Culinary Class Serves Awareness

By EMILY HAYES
NEWS EDITOR

Students scurried to prepare for yesterday’s Wellness Wednesday, marinating chicken, arranging centerpieces, toasting pecans — all for a special event hosted to raise Breast Cancer Awareness.

Cindy Moon, president of the Dietetics Culinary & Hospitality Association, is proud of the work her Quantity Foods class puts into each month’s event. As part of the Culinary Hospitality Management Program and the Dietetics Program, its primary goal is to teach students how to prepare foods in commercial quantity and how to work in a professional kitchen.

“The class is divided in two sections,” describes Moon. Around her students measure tablecloths and arrange pink ribbons. “We have our front of the house team, which is responsible for all the decorations, for serving, as well as checking in people as they walk in.”

Then there’s what’s known as the ‘back of the house.’ Here’s where all the kitchen prep

in THE NEWS

Presenting ‘Princess and the Pea’

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, October 20-21, November 3-4 and 6.

An overbearing queen... a prince afraid of dragons and ogres... a homeless princess who fights dragons and ogres... a doctor who cures everything from allergies to knobby knees... and last but not least, Buffo, the jester/musician — if you call the kazoo a musical instrument!

Will the prince find the princess or will he have to marry the queen’s choice? Will the queen foil all of the plans? Will the doctor find a cure for what ails the prince? Will the homeless princess find a home? Will Buffo ever stop playing that ridiculous melody? Join us to find out.

Blood Drive

A critical need for blood has increased the importance of an upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive on the JSU campus. Especially needed at this time is type O-positive, as the regional supply of that type is at an emergency level due to recent high demand.

The JSU campus blood drive will be today from 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium.

Please share the gift of life— give blood.
Alabama writer
Ted Dunagan visits JSU

By COURTNEY RAY
STAFF WRITER

Up-and-coming writer and fellow Alabamian, Ted Dunagan, will be on campus once again next week, courtesy of friends of the Houston Cole Library.

Dunagan has appeared previously at Jacksonville State University as part of the On the Brink conference of emerging writers of the south. The event coincides with the release of the third book in Dunagan’s series about growing up in the rural south, near Grove Hill, Alabama. Dunagan’s first two novels, A Yellow Watermelon and Secret of the Satilla, have won many awards, including Georgia Author of the Year in the Young Adult Category. The first novel was even chosen for inclusion on the Georgia Center for the Book’s inaugural list of “25 Books All Young Georgians Should Read.” The third novel is entitled Trouble on the Tombigbee, and it is sure to be as inspiring as its predecessors.

The series follows the friendship of two characters, twelve-year-old Ted Dillon and Poulton, who are based on Dunagan himself and his real-life African American friend. Ted and Poulton soon discover that growing up in 1948 South Alabama provides a backdrop for racial tension and the war over blacks’ civil rights, which are certainly recurring themes throughout the series. The youngsters integrate the cotton fields and promise that they will one day eat ice cream together in spite of their surroundings.

Dunagan’s suspenseful plots are thickly populated by a colorful cast of characters, including bank robbers, bootleggers, questionable lawyers, and preachers. His writing style is so rich in detail that it appeals to all the senses. Not only are these books an exciting read, they also show the growth in the characters themselves and their understanding of the world around them. These novels are an entertaining, yet truthful, depiction of life in the rural south.

Dunagan lives in Monticello, Georgia, with his wife. In addition to his novels, he writes features and columns for The Monticello News.

This event will be held today, Thursday October 13th, at 7:00 p.m. at Houston Cole Library in Room 1103 B. It is open to the public, and there is no charge. Mr. Dunagan’s books will be available for purchase and signing, and refreshments will be served after the presentation.

On October 16, there is a “Love Can Be Blind” Awareness event scheduled from 6-8 p.m. on the TMB lawn. This event will feature various speakers and survivors of domestic violence and is hosted by the African American Association.

Be sure to check out the No Stereotypes Campaign photographs in the lobby of the Houston Cole Library. No Stereotypes is an Alabama based anti-violence campaign created by relationship violence advocate, Brigitte Starr and freelance photographer Amy Mims Sanford. The photographs feature actual survivors and their loved ones and remind us that intimate partner violence affects all ethnic groups, ages, races, socioeconomic backgrounds and orientations. To learn more about the campaign and to see additional images, visit No Stereotypes: An Anti-Violence Campaign on Facebook.

These events are co-sponsored by JSU Counseling Services, African American Association, Gamma Sigma Sigma, JSU Peer Educators, JSU Honors Program, and SOAR. For more information, contact Counseling Services at 782-5475.
BRIEFS

Every Thursday during the month of October, Cooter Brown's will donate 15% of all sales (Lunch and Dinner) to the Marching Southerners LONDON fund. We hope all Southerners and JSU fans will go have some GREAT food and help out The Marching Ballerinas' "March to London."

In honor of breast cancer awareness month, JSU's October Wellness Wednesday luncheon on October 12 will feature cancer-fighting foods. To make your reservations for October's Wellness Wednesday, please call Lynn at 256-782-5054. Cost is $5 for student and $7 for faculty/staff.

Congratulations to Mardracus Russell, Jacksonville State University's Employee of the Month for October 2011. Russell has worked as an Admissions Counselor in the Department of Admissions since August 2009.

From page one, Wednesday

She indicates a student chopping a colorful array of peppers, another checking on toasting pecans.

Due to this month's theme, everything prepared was cancer-fighting foods. Wednesday's menu included a Blueberry Walnut Salad, Chicken and Mushrooms with Zucchini, and a Gingersnap Banana Frozen Yogurt Parfait. Ample thought goes into developing each month's menu. Every student provides a sample and the students vote.

Then comes the practice. A trial run is done the Wednesday before each event in front of a four-person panel. Tables are set and food is prepared and served exactly as it will be the following week. "The instructors and faculty that make up our test panel taste all the food and they score us," explains Moon. "Then we make adjustments as needed. This time we added a little more garlic to the zucchini, added rolls to the table. Little things like that."

Wellness Wednesday events always provide healthful information, this month's by Gina Mabrey and the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) department. Guests are given complimentary copies of each recipe to enjoy at home and as an added bonus, complete meals always measure under 600 calories.

"Our food is not necessarily budget-friendly, because we use expensive ingredients," says Moon. "But they're definitely healthy."

Wellness Wednesday is always open to the public. The next lunch takes place Nov. 2 at noon. November is American Diabetes Awareness Month, therefore all food will be diabetic friendly. The cost for students is $5 and $7 for faculty/staff and the public.

Contact Lynn Steward at (256) 782-5054 to make a reservation.

Candidates chosen at homecoming pageant

By EMILY HAYES
NEWS EDITOR

A large crowd turned out for last week's homecoming pageant as top contestants for ton, Shelby Truitt, and Kristin Young. "I am honored that I will have a chance to represent my school and my sorority."
homecoming pageant

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NEWS EDITOR

A large crowd turned out for last week's homecoming pageant as top contestants for King and Queen were presented to a panel of judges. Hosted by the SGA, eighteen women and nine men vied for a spot in this year's court. Of these, 11 women and 8 men were selected.

Candidates for Queen include Lydia Berkey, Amanda Byrd, Kristi Darnell, Maggie Fletcher, Lauren Herring, Ashley Lyons, Beth Milam, Taylor Nicolle, Madison Stanton, Shelby Truitt, and Kristin Young.

Clay Blackwell, Kaleb Cargel, Christopher Conde, John Guthrie, Logan Huggins, Brandon Self, Courtney Thrash, and Justin Wright make up the candidates for King.

“It is a privilege to have been selected as one of the top contestants for the 2011 Homecoming Court,” says senior Amanda Byrd and president of JSU's Phi Mu chapter.

“I am honored that I will have a chance to represent my school and my sorority.”

Voting begins at midnight and closes at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20 for the top five male and female finalists. These winners will then compete for the titles of King and Queen and their court on Oct. 27.

Students may vote by logging in to their myJSU account.

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Saturday, October 15

Pinhoti Trail Hike
Meet at 9 a.m. at Shoal Creek Ranger District Parking Lot
$5/student | $10/person

Thursday, October 18

Speaker Sherman Pitts, current CFO for Red Diamond Inc. 4 p.m.
Merrill Hall, Room 250

Carnation King Pageant 5:00-10:00 p.m.
Leone Cole Auditorium
Admission: $2

SOAR/Survivors Overcoming Abusive Relationships 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Houston Cole Library, Room 1102

Wednesday, October 19

Domestic Violence Program 6:00-8:00 p.m.
on the TMB Lawn
WLJS Interview: Beach Party (!)

By THE STAFF OF WLJS
SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

The local band Beach Party (!) began in February 2011, when writer Trace William Cowen drunkenly wrote and recorded a noisy break-up anthem which would later become “Massacre.” At the time, Trace was finishing up his online film series “I Like You,” itself a meditation on love & relationships. The song was left alone until, several weeks later, Trace decided to finish it. Members include Trace William Cowen - vocals/keys, Killa Cam - drums/backup vocals, Matt Blaskowski - guitar/backup vocals, and Caed Turner - bass/backup vocals.

WLJS: Where did the name Beach Party (!) come from?
BP (!): We had a guy who was originally in the band, and he wanted to call the band Zombie Beach Party, and we thought the whole zombie thing was played out. So we dropped zombie and kept beach party; then Trace added the (!). If you look at it, it kinda looks dirty. (Trace) It happened by accident because I originally wanted it to just be an exclamation point, but Facebook wouldn’t let me. So I tried some different stuff and that’s how it turned out.

WLJS: That’s a great story, and it was interesting to us because we had never seen anything like that before. Now what are some of the influences that the band has?
BP (!): I think the best part of this band is that we all pull from totally different areas. We all like that Beatles and Blink 182, which is one band that all unites us. (Matt) I’m really digging Sleeping with Sirens (Trace) I am a humongous Kanye West fan as well as Demi Lovato and Lupe Fiasco (Caed) I am completely infatuated with Christina Perry (Killa Cam) Right now, Selena Gomez, you can make fun of me if you want, but she is fire right now.

WLJS: All of those artists are great artists in their own respect. Now we are already spinning the track “Massacre,” what are the plans on an album?
BP (!): We are working to get one out soon. We have a new song titled “Graduation Day” that is less synthetic than “Massacre”. It’s real.

WLJS: We are looking forward to spinning all of the songs off of the new album when it is done. Now, what are the plans for playing venues?
BP (!): We have played Brother’s Bar in Jacksonville, The Smoking Moose in Anniston, The Nick in Birmingham, Swayze’s in Marietta GA, The Hangar Venue in GA, and we have upcoming shows in Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida.

WLJS: Now we got wind of Cam and Trace doing something on your own. Can you talk about it a little?
Trace: Killa Cam & the Invisible Man is a side project that he and myself put together over the summer. It’s an extension of an old idea Cameron had, but never used, mixed with an idea I had while sharing a cigarette with him on his front porch. I compile, mix, and blend 20-30 songs for each set, and Cameron plays live drums on top. It’s a crazy, club-oriented collection of sounds for the ADHD in all of us.

WLJS: That’s really cool guys. Hopefully we can get out to see you guys play somewhere around here. For the full interview check out WLJS’ YouTube channel at youtube.com/user/wljs919#p/u.

Calvin and Hobbes

Courtesy gocomics.com
A "Shutter Island" meets "Baby Blues" plot makes for an interesting and twisted movie. "Dream House" stars Daniel Craig, Rachel Weisz, and Naomi Watts, and it's a definite must-see this year for lovers of psychological thrillers or a good mystery.

A family leaves the city for their "dream house" in the suburbs. Will Atenton (Daniel Craig) leaves his job so that he can spend more time with his wife (Rachel Weisz) and their two young daughters.

Will is supposed to work from home, writing a book. However, shortly after moving in strange occurrences begin happening in and around the house, bothering the family.

The family learns of a brutal murder that took place in the house years earlier. A woman and her two daughters were shot and killed and the husband was shot by his wife before she died. The Atenton family is left in their new house to wonder why the man had killed his own family. The only real clues Will can get are from his neighbor, Ann Patterson (Naomi Watts). Ann seems to be the only person who knows anything about what happened and who is willing to talk about it.

While "Dream House" is a good ghost story, with twists that will catch someone off-guard if they are not paying close attention, for the most part many of the twists are predictable but still interesting.
ENTERTAINMENT

Hidden Within: Eric Standley and Crimson McCaslin

By EMILY GLASER
STAFF WRITER

Hidden Within: The Work of Crimson McCaslin & Eric Standley opened in the Jacksonville State University Hammond Hall Art Gallery on Thursday, Oct. 6. The works will be on exhibition until Friday, Nov. 4.

Both of the artists were at the opening reception and were engaging in conversation with students, faculty and community members about their artwork.

Crimson McCaslin’s works consist of embroidery on various objects, such as aprons and handkerchiefs. They deliberately tell the story of her childhood falling apart. A childhood which was not fairytale like in

Octubafest

By ZACH TYLER
STAFF WRITER

The Daniel L. Walters Department of Music’s fourth annual Octubafest took place Sunday afternoon at the Performance Center in Mason Hall.

The somber recital featured ten pieces of tuba and euphonium music performed by Jacksonville State University’s tuba and euphonium ensemble, comprised of ten JSU students and leader Christopher D. Hosmer.

The group was accompanied beautifully on the piano by Dr. Legare McIntosh, head of the Music Department.

Personal favorites from this concert would have to be the opening piece—“O Mio Babbino Caro” from the opera “Gianni Schicchi,” performed by Mr. Hosmer, and “Czardas,” performed by Matt Owen.

The tradition of Octubafests (which are held mostly at universities) began with Harvey Phillips in 1974.

Mr. Phillips was a tireless promoter of the tuba and mentor to JSU’s Mr. Hosmer, who attained his Master of Music in tuba performance from Indiana University where Phillips taught. Phillips introduced festivals such as Octubafest as a way to promote tuba and euphonium music.

The tuba is one of the newest members of the brass instruments family, and as such, it has a relatively small repertory. What tuba music there is exists largely due to the efforts of Mr. Phillips—he personally inspired and commissioned over 200 pieces of music himself.
'Leading Ladies' leads drama department's fall season

By KARA COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, JSU's drama department put on a production of Ken Ludwig's side-splitting comedy Leading Ladies. Large crowds turned out for each performance, laughing and applauding throughout. "We've had very good audiences," director Susan McCain said. "We had a great crowd on opening night, especially for a Thursday."

The show is fast-paced and exaggerated, presenting various physical challenges for the actors. McCain said that the entire cast developed their characters very well, and that they have all pushed themselves to their physical limits. One character spends an entire scene skating back and forth across the stage, the two male leads spend over half the play in dresses and high heels, and the entire cast performs a wonderfully choreographed Tango.

I asked Meghan Browning, who played Audrey, if skating on stage was difficult. "At first it was," she said. "I don't think I'd skated since I was in first grade! So I had to practice a lot."

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Everyone in the cast is currently studying in Jacksonville State's theater program, with the exception of Lundy. He is a high school senior, homeschooling in Cedartown, Georgia. When asked how he become involved with the show here he said, "Ms. McCain is involved with our community theater in Cedartown. She cast me as Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz. She invited me to audition for Leading Ladies, and the next thing I knew, I got a phone call saying I had the part of Leo!"

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UTM Rally Drops Gamecock Volleyball In Five Sets

MARTIN, Tenn. - The Jacksonville State volleyball team jumped to an early lead at second-place UT Martin on Monday but the Skyhawks rallied and handed the Gamecocks a 3-2 (18-25, 23-25, 25-15, 25-17, 15-7) loss in Ohio Valley Conference action.

Just two days after falling league-leading Morehead State on the road, the Gamecocks (6-14, 4-6 OVC) had the second-place Skyhawks (12-7, 7-2 OVC) on the ropes. UTM mounted a rally, however, riding 34 digs from national digs leader Kasey Elswick and double-digit kills from five different players to pull off the comeback.

Jax State got 25 of its season-high 102 digs from senior Lauren Harkins from the outside hitter position. A native of Louisville, Ky., and already the school's career digs leader, Harkins moved her career total to 1,957 and passed Eastern Kentucky’s Jessica Sabath for ninth place on the OVC’s career digs list.

Harkins led a group of four Gamecocks with double-digit kills. Annie Koontz pitched in 13, while Jenna Miller hit .714 for a four-match homestand.

Lauren Harkins (22) contributed 25 of the team’s 102 digs by JSU against UT-Martin.

Photo by Sports Information Desk

JSU Football Climbs to No. 10/11 in Top 25 Polls

Jacksonville State moved up two spots to No. 10 in this week’s FCS Coaches Top 25 football poll and up to No. 11 in the Sports Network/Fathead.com poll, which were both released on Monday.

The Gamecocks, 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference, were open last week and moved back into the Top 10 for the first time since being ranked No. 9 in the preseason poll. The Gamecocks moved up one spot in the Sports Network/Fathead.com poll after being ranked 12th in both polls last week.

Georgia Southern remained No. 1 for the third straight week, while Northern Iowa is ranked second and Montana State is third in both polls.

Jax State has now been ranked for 37 straight weeks in the Top 25 polls, which is the longest such stretch in the school's 108-year history and is now 51-15 against OVC competition to post the best conference winning percentage among active schools of any team in the FCS.

The Gamecocks return to Ohio Valley Conference action this week against Austin Peay, the second of three straight road games. JSU returns to Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium on Oct. 29 against Tennessee Tech for Homecoming and kickoff is set for 3 p.m.

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Lopez Caballo Fires School Record 66 to Win APSU Intercollegiate

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Sophomore Lourdes Lopez Caballo shattered the tournament record on Tuesday to win the F&M Bank APSU Intercollegiate while guiding the Jacksonville State women's golf team to a second-place finish in a record-breaking event.

Trailing by two shots and in a tie for fifth after Monday's first round, Lopez Caballo blistered the 6,008-yard, par-72 Links at Novadell for a six-under 66 to claim her first career win. The native of Cadiz, Spain, set school records for lowest 18-hole score and best 18 holes to par, while tying teammate Lucia Fernandez Valdes' previous record for lowest 36-hole score with a 139.

The Gamecocks enjoyed a record-setting day as a team, as well, turning in a final round 289, which ties the 2010-11 Gamecocks' school record that was set at the Great Smokies Women's Collegiate. Their 36-hole 588 was the second best in program history, behind that same tournament from last season.

The Gamecocks' 289 broke the tournament record for low 18 holes but beat Murray State, who held a six-shot lead after Monday's opening round, by just two strokes. The second-best score in team history was enough for the Racers to hold off JSU and claim the team title.

Despite the record-breaking round, Lopez Caballo held off Murray State's Alexandra Lennartsson to win the individual title by one shot. Lennartsson carded a four-under 68, two shots better than the previous tournament record to finish second, while the Racers' Morgan Cross fired a two-under 70 to finish third.

Fernandez-Valdes had JSU's second-best round of the day with a one-over 73, but the Cordoba, Argentina, native finished tied for 16th after an opening round 78 on Monday. Junior Ornella Arrizon shot a 75 in Tuesday's round to go with the 75 she shot on Monday to finish tied for 13th with JSU senior Astrid Parson. Parson carded a 77 in the final round to give her a 36-hole total of 150.

Junior Luz Armijo-Fernandez turned in a 75 to wrap up her 36-hole 154, a score that tied her for 28th in the 64-player field.

Lopez Caballo was named the OVC Women's Golfer of the Week for her record-setting performance.

 Slotboom, Sanders Earn OVC Cross Country Accolades

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – Jacksonville State freshmen Giselle Slotboom and Mickey Sanders were recognized by the Ohio Valley Conference on Tuesday as they were named the OVC Runners of the Week, the league office announced.

Both paced the Gamecocks this past weekend at the JSU Foothills Invitational. Slotboom claimed medalist honors in the women's 5K, while Sanders posted his third top-five finish of the season in the men's event at Oxford Lake this past Saturday.

Slotboom put her mark on the Jax State cross country record book with a swift time of 17:31.82, the fastest 5K time in the program's history. The time was the second-fastest 5K time in the OVC this season and helped her top the 111-runner field by 44 seconds. The freshman from Sassenheim, The Netherlands, has won her last two meets of the season and has been the Gamecocks' top finisher in the last three meets. She helped JSU to a second place finish out of 12 schools at the JSU-hosted event.

This week's honor is the second of the season for Slotboom. She shared the Sept. 20 honor with Olivia Klaus of Eastern Kentucky.

Sanders, a native of Marquette, Mich., has been a mainstay in the JSU line up as he has been the Gamecocks' top finisher in four of the five meets this season. The freshman covered the 8K course in 26:27.10. His finish helped Jax State to a third place finish out of ten teams.

Slotboom, Sanders and the rest of the Gamecocks will have a final tune up for the OVC Championships as they travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala. to compete in the Alabama Crimson Classic on Saturday, Oct. 15. The OVC Championships will be contested on the Eastern Kentucky campus on Oct. 29.
Another Nail Biter leads to a Gamecock Loss

By DANIEL PORTER
SPORTS WRITER

Last Friday night the Gamecocks took on the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech in a match that would go down to the final minute. The Golden Eagles came into the match with only three victories in the season, and none in OVC play. The Gamecocks have struggled early also with only two wins entering Friday’s action. Tennessee Tech seemed to control the early portion of the match and applied pressure numerous times. Missed shots and Gamecock stops kept the Golden Eagles off the scoreboard. Just before the break Jacksonville had a chance at a header but the ball was stopped by Tennessee Tech just before the goal.

“IT’S just unfortunate we couldn’t get more of those opportunities in the back of the net”

JSU’s third straight double overtime OVC match. The second overtime was tight as well and in the closing minutes both teams really began to press their opponents trying to break the tie and win. With 1:45 remaining in the final overtime the struggle and pressing was ended when Tennessee Tech put a goal in the net. The Golden Eagles earned their first OVC victory of the season. Jacksonville State falls to 2-11-2 on the season. Pelletier and Courtney Hurt provided many scoring opportunities for the Gamecocks as well as defense along with the rest of the Gamecocks.

By AUSTIN FAULKNER
SPORTS WRITER

For the past several years, off weeks have caused problems for the Gamecocks. They have an 8-4 record coming off of bye weeks in the past and, up until the past three years, have had a pretty good stretch going.

“I kinda knew Coach Crowe was going to keep the intensity up, as far as practicing in full pads. I felt like that’s what we need to do to continue our winning and get better as a team,” sophomore linebacker Clarence Jackson said.

Last year, JSU had an 8-0 start to the season before their off week. After that they dropped three of their last four games.

They look to change that trend this week as they take on the Austin Peay Governors in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Austin Peay may be the team that has had the most dramatic turn-around from a year ago.

After finishing 2-9 overall a year ago and only scoring three points against the Gamecocks, Peay has gone 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the OVC. Tallying up wins against conference opponents Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State but losing to UT-Martin, Cincinnati and Memphis.

“We have a very significant challenge in Austin Peay. They have gotten so much better since we saw them last year,” Coach Crowe said.

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Tennessee Tech finally broke free and was able to put the first goal on the board in the 64th minute. Jacksonville tried to respond but kept getting shut down, and then had to keep the Golden Eagles from adding another goal. In the 82nd minute Senior Chelsea Pelletier came through and was able to score a goal to tie it up for the Gamecocks. The match ended with the tie at one. Jacksonville has already had two ties on the season. The first overtime period didn’t bring much as both teams struggled to get offenses set up correctly and get good shots at scoring. The match went to the second overtime which became she thought the team played “well, connected on passes and had more scoring opportunities.” Hurt added, “It’s just unfortunate we couldn’t get more of those opportunities in the back of the net.” The highlight of the night was Chelsea Pelletier’s goal which has placed the Senior from Fort Worth, Texas fourth on the school’s career goals list tied with JSU great Ashley Martin with 20 goals. Senior Lindsey Boehmner was credited with the assist on Pelletier’s goal.

Tennessee Tech placed fourth and fifth respectively in the women’s race, while Columbus State garnered a silver finish on the men’s side.

The Gamecocks will stage its final tune up before the OVC Championships on Saturday, Oct. 15, competing in the Crimson Classic, hosted by the University of Alabama. The OVC Championship will be hosted by Eastern Kentucky on Oct. 29.

Slotboom Leads Gamecock Women at JSU Foothills Invite

OXFORD, Ala. – Jacksonville State freshman Giselle Slotboom recorded the fastest time in JSU cross country history en route to claiming gold at the JSU Foothills Invitational at Oxford Lake on Saturday morning.

Slotboom led the Gamecock women to a second-place finish, while the Jax State men claimed a tie for third with Clayton State.

Slotboom, from Sassenheim, The Netherlands, covered the 5K layout in blazing speed with a time of 17:31.82. The second-place-finisher, Polina Bakkina of West Alabama crossed the line in 18:15.87. Slotboom’s time is the fastest since Ericka Stam registered a time in the 18 minute range last season. Stam turned in a top-10 marking with a time of 18:36.26. Kailey Jensen finished 12th after clocking an 18:52.40, which was her top time of the season in the 5K. Kevyn Tracy rounded out the top-20 competitors after crossing the finish line at the 19:24.93 mark, a season-best in the 5K meets. Freshmen Ryan Green and Whitley Towns finished 25th (19:30.24) and 26th (19:30.64) respectively.

Division III power Emory University claimed both team titles at the JSU Foothills Invitational, scoring 32 points on the women’s side and 85 in the men’s event.

In the men’s 8K, Jax State freshman Mickey Sanders paced the short-handed squad as junior Matt Brick was taking the Alabama State Teacher’s Examination on Saturday morning. Sanders finished fourth in the field of 94 with a time of 26:27.10. It marks the fourth time the Marquette,