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An artists rendition of the Stephenson Hall annex. Photo from ARCHIVES

Stephenson Hall ready for next semester

By KARA COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Fitness lovers, prepare for excitement. A \$1 million renovation project is underway at Stephenson Hall and is projected to open next semester -- just in time to work off those extra holiday pounds.

Plans were presented in January and construction began in May. The project includes adding 5,000 square feet of space to the north end of the building that will be housing cardio machines and flat-screen TVs.

Additionally, the new area will include more access to weights and weight-lifting machines. "Currently our free weights are locat-

ed in the Coliseum with limited hours," said Mark Jones, Director of Intramural Sports. "This will provide us with a nice weight room that will be open the same hours as the rest of the facility at Stephenson."

The new equipment is an added bonus to being part of the JSU family, with no additional cost to students. This is extremely helpful to students as most gyms around the area have expensive membership fees.

"We have been wanting to expand the facility for several years," Jones says. "We were able to obtain funding designated for wellness

to do the project."

The racquetball, basketball, badminton and volleyball courts currently in use at Stephenson are not being affected by the construction, and will still be available when the expansion opens. Billiard and ping-pong tables, however, will probably be moved into common areas of the dorms.

The wellness center at Stephenson Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 9:45 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., and Sunday from 4 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Dr. Jeremy Benson finds his way to NYC and Carnegie Hall for flute competition

By MEGAN ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

American flutist and JSU's own Dr. Jeremy Benson fulfilled a lifelong dream when he performed his debut recital at Carnegie Hall last month. After winning first prize in the Alexander and Buono International Flute Competition, Benson played the New York City venue on October 23. "It felt like it went by so fast and I tried to take in every moment of it."

Dr. Benson became the professor of Flute Studies at JSU this fall, where he once roamed the campus as a student. Although playing at Carnegie Hall had been a goal since he was only a freshman in high school, he explains he wasn't nervous at all for his performance.

"That's one thing I try to tell my students: If a person is really prepared mentally, musically, and technically for a performance, then the nerves seem to disappear a little bit more." Benson continues, "It's really hard to be nervous doing something you love to do."

Benson began his musical journey at age five when he learned to play the piano, but it wasn't until sixth grade that he picked up the flute. Benson spent his high school years as

a drum major and then went on to do the same for the Marching Southerners.

The Southerners, He says is the reason he chose to come to JSU and those years were some of the best of his life. After graduating from Jacksonville State University in 2005, he went on to Florida State University to get his master's degree and finished up with his PhD from Rutgers.

Benson is now ecstatic to be back as a professor. "It's neat to come back to where I started, to be on the other side as a teacher."

He feels as though he is matched perfectly with his students and describes how motivated and susceptible they are to change and new ideas.

"Every day I grow as a musician. I learn from my students, I learn from their challenges, and I learn from their success. So that makes me a better teacher, makes me a better player." To make sure he can best accommodate all of his students, "I'm always trying my best to create innovative techniques."

Benson wasn't always on the straight and narrow path toward teaching mu-

sic. He was a biology major his first three years of college and continued taking the music courses only because he was on scholarship. It wasn't until he studied with the late Dr. Davis that he realized he wanted to get his masters in music. "I just really grew to love music and it was so much more a part of me than anything else," Benson explained.

"Dr. Benson says he doesn't have any specific plans for the future. "I just want to find my place here, do my job, and build the flute studio." His advice to anyone aspiring to be a musician is, "Always find the meaning in the music and what it's trying to say; make it come to life."



Dr. Jeremy Benson.
Photo from JSU NEWSWIRE

New King and Queen announced

By EMILY GLASER
STAFF WRITER

Student Government Association president Bryant Whaley announced the 2011 Homecoming King and Queen during last Thursday's Homecoming pep rally at Burgess-Snow Field.

The top five finalists for King included Clay Blackwell, Logan Huggins, Brandon Self, Courtney Thrash, and Justin Wright. The five finalists for Queen included Maggie Fletcher, Lauren Herring, Ashley Lyons, Beth Milam, and Kristin Young.

President and Mrs. Meehan presented a wrapped gift to each finalist escorted onto the field. Following a drum roll from the Marching Southerners, Justin Wright and Lauren Herring were announced Homecoming King and Queen, respectively.

Wright is a 22-year-old senior from Anniston, Alabama, majoring in Psychology. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and has been involved with the Marching Southerners, Show and Gospel Choir, NAACP, and SGA. Herring is a 22-year-old senior from Southside, Alabama, majoring in Secondary Education. She is a member of the Marching Ballerinas and has been involved with the Wesley Foundation, Spanish Club, and the Mimosa Yearbook.

"Lauren is a well-deserving queen," says 2010 Homecoming Queen Hilary Moore. "She passed down the Marching Ballerina tradition to me and now I get to pass the crown down to her. I couldn't be happier for her."



Justin Wright



Lauren Herring

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THE TEASE

CAMPUS CRIME

Monday, October 24

- Theft of Property at Crow Hall (still pending)

Tuesday, October 25

- Trespass Warning at Campus Inn Parking Lot
- Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle in Stadium Tower Parking Lot (still pending)
- Suspicious Person at JSU Stadium

Wednesday, October 26

- Possession of Marijuana on McArthur Street
- Arrest - Obstruction of Governmental Operations in Houston Cole Library Parking
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct at Stadium Tower

Thursday, October 27

- Harassment at TMB

Friday, October 28

- Carrying a Pistol without a Permit at Grub Mart
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct on Greenleaf Street
- Threat Assessment at Bibb Graves Hall
- Vehicle Accident at Jack Hopper Cafeteria

The historic Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Anniston will be the setting for a unique choral experience on Sunday afternoon, November 13, when Jacksonville State University's A Cappella Choir performs a concert with the Senior Robe Choir of Alexandria High School. A Cappella Choir is under the direction of JSU Director of Choral Activities Dr. Patricia Corbin. The Alexandria High School Choir is under the direction of Cathy Spence.



The sisters of Delta Zeta will sponsor Sing and Sign, a karaoke competition benefiting the Starkey Hearing Foundation, on November 16 at 7 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. Because Delta Zeta's philanthropy is Speech and Hearing, each team's performance must include at least one sign language move (sign language moves can be found on YouTube). Each team can have up to five people and the cost to compete is \$25 per team. Admission to the event for non-competitors is \$3.

Love should not hurt

By ZACH TYLER
STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville State University's Gamma Sigma Sigma chapter hosted a "Love Shouldn't Hurt" awareness walk last month in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The demonstration took place on the TMB lawn and those who were there spoke out against all forms of domestic violence.

Christal Echoles was the driving force behind the demonstration. The idea to raise awareness of domestic violence at JSU, she explained, came from a tragic event last August. A member of a sister chapter in Texas lost her life to spousal abuse, leaving

behind a young son. To raise proceeds for him and to further promote awareness, Gamma Sig members sold purple bracelets at the walk.

Three guest speakers addressed the crowd prior to the walk. President Meehan opened his address with a sobering question: "Raise your hand if you've been affected by domestic violence?" A number of audience members raised their hands.

Julie Nix, director of JSU's Disability Support Services and Counseling followed and thanked sorority members for bringing the issue into the spotlight at JSU. "Gamma Sigma Sigma has taken on this issue to bring awareness to our community and our campus, about this important problem."

According to Nix, many college students don't realize they can be victims of domestic violence. They believe abuse only happens in marriages with children. Yet dating violence and abusive relationships are common among college students. "We see students in our office

every day who are either healing from past abusive relationships or are currently in them," says Nix.

Concluding speaker Susan Shipman is Executive Director of Anniston's 2nd Chance, Inc., an organization that assists victims of domestic violence in Calhoun, Cleburne and Talladega counties. Shipman thanked Gamma Sig for taking initiative to promote awareness of such violence. "We don't think about domestic violence because it's ugly," Shipman said. "It's something most people prefer to keep behind closed doors

because we don't want to look at it." The walk began following the speakers, and Gamma Sigma Sigma held massive signs that read "Love Shouldn't Hurt" and "End Teen Dating Violence." The purple-clad crowd made a circuit of Trustee Circle and drew the attention of fellow students. The event was an overall success.

The Domestic Violence Resource Center states that one in four women experience some level of domestic violence at some point in their lives. Domestic violence is physical, mental, sexual or emotional abuse in an intimate relationship. It occurs when one person uses abusive tactics to gain power and control over a partner or former partner.

The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence has a toll-free 24-hour crisis line and many safe shelters across the state, and many other services available to victims. Find out more at acadv.org or call 2nd Chance, Inc. at (256) 236-7381.

BRIEFS

Delta Zeta & Zeta Tau Alpha will host a recruitment party Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Jacksonville Community Center. Participants will make care packages for overseas troops while learning about Greek life and its system at JSU. For more information, contact Katie Bowman at (256) 458-2961 / ktbowman@aol.com or Brittany Gaskin at (256) 503-5886 / bgaskin@jсу.edu.

The Jacksonville State University Small Business Development Center and the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce will offer one-on-one counseling for prospective and existing small business owners at no charge on Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Chamber office.

It is necessary that you make an appointment. For more information, or your appointment, please call (256) 782-5271.

Jacksonville Opera Theatre will present the children's musical *The Princess and the Pea* by Mary Carol Warwick, loosely based on the story by Hans Christian Anderson at Performance Center, Mason Hall, Jacksonville - November 10-11 at 7:30 p.m. Ritz Theatre, Gadsden - November 3-4 at 7 p.m.; November 6 at 3 p.m.

Purchase tickets at 1-800-838-3006 or www.jacksonvilleopera.org

Interested in writing? Then come on over to Self Hall and be a part of The Chanticleer staff.

We are always looking for more writers, so whether it's entertainment, sports or news; there is always a place for the writer in you.

Meetings are Monday 6:30 p.m.

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November 3

AOII's Smoke Out Arthritis
Dillon Field
6:00-10:00 p.m.
Contact Laura Nash:
lnash@jсу.edu
Pre-registration required



Saturday,
November 5

A Celebration of Arts & Nature:
Little River Canyon Center,
Fort Payne, AL
When: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
JSU Field Schools



Tuesday,
November 8

Student Activities Council Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 p.m.
Contact Debbie Taylor:
dbtaylor@jсу.edu



Thursday,
November 10

JSU Emerging Leaders Day
Leone Cole Auditorium
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Contact Tracy Phillips:
phillips@jсу.edu



OPINION & LOCAL

JSU International House 64th Annual UN Day Tea

By COURTNEY RAY
STAFF WRITER

I had the privilege of attending the JSU International House's 64th annual United Nations Day Tea on Sunday, October 30. This event is scheduled annually on a day close to the internationally celebrated United Nations Day, which is October 24th.

The International House was founded in 1946 by Dr. James H. Jones during the administration of Dr. Houston Cole. It was originally conceived as a cultural and linguistic exchange project with the first students being from France.

Under the leadership of Dr. Jones and with the added vision of subsequent International House and JSU leaders, the program evolved into a unique

and valuable experience in the sharing of languages, lives, and cultures. Today, there are three countries represented in the International House.

According to Dr. John J. Ketterer, director of the International House, the International House at JSU provides a model of harmonious cooperation and leadership.

"In our own way, we share this goal with the UN and attempt to provide an example of diversity and tolerance that is very much needed in today's world. Therefore our UN Day Tea has always coincided closely with the internationally recognized celebration of United Nations Day."

The event, which wrapped up Homecoming week here



Residents of the International House dressed in native costumes performing a program of native dance and song. Photo: JSU News

at JSU, began by playing John Lennon's "Imagine" and "Instant Karma," followed by a welcome from Dr. Ketterer.

The U.S. National Anthem was performed by Courtney Crosson, a former resident of the International House, and the Masters of Ceremony were Jeren Akmuradova, from Turkmenistan, and Justin L. Yarbrough, from California.

The program itself consisted of a formal presentation of this year's residents of the International House dressed in native costumes and a 50-minute program of native

dance and song. Two of the acts I really liked were "Edelweiss", sung by Lara Lubienski from Austria, and "Suavemente", a Latin dance performed by many residents of the House. The presentation was followed by refreshments and a social gathering to the tea.

While I thoroughly enjoyed watching and listening to the production, I especially took pleasure in observing the residents of the International House interact with one another. It really did seem as though they were one big, melting pot of a family.

Good tunes from across the pond

By
ANDREW HOLDERFIELD
WLJS STAFF

Moody British Electropop. There, I've said it. If you're still reading, then your lack of skepticism will be great rewarded by The Good Natured's debut *Skeleton*.

Britain's long-standing history of pumping the States with Joy Divisions, Cures and Braverys has not been bulletproof.

Ten acts you should know about (in no particular order)

- This Town Needs Guns
- Terra Lightfoot
- The Bandana Splits
- Forrest Day
- Bombay Bicycle Club
- We Were Promised Jetpacks
- The Front Bottoms
- Astronautalis
- M83
- The Head and the Heart



There have been misses. Droning, boring, mascara-soaked misses.

This is not the case with this English trio. *Skeleton* is 9 tracks of everything that made us fall in love with the dank dancehalls of our Queen Mother in the first place.

Sarah McIntosh's silky

vocals pop in the album's title track and slide comfortably alongside shimmering synth in "Be My Animal"

All the flat mediocrity that no doubt drove half the readership off of this article before the 9th syllable falls away under the hook filled creativity that keeps the album fresh well into the final seconds of "The Hourglass".

Fans of the genre, or anyone who just wants to get in on the ground floor of a group that is sure to blow up over the next few years should hock their favorite pair of creepers for the cash buy this album.

One of the best albums of the year, and a welcome reminder of why I do this.



Special thanks to WLJS Program Director Thad Burton for assisting in this week's layout. Also, keep a look out for the radio station's full page online. Coming soon to an internet near you!

Peanut butter prices about to get chunky

UWIRE

You may want to rush to the store and load up on as many bags of Reese's cups that you can. Word is just in that peanut butter prices may rise 30 to 40 percent this year after one of the worst peanut harvests in decades.

CNNMoney reports that Kraft will raise prices for its Planters brand peanut butter by 40 percent starting Monday, while ConAgra has stated an increase of more than 20 percent for its Peter Pan brand that went into effect in October.

If you don't already have a storage shelf full of this stuff, you may want to look into where you can find the cheapest deal. Although the prices are about to rise, most stores haven't made the change yet, and coupons are still floating around for this stuff. Waiting to take stock up may cost your pocket later.

Record-breaking heat and a lack of rainfall this summer is to blame.

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There will be at least two weeks between publication of letters from the same person. Rebuttals will be published no later than two weeks after publication of the article, editorial or letter in question.

ENTERTAINMENT

Jax State student gets a whirl at the big wheel

By PAIGE BAKER
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

How many of you have ever wished to have a chance to be on a Television game show? Many have dreamed or imagined that they could win money on a game show, but few have actually made it on a show yet alone won big bucks.

One of our very own students had that once in a life time opportunity and walked away with major cash. Sarah Beth Moses, a sophomore pre-med major at JSU, won cash winnings totaling \$11,100 on *Wheel of Fortune*.

It is by chance, and a little charisma, that Sarah was chosen for the game show. She went to Riverbend, a music festival in Chattanooga, TN, where



To date, *Wheel of Fortune* has awarded more than \$190 million in cash/Sarah Beth Moses

Photo: The Wire/Sarah Beth Moses

they had a mini *Wheel of Fortune* game set up. Participants placed their names in barrel then there was a drawing and Sarah's name, along with her sister's and sister's boyfriend, were drawn.

A few weeks later, Sarah received an envelope in the mail asking her if she wanted to go back to Chattanooga to go through a series of interviews to be on the show.

"I couldn't give up that offer", Sarah comments.

She then went through a series of steps that narrowed down to twenty hopefuls, herself included. Sarah then went through another series of auditions. A few days after the final auditions, Sarah received a

call asking her if she could fly out to California the next week to film an episode of *Wheel of Fortune*. Her episode was filmed on June 28th and aired on October 13th.

The theme of the show was Bed and Breakfast, and she solved one puzzle. The category was Before and After and the answer was "something old something new England". She ended up winning \$11,100!

Sarah on being on *Wheel of Fortune*, "Being on TV wasn't as nerve-racking as I thought it would be. The hard part about it is you literally have seconds to think and call out the letters. It is harder to actually play the game on air than it is while watching someone on TV.



I would watch it growing up and would never picture myself actually being on there. It's crazy how you can think 'man how cool would it be to actually be on the the show' and it then it finally happens."

She said that *Wheel of Fortune* picked her because she has a very outgoing personality and she was happy to represent JSU.

Sarah has a boyfriend of two years, Kyle Duncan and says she loves spending time with her animals and spending her Saturdays watching Gamecock and Auburn Football.

When asked what she plans to spend her winnings on, she said it was going to pay for her student loans.



Review: Coldplay's Mylo-Xyloto

By ANDREW HOLDERFIELD
WLJS STAFF

It's difficult to listen to *Mylo Xyloto*, the newest release from British mega-rockers Coldplay, without feeling like this is the album they've been trying to make their entire career.

The band's 2008 effort, *Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends*, was a shaky departure for the band as they opted for an artsier approach to their slightly-left-of-mainstream pop sound.

But just as it began to seem that Chris Martin and company had fizzled, *Mylo Xyloto* bursts through with triumph, reminding- us of why we fell in love with the band way back in they days of 'Yellow'.

Gone are the bloated strings and War of 1812 imagery that rusted their previous effort in mediocrity, replaced with soaring choruses and eruo-house synthesizer. Tracks like 'Paradise' only vaguely resemble the group's previous form and are just ripe for remix, as the programmed beats of the mellow 'Up in Flames' serve as subtle reminders that this is a band that refuses to stall out in the pantheon of neo-arena rock.

The classic Coldplay sound still peeks through the seams, but just about the time Rihanna stops by over the broken rave-synth of 'Princess of China', it's easy for one to forget what band you're actually listening to.

But worry not, this is still very much a Coldplay album and, despite growing a little bland at times, *Mylo Xyloto* is a triumphant return to a fresh new form from a band that many felt had lost it's way.

Trax to check out: 'Paradise', 'Every tear drop is a waterfall'
For fans of: U2, The Killers

WLJS: Top 20 Songs of October

1. Beach Party (!) – Graduation Day
2. The Record Year – Oh Say...
3. B.o.B. – Strange Clouds ft. Lil Wayne
4. Taio Cruz – Hangover ft. Flo Rida
5. Disturbed – Hell
6. Icebird – Going and Going. And Going
7. Gringo Star – Count Yer Lucky Stars
8. Nickelback – When We Stand Together
9. Ryan Adams – Ashes & Fire
10. S.L.A.P. – Manikin ft. Jon Deere
11. The Front Bottoms – The Beers
12. The Trophy Fire – Chaos/Control
13. Red Hot Chili Peppers – Monarchy of Roses
14. I Build Collapsible Mountains – Trail Song
15. Bruno Mars – It Will Rain
16. Givers – Saw You First
17. The Good Natured – Skeleton
18. The Blue Van – Fame and Glory
19. Blink-182 – After Midnight
20. Rihanna – We Found Love ft. Calvin Harris

Gamecock Sports



No Huddle...

Jax State women's tennis wraps up Fall with solid showing at USM

HATTIESBURG, Miss. – Jacksonville State's women's tennis team concluded the fall portion of the schedule on a high note at the Southern Mississippi Halloween Classic this past weekend.

The three-day event featured many regional teams and gave head coach Steve Bailey a great chance to evaluate where his women's squad stands heading into the spring season.

On the opening day, junior Raphaela Lima notched a pair of wins in singles play. Lima downed Janna Leeuwerik of Nicholls State, 8-6. She turned right around and dispatched Simona Horsikyan from Central Arkansas by the identical score. Newcomer Danielle Kerindi topped Northwestern State's Dana Sardak, 8-4. Sophomore Aleksandra Cmilijic earned JSU's fourth win of the day with an 8-4 victory over Linda Gamo of NSU.

In Friday's doubles session, the Gamecock tandem of Zoe Iznos and Rafela

Wenzel cruised past Marina Ljoshevska and Marie Aubert of Nicholls State, 8-2.

Sophomore Raisa Guasti and Iznos turned in singles wins on Saturday. Guasti downed Murray State's Carla Suga, 8-5. Iznos, from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, carded an 8-3 win over MSU's Ashley Pierson. Guasti picked up her second win of the day as she edged Southeastern Louisiana's Laura Verges, 9-8 (3). Wenzel made quick work of SELA's Isabel Brito, 8-2.

Wenzel teamed up with Kerindi in doubles and earned an 8-6 win over MSU's pairing of Cassidy Cunitz and Carolyn Huerth.

Junior Kelly Tomlin finalized the weekend with a win over UAB's Menanteau Moolman, 8-3.

Jax State begins the 2012 spring season back in Hattiesburg, Miss., taking part in USM's Spring Invitational on Feb.2-4.

-From Sports Wire

Jax State ranked No. 18 in both top 25 football polls

Jacksonville State is ranked No. 18 in both major Top 25 football polls this week following a 21-14 loss to Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

The Gamecocks are ranked 18th in both The Sports Network/Fathead.com poll and the FCS Coaches Top 25 poll.

It marks the 40th straight week Jax State has been ranked in the Top 25, which is the longest such stretch in school history.

North Dakota State is ranked first in both polls, while Montana State is second and Appalachian State is ranked third.

Jacksonville State, 5-3 overall and 4-1 in the OVC, is in a three-way tie for first place in the Ohio Valley Conference and will host Eastern Kentucky on Saturday. The Colonels are also tied for first with a 4-1 conference record.

Saturday's game will mark the final regular-season home game for 17 Gamecock seniors. This senior class has a chance to become the winningest four-year class in JSU's Division I history.

This senior class has a 30-12 record, and is just one win behind the school's Division I winningest class of 2010 (31-14).

The Gamecocks are allowing just 95.8 rushing yards per game against OVC opponents and will have their hands full this week as JSU hosts the league's top rushing team (in OVC play) in Eastern Kentucky.

The Colonels average 264.8 yards per game on the ground vs OVC foes and is led by Matt Denham. Denham averages 171.4 yards in five OVC games, an average of 7.0 yards per carry and has eight rushing touchdowns. JSU's Washaun Ealey is second in the league with 106.2 rushing yards per game against other conference schools.

Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. at Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium and tickets are available by calling the JSU Athletic Ticket Office at 256-782-8499.

-From News Wire

Volleyball: Lady Governors rally past Lady Gamecocks in four sets

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State volleyball team saw its three-match win streak come to an end on Saturday, when Austin Peay rallied to hand the Gamecocks a 3-1 (26-28, 25-21, 25-14, 25-13) loss in Ohio Valley Conference action.

After the Gamecocks (9-17, 7-9 OVC) fought for a win in the first set, the Lady Gobs (9-18, 7-9 OVC) held on in the second set to pick up momentum for the final two. Peay hit .324 on the match while holding JSU to a .184 offensive clip in earning the season split in the series.

Jacksonville State got 15 kills on a .429 attack percentage from senior Liza Senenkova, who also had a hand on eight of the team's 9.5 team blocks. The Tashkent, Uzbekistan, native needed just 28 swings to record her team-best kills total. Junior Hivya Leite pitched in 10 kills on an .083 attack percentage, while senior Stephanie

Koontz added nine kills for the JSU offense.

Sophomore Abbey Heredia recorded a double-double with 19 assists and 11 digs, joining sophomore Kelly Cole's 10 as the only two JSU players with double figures in the digs category. Senior Lauren Harkins added seven digs to run her career total to a school record 2,073.

JSU freshman Alina Agamy picked up seven digs and blocked four APSU attacks to go along with her 21 assists.

The Gamecocks will wrap up their 2011 road schedule next weekend with a Friday match at SIU-Edwardsville in Edwardsville, Ill., and a Saturday meeting with Eastern Illinois in Charleston, Ill. They will then return home on Nov. 11-12 to wrap up the regular season against Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky

-From Sports Wire

FCS COACHES POLL
(Oct. 31, 2011)

Team (1st Votes)	Record	Points	PR
1. North Dakota State (22)	8-0	693	3
2. Montana State (2)	8-1	654	4
3. Appalachian State	6-2	634	5
4. Georgia Southern (4)	7-1	602	1
5. Sam Houston State	8-0	571	7
6. Northern Iowa	6-2	570	2
7. Lehigh	7-1	541	6
8. Montana	7-2	493	8
9. Wofford	6-2	478	9
10. Maine	7-1	445	12
11. New Hampshire	6-2	442	11
12. Old Dominion	7-2	367	16
13. James Madison	5-3	308	10
14. Jackson State	7-1	263	17
15. Tennessee Tech	5-2	248	19
16. Indiana State	5-3	240	18
17. Towson	6-2	216	14
18. Jacksonville State	5-3	215	13
19. Delaware	5-4	201	20
20. Harvard	6-1	138	23
21. William & Mary	4-4	124	21
22. Liberty	6-3	111	24
23. South Dakota	5-4	101	15
24. Illinois State	6-3	85	NR
25. North Dakota	5-3	62	25

For Freshman Alina Agamy, hard work has paid off

BY DANIEL PORTER
SPORTS WRITER

After the Gamecocks had gone 2-0 over the weekend a couple of weeks ago, news came that following Monday freshman Alina Agamy had been named the Ohio Valley Conference's Setter of the Week.

During that weekend, JSU took a 3-1 win over Murray State. Agamy dished 25 assists in the Gamecocks' most dominant offensive performance of the year. Agamy completed a double-double with 10 digs to go along with her six kills and three blocks in the win over the Racers.

Jacksonville State also earned a 3-2 win over third-place Southeast Missouri. Agamy used a .400 attack percentage to help her grab a triple-double as she hit 11 kills, dished 31 assists, and grabbed 11 digs. Her triple-double guided JSU back from an 0-2 deficit to upend the Redhawks in five sets.

Alina along with sophomore teammate Abbey Heredia accounted for 59 of the Gamecocks' 63 assists in the win. Another accomplishment reached over that weekend happened against Murray State as senior Lauren Harkins reached 2,000 digs in her career becoming the first player in school history to do so.

The Gamecocks are 9-17 under first year coach Joseph Goodson, but still have four games remaining that could turn out well and build momentum for the off-season heading into next fall.

Agamy is a freshman from Bloomington, Illinois and this only adds to the impressiveness of her accomplishment of being named the OVC's Setter of the Week considering not all freshman get the chance to play early in their careers.

Agamy says playing as a freshman is rewarding. "I've worked so hard through high school," Agamy said. "This is something I've done my whole life."

She says that one of the biggest factors in deciding to attend and play for Jacksonville State was that the girls here, who would be her teammates instantly connected. "I liked the girls a lot, we got along really well," said Alina.

Above all else working hard through high school and getting the chance to play at Jacksonville State and earn considerable playing time has allowed Agamy to show her talents leading to her being recognized as the OVC's Setter of the Week.

"It means a lot, I've worked really hard and sometimes it's just nice to get rewarded for your accomplishments." Alina Agamy and the rest of her Gamecock squad return home to Jacksonville for the final two games of their season on November 11th.



Alina Agamy was named OVC Setter of the Week
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The Lady Gamecocks gather one last time as their season comes to a close. They finished the season 2-13-4.
Photo by Sports Information Desk

JSU soccer season ends in overtime loss

MARTIN, Tenn. — Jacksonville State concluded the 2011 soccer season with 2-1 loss in double overtime to UT Martin on Sunday at Skyhawk Field.

The Gamecocks finish the season at 2-13-4 overall and 1-4-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference. UTM, who clinched the No. 3 seed in next week's OVC Tournament, wraps up the regular season at 11-6-2 overall and 5-3-1 against OVC competition.

The extra sessions match marked the eighth overtime contest this season for JSU which is a new program mark for overtime matches in a season. The previous was seven matches set by the 1999 squad. Seven of the eight were double overtime matches.

With its postseason hopes dashed after a 3-0 loss at Southeast Missouri on Friday night, coupled by Morehead State's win over Murray State on Friday, Jax State put together a valiant effort on the final day of the season.

"JSU fought hard today. We focused our efforts on sending our seniors out and trying to give everyone an opportunity to play," said head coach Julie Davis Carlson. "We went into the match knowing we couldn't qualify for the tournament, so we committed ourselves to playing for pride, our team and our university."

After a scoreless 48 minutes, UTM took a 1-0 advantage on a penalty kick taken by Brooke Robertson. The Skyhawks' defense kept JSU's offense at bay throughout the contest, but UTM had a hiccup in the 75th minute as it had an own goal to equalize the match with just 15 minutes left in the match and eventually sent the contest to a pair of overtime sessions. The Gamecocks were out-shot 37-6 in the match.

UTM posted the golden goal off the foot of Midori Sera with three minutes left in the second extra session. UTM scored the goal off of a free kick after JSU was issued a yellow card, its fifth of the day.

Jax State's Katelyn Geddings matched a school record for saves in an individual match with 20

stops. She now shares the school record with former Gamecock Michelle Japak, who tallied 20 saves against Georgia State on Sept. 23, 1995.

Seniors Chelsea Pelletier and Lindsay Boehmler and junior Austen Stoelting each had on goal scoring opportunities but could not send the ball into the back of the net.

The match concluded the careers of JSU's five seniors — Pelletier, Boehmler, Millie Parekh, Emily Bielaga and Martina Dessbesell. All five members of the Class of 2011 have been instrumental in the growth of the Gamecock soccer program since arriving on campus in 2008. Combined, this year's class has played in 241 contests.

Bielaga and Pelletier, mainstays on the field, will exit the program after this season with their names etched in the Jax State soccer record book for matches played in a career. Bielaga, a four-year starter in the JSU defense, ranks second all-time at JSU in minutes played. Pelletier, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, is tied for fourth place on the program's career goals scored list with 20. She shares the spot with former two-sport standout Ashley Martin.

Boehmler has turned in ten career goals and four assists to her credit. The Woodstock, Ga. midfielder posted JSU's last hat trick with a trio of goals against Alabama State in her freshman campaign. Parekh returned this season after battling an injury last season. The Roswell, Ga.-product scored one goal in 2009 and has been a three-time recipient of the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Dessbesell moved over from the Jax State women's tennis squad this season after a stellar career on the hardcourts. The Panambi, Brazil-native was a two-time All-OVC selection in 2008 and 2009 and helped guide the 2010-11 Gamecock women's tennis squad to the 2011 OVC Championship and a berth into the NCAA Tournament.

-From News Wire

Gamecock men wrap up Fall with third place

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. — The Jacksonville State men's golf team turned in a 295 in Tuesday's final round to finish third in the Wendy's Kiawah Classic at Kiawah Island's Turtle Point Golf Course.

The Gamecocks wrapped up their fall schedule by finishing behind team co-champions Kennesaw State and Campbell in the 21-team field after their 295 tied KSU for the low score of the day. JSU rounded out the 54-hole event with an 891, 10 shots behind both KSU and CU, who finished the three-day tournament tied for the lead.

Junior Adres Schonbaum turned in JSU's low round on Tuesday, thanks to a two-under 70 on the 7,061-yard layout. Freshman Tomasz Anderson and senior Alfonso Otoy each tied for 11th to lead the Gamecocks in the event.

Anderson used a solid second-round to bolster himself in the 105-player field. He sandwiched a second-round 69 between an opening 76 and a final-round 77 to finish with a three-day total of 222. Otoy reached his 222 by carding a pair of 73s to open and finishing with a 76 on Tuesday.

Schonbaum put his 70 behind a first-round 78 and a second-round 75 to place 15th with a 223.

-From News Wire

Intramural football: Punishers crowned independent champions

BY DANIEL PORTER
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The Seminoles played the Punishers in what was a close game that came down to the wire. On the opening drive the Punishers took the ball down the field scoring when the quarterback scrambled fifteen yards for the game's first touchdown.

The Seminoles answered with a touchdown of their own before the break tying the game at six. On the first play of the second, the Seminoles picked the ball off.

The turnover would eventually lead to seven points for the Seminoles. The Punishers responded and completed a long pass down the middle of the field to J.R. Jones to tie the game at thirteen.

Finally with thirty-two seconds left the Punishers had the ball and again found J.R. Jones in the back of the endzone for the score. Punishers defeated the Seminoles 19-13.

-From News Wire

Gamecocks experience homecoming nightmare

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The Nightmare on Mountain Street became a frightening reality once the final seconds of last week's game ticked away. Jacksonville State had fallen to Tennessee Tech and the destiny of winning the Ohio Valley Conference and making the playoffs was no longer in the Gamecocks' control.

Tennessee Tech entered the game 4-2 on the season coming off a loss and two byes over the past three weeks. The Golden Eagles were hungry to taste victory again but would have to face JSU who was ready to rebound from a battle with the big boys in the SEC.

The opening kick was handled and Jacksonville State was set to start their drive down the field. The Gamecocks meticulously moved the ball down the field melting half of the first quarter clock. Coty Blanchard along with his dual threat Calvin Middleton and Washaun Ealey combined together to gain most of the drive's yards on the ground.

However it was through the air on a second down and goal that led to the first touchdown when Blanchard found Jerry Slota for a four yard TD pass which completed the fifteen play seventy-seven yard drive.

The rest of the first half looked to be a defensive struggle. Jacksonville State forced the Golden Eagles to punt four times never allowing them to get more than five yards

into JSU territory.

The final Tennessee Tech drive of the first half saw the Golden Eagles march sixty-five yards down the field in just over two minutes to score on a one yard run to tie the game at seven going into the half.

Receiving the second half kickoff the Golden Eagles responded much like the Gamecocks did at the beginning of the game leading an opening drive down the field. Tennessee Tech moved the ball seventy-two yards in eleven plays and took a 14-7 lead midway through the third.

The Gamecocks would answer the call though in their following possession. Middleton carried much of the load helping lead JSU down to scoring position. In the red zone Blanchard rolled out and saw space and took it in for a thirteen yard TD scramble. After James Esco's PAT the game again was locked up at 14.

During Tennessee Tech's next possession the game entered the fourth quarter. Tech opened the pass game on the drive and completed three passes over ten yards including a 43 yarder that moved the ball down to JSU's ten. The Golden Eagles would punch in another touchdown and take a 21-14 lead.

Jacksonville State tried to respond a few times but were continuously

shut down. The final attempt was a drive that started at JSU's own 13 and moved all the way to Tech's 39 yard line before a pass from Blanchard to Middleton would be fumbled and recovered by Tech.

The Golden Eagles would run out the clock and soar to victory.

With the loss JSU falls from sole possession of the OVC lead and chaos ensues. Now, JSU, Tenn Tech, and Eastern Kentucky are tied in conference play. Eastern Kentucky controls their destiny as they still have both JSU and Tech on the schedule.

Tech holds the tie breaker over JSU so the Gamecocks must beat Eastern Kentucky (and the rest of their schedule) and then have Tenn Tech fall to one of their two challenges remaining in Murray State or Eastern Kentucky.



Calvin Middleton (3) only rushed for 69 yards in the homecoming loss.
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