the victim nor the suspect were students of Jacksonville State. Students are also cautioned to know that the University Police Department does not house a jail facility. Any arrests made by UPD officers, depending on the crime, will result in being transported to the Jacksonville City or Calhoun County jail facilities.

Another problem for college students is without a doubt drugs. “Smoking marijuana, that smells stays on you. Officers can smell it when they pass by you. If your smoking in your room, somebody’s going to report it,” Sgt. Robert Schaffer, also with the University Police Department, strongly urges that crimes such as these are encouraged to be reported. “One thing we tell students is to not be a victim.” He explained.

“We always advocate students to report things that are going on.” Giddy also explained that the university does have access to narcotic detecting canines. “Anytime you deal with alcohol or a drug, the chances of something bad happening is very high. It makes you do stupid stuff. It’s only a matter of time until you get caught.” Remember that old saying of, “you never know who’s watching you”? The campus of Jacksonville State University is also the working ground for undercover drug & alcohol employees partnered with campus police.

“All the agents have to do is document it when they make a purchase, obtain a warrant and it will be served at the end of the investigation,” said Giddy. Repeat alcohol related offenses for JSU college students can also have very dire consequences not only in regards to their safety, but their ability to remain students of the university. “In order to stay in school after an alcohol related offense you will have to go to New Pathway,” he explained. New Pathway is an Alcohol Rehabilitation Program here in on campus provided by the Counseling Department. “If you get caught again, you could be subject to dismissal.”
MW: So, you've been here five years now?
JS: I'm on the extended senior plan.
MW: Ha ha, who isn't?
JS: Taking 13, 14 hours a semester. I'm not going to push it. I wanna be able to have time to do things I like to do. Southerners was a very large time commitment. Unfortunately, I won't be able to do that again. I'm done. I had a lower back injury in October. So it marked the end of my marching days.

MW: You feel like you gotten all your goals accomplished so far?
JS: Almost, got one last big goal and I'm going for that.

Southerners when I was a sophomore in high school and I was hooked. Had to be a part of that, had to be involved in it. I got there as soon as I could and I never regretted it. I've learned a lot too, we got great leadership. We got Kenneth Bodiford, Jeremy Stovall, Clint Gillespie running the band and they do an excellent job. It's always a pleasure working with them and learned a lot from them too. Especially Mr. Bodiford, the influence he has over the members of the band.

Jason won't really discuss that last big goal. However, it seems he has big plans, an appetite for knowledge and a passion for politics.
Men's Tennis Tops Southern Miss, 6-1

From wire reports

HATTIESBURG, Miss. – The Jacksonville State men's tennis team gained a split on the opening weekend of the season after topping Southern Mississippi, 6-1 on Sunday in the Magnolia state.

The Gamecocks opened the season with a 7-0 loss to Tulane on Saturday in New Orleans, La.

Against USM, Jax State got off to a good start by claiming the doubles point after the duo of Nenad Marcev and Axel Sundberg edged the Golden Eagle tandem of Paulo Alvarado, 9-8 (6).

In singles, Kenyon made quick work of Burmeister at the top spot as the junior from Modesto, Calif. won in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

The Gamecocks remain on the road for the next three matches before hosting Kennesaw State in their season opener on Feb. 15. JSU will face Alabama State (Feb. 2), Mercer (Feb. 7) and Samford (Feb. 9).

JACKSONVILLE STATE GAMECOCKS
Men's Golf Team

JSU Gamecocks Softball Fan Day Set for Feb. 6

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State softball team will host its annual Fan Day on Sunday, Feb. 6 at University Field. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and admission is free for all fans.

The 2010 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Champions and 2011 Preseason OVC Favorite Gamecocks will be on hand for a day filled with free prizes and snacks. Free t-shirts will be among the many giveaways, while soda and popcorn will also be free to those in attendance.

Fans are encouraged to come out and meet and interact with the members of the 2011 JSU softball team, as well as its coaching staff. Also, all members of the Gamecocks' roster will be available for autographs during the day. Cocky will also be in attendance.

Head coach Jana McGinnis is prepping her team for the 2010 season, which begins on Feb. 11 at the All-Alabama Classic in Birmingham. The Gamecocks open their home schedule on March 10, when they host Kennesaw State at 5 p.m. at University Field.
JSU Men’s and Women’s Golf

Prepare for Spring Season

By Derrick Robinson
Sports Writer

After finishing the fall 2010 season on such a high note, the Jacksonville State University men and women’s golf programs come into the spring 2011 season with high expectations.

Last fall both men and women golf teams broke numerous records during the season while cruising to second and fourth place finishes respectively in the Ohio Valley Conference play.

At the Stetson/CFSC Invitational in DeLand, Florida, JSU’s men’s and women’s teams closed out the season with high finishes. The men’s team finished in second place out of nine teams. Portsmouth, England native Tom Robson placed in the highest spot for the JSU team. Robson shot a 72 over the two-day event and finished with a 214 (69-73-72) that tied him for fourth place. The team finished 10 shots behind tournament winner Florida Gulf Coast for second place.

The JSU women’s team finished in third place in the tournament behind the great play of Junior Lucia Fernandez. Fernandez finished with an even-par 216 (73-70-73) in the two-day event. She shot a 73 in the first round before hitting a two-under 70 in the second, which tied her for second place in JSU’s history for the lowest 54-hole score. Fernandez finished second individually in the tournament. Both Robson and Fernandez earned Ohio Valley Conference Golfer of the Week honors with their performances in the tournaments.

With both Robson and Fernandez, along with players such as Gonzalo Berlin, who medaled individually as a sophomore, and Laura Cutler, who medaled as a freshman, both golf teams are deep with talent. Head coach James Hobbs says he is excited about this spring season. He also said that with the success the men’s team showed in the fall season he expects them to compete even harder to win the OVC. Coach Hobbs has been the men’s golf coach since 1983 and the women’s golf coach since 1995, the year in which the women’s program was started and the school also moved into Division I competition. Coach Hobbs says that he feels extremely confident about the women’s team going into the spring. “They have the best stroke average” that he has seen since he has been coach of the women’s team.

Both men and women’s golf programs are looking to win the Ohio Valley Conference tournament this spring to gain the automatic bid for the NCAA Division I tournament. In the past decade, both men and women’s programs have won the conference championship four times with both teams winning it in 2007, and the women winning it most recently in 2008. The spring tournament season begins January 31st for men and February 20th for women. The men’s golf team will play in four events this spring while the women’s team will play in five. The men’s golf season will round up with the conference tournament April 25-27, and the women’s conference tournament is April 21-23. Go Gamecocks!!!

Women’s Hoops Falls On The Road At Austin Peay, 65-54

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – Jacksonville State suffered its first Ohio Valley Conference road loss as it fell 65-54 to Austin Peay on Saturday night in the Dunn Center.

JSU dropped to 7-13 overall and 4-5 in OVC play. A cold shooting second half doomed the Gamecocks as they hit just seven of their 35 shots in the final half along with being out-scored 34-22 by APSU. After taking a 32-31 lead into dressing room with a Zenobia Pitts basket right before the buzzer, .

JSU Junior Destiny Lane turned in her first career double-double with 11 rebounds and ten points. Gamecock senior Candace Carmine made the most of her first start of the season as she led the squad with 16 points along with nine rebounds.

JSU begins the second half of the OVC slate next Thursday, Jan. 27 at Southeast Missouri. Tip off is set for 5:30 p.m.—From wire reports