

NIGHTMARE ON MOUNTAIN STREET

Friday, October 28

Homecoming Step Competition
Leone Cole Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 30

United Nations Day Tea
International House, 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 29

Homecoming Parade 11 a.m.
JSU vs. Tennessee Tech
Burgess-Snow Field, 3 p.m.

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JSU Students Featured in Sweeney Todd



By KARA COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Heads will roll in Gadsden this weekend as CharACTers Entertainment, in association with Gadsden State Community College, present Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.

The musical thriller features several JSU students, including Chad Miller in the title role of Sweeney Todd.

Miller is a theater performance major joined by JSU drama major Jacob Cummings, who plays the role of Tobias Ragg (Toby).

Cummings is impressed that a show of this magnitude was

put together in just three weeks' time. "It is a highly difficult show with extreme vocal demand," he says, "and with the limited amount of time we were given to put it together, I think we've done quite well."

Randa Tolbert performs in the ensemble and is also Lucy's stand-in during the Poor Thing number. As with every show, her favorite part of Sweeney Todd is "reconnecting with old friends and making new ones."

Tolbert plans to graduate from JSU with

a degree in English and hopes to become a professional writer or editor. Cummings intends to pursue a career in theater. Miller will relocate to Huntsville next month to pursue a career as a professional actor. "I plan to continue growing and pushing the limits of what I'm able to do as a performer."

Miller encourages everyone to support fellow JSU students as they taste the deceptively delicious pies made by Mrs. Lovette, portrayed by JSU alumnus Angie Robinson. He also issues a warn-

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I am a Survivor

By EMILY GLASER
STAFF WRITER

Pamela Torruella is a survivor. According to the American Cancer Society, one in eight women will have invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. A 21-year employee of Jacksonville State University, Torruella is one of those women. She has been cancer-free for 11 years.

Torruella has no history of breast cancer in her family, but discovered a lump during a self-examination in December of 1999. She had a biopsy and continued to live life assuming nothing was wrong. She went alone to hear the biopsy results on Dec. 26 and when asked if anyone had come with her, she knew "everything wasn't fine." The biopsy was malignant and Torruella was diagnosed with Stage II breast cancer.

According to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure web site, Stage II consists of a tumor between two and five centimeters. Torruella underwent a mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Yet she didn't let her diagnosis slow her down. She couldn't.

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inTHE NEWS

TENNESSEE TECH 'AN ENORMOUS CHALLENGE'

FROM SPORTS WIRE:

Opening Comments:

"We entering into the four biggest weeks of the year for us and I think if there is one thing about this time of year – there is no such thing as a 100 percent football team. Both the guys we have here today are carrying bumps and bruises, and the game feels a lot different than it did in August. We look back and the things that we have accomplished and what it represents.

On Tennessee Tech

"We have an enormous challenge with Tennessee Tech. They are somewhat like us because we are a No. 3, 4 and 5 team in every statistical category and they are the same way. We are a good football team as our record would say and they are a good football team by their record this season. It's all about how we play and how well we take a game plan and scouting report and turn it into performance.

"They are getting outstanding quarterback play out of (Tre) Lamb and I think we are getting great quarterback play out of Coty (Blanchard). I think both quarterbacks have to play well to give their team's a chance to win and whoever plays the best is probably going give their team the biggest advantage in this game. Both team's have quality running backs. I think it is a pretty even match up, it's just who is going to bring their best preparation coming into this game. We have to win up front and that is where it starts on the defense and the offense."



International students of JSU tell us about where they come from in this new section of The Chanticleer.

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COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

CAMPUS CRIME

Saturday, October 15

- Violation of Student Code of Conduct on Forney Avenue

Monday, October 17

- Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency on Pelham Road
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct at Candlewood Apartments
- Medical Emergency at Fitzpatrick Hall

Tuesday, October 18

- Medical Emergency at Stadium Tower
- Threat Assessment at Daugette Hall
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct at Crow Hall Parking Lot
- Intimidating a Witness at Crow Hall Parking Lot (still pending)
- Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle at Crow Hall Parking Lot

Wednesday, October 19

- Violation of Student Code of Conduct on Washington Street
- Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency at Crow Hall
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct at Logan Hall
- Threat Assessment at Brewer Hall (still pending)

Thursday, October 20

- Theft of Property at Logan Hall (still pending)
- Automobile Accident on Bennett Boulevard
- Theft of Property at Mason Hall (still pending)
- Elevator Alarm at Houston Cole Library

Friday, October 21

- Violation of Student Code of Conduct at Logan Hall
- Theft of Property at JSU Stadium
- Burglary - Penn House Apartments (still pending)

Jacksonville State University's International House will host its annual United Nations Day Tea on Sunday, October 30 from 2-4 p.m. Residents of the Colonel C.W. Daugette Jr. International House will give a formal presentation dressed in native costume and a then showcase a 50-minute performance of native dance and song. Refreshments and a social gathering will follow. All JSU faculty and students are encouraged to attend.

From page one, Todd

ing to potential audience members. "You may notice the actors on stage are a little hyper and crazy at times," he says. "That's because the blood we use in the show is actually syrup with red dye food coloring." Because the cast is backstage consuming large quantities, "We literally experience the most massive sugar rush. Does that in any way make us vampires?"

All performances will be at Wallace Hall on the campus of Gadsden State Community College. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. on October 27, 28 and 29 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 30. All seating is reserved and tickets are \$10 for students/seniors and \$12 for adults. These may be purchased online at www.WallaceHall.org or one hour prior to Showtime.

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She was a wife and mother. At the time her daughters Jennifer and Emily were 12 and 7, respectively. Plus she was an employee of the Registrar's Office.

In support of his wife and to calm their fears, Torruella's husband Chuck let his daughters cut his hair which he then shaved. Paul Turner, a good family friend, also shaved his. "Chuck has been bald ever since," Torruella says with a cheerful grin.

During six months of treatments, Torruella kept a normal lifestyle. Through it all she missed only a few days of work and stayed healthy through exercise. "Exercise kept me mentally healthy," she states. Today her favorite outlet is karate with Chuck, who teaches at World Yoshukai in Jacksonville. They've been practicing together since her diagnosis.

Torruella and family are also active in the fight against breast cancer. They've enjoyed participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life for the past 15 years, and Chuck serves on the karate studio's Relay committee team. Torruella and daughter Jennifer participated in Komen Race for the Cure last year in Birmingham, and Torruella is also proud of Jennifer's sorority Zeta Tau Alpha and the effort they put into raising funds for research. "Thinking about all the struggles she went through helps motivate me to be a better person and nurse," Jennifer says.

Along with her participation in events like Relay For Life and Race for the Cure, Torruella buys pink items throughout October. It's just another way to give back. She remains a strong believer in self breast examinations regardless of new studies that say otherwise. After all, she wouldn't have found her lump without one. She encourages all women to do monthly exams, especially her daughters. She also encourages young girls "to do anything they can to be aware of breast cancer."

THE TEASE

Dr. Jeremy Benson, Professor of Flute Studies in the David L. Walters Department of Music, was named a first prize winner at the Alexander & Buono International Flute Competition. He traveled to New York City with pianist Christopher-Joel Carter where he gave a solo debut recital at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, October 23rd

Jacksonville State University welcomes parents, family members, alumni and friends to campus as we celebrate Homecoming Week October 24-30, 2011. There is an entire week of activities leading up to the Homecoming Game and Family Day on October 29, when the JSU Gamecocks will take on the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles.

Homecoming Finalists

Queen

Maggie Fletcher
Age: 21
Hometown: Madison, AL

Lauren Herring
Age: 22
Hometown: Southside, AL

Ashley Lyons
Age: 21
Hometown: Marietta, GA

Beth Milam
Age: 21
Hometown: Trussville, AL

Kristin Young
Age: 19
Hometown: Ranburne, AL

King

Clay Blackwell
Age: 21
Hometown: Birmingham, AL

Logan Huggins
Age: 21
Hometown: Anniston, AL

Brandon Self
Age: 24
Hometown: Chickamauga, GA

Courtney Thrash
Age: 21
Hometown: Lincoln, AL

Justin Wright
Age: 22
Hometown: Anniston, AL

campusEVENTS

TODAY, October 27th

- Homecoming Queen and King Elections, 12am to 5pm
- Homecoming Pep Rally, King & Queen Announcement Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium, 8pm
- ISO's Halloween Party, 7-11, International House basemend. Everyone welcome, costume optional.

Friday, October 28th

- Departmental Door Judging
- Homecoming Step Competition
Pete Mathews Coliseum, 7:00pm

Saturday, October 29th

- Family Day/ Homecoming Day
- Homecoming Parade, 11:00am
- SGA Funny T-Shirts, 11:30am – 3:00pm
- SGA Tailgate, Dillon Field, 1pm – 3pm
- Homecoming Game, Burgess-Snow Field, 3pm, Jacksonville State vs. Tennessee Tech

Sunday, October 30

United Nations Day Tea
International House, 2 p.m.

OPINION

WLJS Interview: Brian Sella of The Front Bottoms

By **ANDREW HOLDERFIELD**
SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

Andrew Holderfield: So, I've gotta ask about the name. Where'd that come from? One of my friends told me that a "Front Bottom" is a euphemism for a woman's... ya know...

Brian Sella: (laughs) Yeah, I got the name from a movie called Sexy Beast. It's a very good movie with Ben Kingsley and he's on an airplane and the flight attendant is touching him, touching his 'Front Bottom' and I had never heard the term used before and I just kinda got a kick out of it and I just called Matt (Uychich, Drummer for TFBs) up and said 'Hey, why don't we call our band this?' and he was like, 'Sure, no problem.'

AH: I read that you guys started out considering yourselves a punk band, but you don't really anymore, even though a lot of people still compare you to bands like Defiance, Ohio and Andrew Jackson Jihad. Are those guys influences?

AH: Definitely. Maybe not so much of a musical influence, but more of a mindset influence. I definitely think that we're a 'punk band' in terms of the way that we, like, get things done and our whole attitude about things. But the music might develop and people might not consider it 'punk' music any more, and I probably agree with them, but I definitely think the way that we go about things.

AH: I know that some of the songs on your new self-titled album come from your previous EP 'Slow Dance to Soft Rock', but it seems like their is a overall narrative on the album. Would you consider it a concept album?

BS: I don't know if I'd call it a concept album, but there is definitely a continuing theme and a continuing character, or group of characters, that are going through situations. So, I don't know about

'concept album', but it certainly has fluidness about it.

AH: How's the road treating you guys?

BS: It's treating us very good! The road is something that me and Matt kinda live for. When we're home we're like, 'Oh, God! We're working these terrible jobs.' and we're just trying to make enough money to get back out on the road, but when we're out on the road every single day is an adventure. You get to meet people that you would never get to just sitting at home on the couch. Now we absolutely cannot wait to get back out there.

AH: You guys do landscaping or something, don't you?

BS: (laughs) Yeah, yeah. I used to work at a grocery store and Matt worked at a construction company that did a lot of landscaping and stuff and when we came back from the road this past time I decided to not go back to the grocery store and started working with Matt. Oh, god! It is back-breaking work, working 12 hour days, but you know, it keeps you active.

AH: It's definitely better playing music, right?

BS: Oh yeah! 100 percent!

AH: Are you guys surprised how quickly the album's taking off?

BS: Yeah, you know, we were. We've been kind of doing this for a long time and this was just kind of the next group of songs that we were going to release, and through

word of mouth people started digging on it a little harder and we just kind of kept playing shows and doing what we do. It's really rewarding to know that people are enjoying it as much as they are. That's the only reason that Matt and I do it, is for people to have a good time.

AH: Thanks for talking to us, man. The new CD is definitely in the running for Best of the Year, as far as we're concerned. So, keep up the great work and I'll see you guys soon!

BS: Thanks, man. That's such an honor! See you there!

Catch The Front Bottoms in Atlanta at the Masquerade on November 2nd. Their debut ALBUM can be found on their website, thefrontbottoms.com.



The Front bottoms Photo by the Staff of WLJS Special to THE CHANTICLEER

Present to YOU the 2nd Annual HELLoween Party
MONDAY - OCT 31st - Starting at 5:00 pm until 1:00 am
PRIZES - FOOD - Costume Contests
and all the METAL MUSIC you can handle
 Prizes will be given for scariest costume, best dead celebrity, and most outrageous
 Must be present at the time of the costume contest to win

Movie review: 50/50

By **COURTNEY RAY**
STAFF WRITER

50/50 boldly attempts to do the nearly impossible: make cancer funny. Not only does it succeed, it manages to effortlessly switch gears between hilarity and heartfelt drama in a manner that'll have you crying one minute and in stitches the next.

The movie follows the story of Adam, a 27-year-old radio program writer from Seattle. Played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Adam is blindsided with news that he has a rare form of spinal cancer. The story examines different relationships and how they are affected by the onslaught of disease, and Gordon-Levitt is accompanied by a well-cast group of characters. Seth Rogen stars as Adam's best friend Kyle. Rogen's in-your-face comedy is sometimes hit-or-miss, but he comes through in this film as an



excellent complement to his tightly-wound counterpart. Bryce Dallas Howard acts as Adam's girlfriend Rachel, a character you will certainly love to hate. Anna Kendrick as Adam's therapist and Anjelica Houston, his mother, round out a troupe both highly likeable and believable.

Being that I'm a nerd, I researched 50/50 on the Internet Movie Database (IMDB) and was surprised to learn

the movie's based on a true story. Seth Rogen's real-life friend Will Reiser was diagnosed with cancer at an early age and later went into remission. Rogen helped Reiser cope through the difficult time and convinced him to write a screenplay during their early twenties. Smart man.

I saw this film on a Tuesday night in Oxford's Quintard Mall, a tactic I highly recommend since tickets cost only six dollars on Tuesdays. Between my obnoxious laughter and not-so-silent sniffles, I fell for this movie and encourage everyone to see it. Don't worry ladies: Gordon-Levitt is just as sexy bald as he is with hair. You'll be talking about this story on the drive home and chatting it up to your friends for days to come. Bring some tissue though – you're gonna need it.

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ENTERTAINMENT

New girls on the block



Kat Dennings (l) and Beth Behrs (r) are girls from different backgrounds in a similar situation in the CBS comedy show.

Photo by www.BuddyTv.com

By **PAIGE BAKER**

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This fall, many television networks unleashed new series and several of them have fared relatively well as far as ratings are concerned. Some of the new comedies that aired are trying something a little different by targeting audiences from 18 to 29 with real life situations. Topping the list of funny comedies this season are two shows that star funny leading ladies.

2 Broke Girls, which airs Monday nights on CBS, has fared very well due to the fact that it is on after *Two and a Half Men*. Many who anticipated the new season of *Men*, now starring actor Ashton Kutcher, stuck around to watch *Girls* thus the ratings for the new show went through the roof. In *Girls*, the main characters Max and Caroline (Kat Dennings and Beth Behrs) are the exact opposite of each other, but they find themselves working in the same dinner as waitresses to make ends meet. Max and Caroline have completely opposite backgrounds (think *The Prince and the Pauper*). Max has always provided for herself, while Caroline was a trust fund baby. Was being the key word, Caroline runs into some misfortune and has to deal with the fact that she is now just like Max, flat broke. They end up finding that they have more in common than they think and they form an unlikely friendship. Their views on life and the difference in their upbringing makes for some great comedic chemistry between the pair.

Another show trying its hand at having a leading lady is *New Girl*,

starring funny girl Zooey Deschanel. The series premiered on Fox this fall and ratings soared. It is the first sitcom in 20 seasons to win its first three nights with adults 18-49.

The last time a show did this was with ABC's *Step by Step* in the fall of 1991.

Jess, an elementary school teacher who has just broken up with her boyfriend, realizes that she needs to find a new place to live. She finds a post on Craigslist and against her better judgment she decides to go meet the guys who posted the ad. It ends up being three very nice and attractive guys who need to find a roommate quickly. They all decide that Jess would be a great addition to the apartment. Jess moves in and suddenly the guys realize that Jess is a free spirit and does not mind expressing her quirky personality. This dynamic between the three guys and Deschanel makes for an amazing comedy full of laughs. It airs on Tuesday nights

at 9/8c, but the entire show has been pulled from the lineup until November 1st. Apparently, *The X Factor*, which airs right before *New Girl*, is increasing its time slot from one and a half hour spot into a two hour spot. This has caused a lot of the fans of the new show to be upset with Fox, and they have been voicing their complaints all over the internet.

Some of the other new series starring women, like NBC's *The Playboy Club*, and ABC's *Pan Am* and *Charlie's Angels* all turned out to be big flops. *The Playboy Club* and *Charlie's Angels* have already been cancelled. The networks thought that these shows had retro appeal, but apparently the appeal did not translate to the audiences. Last week, *Pan Am* had a little over 5 million viewers, which was the lowest prime-time spot that night, which makes some people believe it will be next on the chopping block.



Zooey Deschanel and a stellar cast in Fox's comedy "New Girl" returns Nov. 1

Photo Courtesy of www.fox.com

Pancakes for PUSH America

By **MEGAN GARGIS**
STAFF WRITER

Pi Kappa Phi hosted their second annual pancake breakfast Saturday, October 22, to benefit PUSH America (People's Understanding of the Severely Handicap).

The event took place at the First United Methodist Church from 9 to 11 a.m. and members of Pi Kappa Phi were seen waving signs along Pelham Road promising a "breakfast" of pancakes and bacon.

Customers seemed excited to contribute. "Pi Kappa Phi has a great philanthropy and food is always a way to people's heart," said customer Lydia Berkey.

Organizer Zach Bohannon was hopeful about the outcome. "Hopefully we will be able to make a big donation to PUSH America after today."

Communication department welcomes alumni

The Communication Department will be providing refreshments to alumni on Saturday October 29th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Self Hall.

This is a great opportunity for students to gain knowledge and make connections with professionals in the communication field



Where in the world is... El Salvador?

By **CAMILA GONZALEZ**
SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

I am Camila Gonzalez and I was born in El Salvador.

El Salvador is ranked among the top 10 beaches to practice surfing. The most popular beach to go surfing is called El Tunco Beach (The Pig) and El Sunzal, both which lie next to each other. The waves reach approximately 7 to 10 feet high. Tourists from around the world visit El Salvador to surf.

The beach is only one of the amazing faces of El Salvador, though. It's the smallest country in the Americas, which earned it the nickname "The Tom Thumb of the Americas." Because of its size, people can travel from

beach to mountains in just two hours, and in between lies small and scenic villages. The country is bordered by Honduras to the northeast, Guatemala to the west and the Pacific Ocean to the south. More than eight million people reside in the country and eighty percent of the population practice catholicism. Although once conquered by Spain, the country gained its independence in 1821 together with four other central american countries. The capital is San Salvador.

Two seasons dominate El Salvador. The wet season runs from May through September, and the



The city of San Salvador is the Capital of El Salvador and is the largest city as well.

Photo Courtesy of www.theinternationalteacher.cyberbali.com

dry season from October through April. Temperatures average 85 degrees year-round and although it may get cool at night, it never drops below 65 degrees. El Salvador is heavily influenced by American culture. Citizens listen to American music and eat American fast food. American restaurants are scattered throughout San Salvador and they have menus in Spanish and in English. Personal surfing lessons are also available in English as well. Additionally, many schools are implementing

English into their classrooms.

I am proud to say Salvadoreans are a very happy and kind people. They'll welcome you into their homes and make you feel comfortable. Living in JSU's International House is a great place for language and culture and I've been able to meet many people from many different places. I've visited several countries including France, Argentina, Honduras, and Guatemala. But El Salvador is my home.



Green meets with media at OVC Basketball media day



JSU Basketball head coach James Green answered questions on the upcoming season.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Jacksonville State head coach James Green met with members of the media and talked about the Gamecocks’ upcoming season on Tuesday at the Ohio Valley Conference’s annual Basketball Media Day.

Green, entering his fourth season at the helm of the Gamecocks, enters the season with just four returnees and only one with more than one year of experience at the Division I level, but he expressed his excitement about the way his 11 newcomers have come together with those veterans so far in practice.

Forward Stephen Hall, the team’s lone senior and the only player that has more than one season of experience under his belt, leads the Gamecocks into the 2011-12 season. The 6-foot-6 native of Birmingham is the team’s leading returning scorer and rebounder after averaging 11.1 points and 5.0 rebounds per game a year ago. He was one of just two players that started all 30 games a year ago and scored in double figures in 18 of them.

Also back are sophomore guards Brian Williams and Frankie Bougher and sophomore forward Nick Cook. Williams, a native of Lawrenceville, Ga., saw action in all 30 games at the point guard as a true freshman last season and enters his second year atop the race for the team’s starting point guard position. Bougher, a 6-foot-5 shooting guard from Memphis, led the Gamecocks with a .600 3-point percentage as a reserve last year. Cook pitched in 2.3 points and 2.3 rebounds as a reserve in his true freshman campaign.

Green welcomes seven transfers and four prep players to the mix this season.

Junior college guards Ronnie Boggs, Mason Leggett, Isaac Fisher and Dion Waiters come in with forwards Tarvin Gaines and Rinaldo Mafra, while Terrence Turner will join the team after the conclusion of the fall semester after transferring from UNC Asheville in mid-year last season.

Guards Grant White and Darion Rackley get their college careers underway, as do Chris Deanes and Brayton Klaus.

The Gamecocks are picked to finish 10th in 2011-12 by the league’s head coaches, a poll that has Austin Peay at the top. Tennessee Tech is picked to finish in a close second, while Murray State, Tennessee State and defending champion Morehead State round out the top five, respectively.

Tennessee Tech’s Kevin Murphy is the Pre-season Player of the Year.

The Gamecocks open play for the 2011-12 season on Nov. 3 with a 7 p.m. exhibition game against West Georgia. They will play another exhibition against Oakwood on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. before opening the regular season at home on Nov. 11 against Miles College. Admission is free to the exhibition games, and season tickets are now available for JSU’s 13-game regular season schedule and can be obtained by calling the JSU ticket office at (256) 782-8499.

The Gamecocks will hold an open scrimmage on Saturday at 9 a.m. in Pete Mathews Coliseum as part of the weekend’s Homecoming festivities. Fans are invited to attend and get their first look at the 2011-12 team.

-From News Wire

No Huddle...

JSU Football ranked No. 13/14 in top 25 polls

Jacksonville State is ranked No. 13 and No. 14 in this weeks FCS Top 25 football polls, which were released on Monday.

The Gamecocks, 5-2 overall and 4-0 in the OVC, dropped in both polls following a 38-14 loss at the University of Kentucky on Saturday. JSU is No. 13 in the FCS Coaches Poll and No. 14 in The Sports Network/Fathead.com Top 25.

Georgia Southern remained first for the fifth straight week, followed by Northern Iowa, North Dakota State, Montana State and Appalachian State rounds out the Top 5 in both polls.

Jax State has now been ranked for 39 straight weeks in the Top 25 polls, which is the longest such stretch in the school’s 108-year history and is now 52-15 against OVC competition to post the best conference winning percentage among active schools of any team in the FCS. The Gamecocks are the only remaining undefeated team in OVC play this season.

The Gamecocks return to action this week against Tennessee Tech in a battle of the top two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Homecoming kickoff is set for 3 p.m. at Burgess-Snow Field and tickets are available by calling the JSU Athletic Ticket Office at 256-782-8499.

-From News Wire

FCS COACHES POLL (Oct. 24, 2011)

Team (1st Votes)	Record	Points	PR
1. Georgia Southern (27)	7-0	697	1
2. Northern Iowa (1)	6-1	666	2
3. North Dakota State	7-0	622	5
4. Montana State	7-1	618	3
5. Appalachian State	5-2	577	6
6. Lehigh	6-1	528	7
7. Sam Houston State	7-0	510	10
8. Montana	6-2	476	9
9. Wofford	5-2	451	4
10. James Madison	5-2	438	11
11. New Hampshire	5-2	421	12
12. Maine	6-1	403	14
13. Jacksonville State	5-2	393	8
14. Towson	6-1	348	17
15. South Dakota	5-3	276	19
16. Old Dominion	6-2	234	22
17. Jackson State	6-1	211	20
18. Indiana State	5-3	141	16
19. Tennessee Tech	4-2	131	23
20. Delaware	4-4	127	13
21. William & Mary	4-4	119	15
22. Alabama State	6-1	107	NR
23. Harvard	5-1	105	NR
24. Liberty	5-3	82	NR
25. North Dakota	4-3	62	18

Others receiving votes: Illinois State (59); Jacksonville (37); Norfolk State (33); Cal Poly (25); Missouri State (23); Eastern Washington (19); Central Arkansas (18); Chattanooga (15); Brown (14); Richmond (14); Youngstown State (13); Furman (12); Southern Illinois (9); Alcorn State (7); Sacramento State (7); Texas State (7); Albany (6); Florida A&M (5); Pennsylvania (5); Southern Utah (5); McNeese State (4); Massachusetts (3); San Diego (2); UT Martin (1).

JSU Women’s Basketball picked 9th in OVC poll

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Ohio Valley Conference announced its annual preseason prognostications for the 2011-12 women’s basketball season at the league’s media day in the Music City on Tuesday. Jacksonville State was picked ninth by the conference’s coaches and sports information directors.

The Gamecocks enter their second season under the direction of Annette Watts and looking to build off last season’s OVC Tournament experience. In Watts’ first season on the JSU bench, the veteran coach led the squad to a 10-21 overall mark and a six-win conference season. Jax State notched its first tournament win since 2005 last March with an opening round victory over Tennessee State to advance to the quarterfinals.

For the second-straight year, JSU will look to defy the preseason predictions as last season the squad was picked ninth among the league’s ten members last season. This season SIU Edwardsville becomes the OVC’s 11th team.

Defending regular season champion Tennessee Tech was selected the preseason favorite, garnering 193 points, including 13 first-place votes. The Skyhawks of UT Martin, who claimed the OVC Tournament crown and the league’s automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, was a close second with 187 points and nine first-place votes.

Eastern Illinois, Austin Peay and Morehead State round out the top-five teams in the poll. Murray State and Tennessee State were picked sixth and seventh respectively. SIUE tallied one more point (83) over JSU for the eighth spot. Eastern Kentucky and Southeast Missouri round out the poll.

SIUE will be playing a full conference schedule this year for the first time since joining the league in 2008. The Cougars will be eligible for the regular-season title this year and will be able to participate in post-season play in 2013.

The league also announced the 2011-12 Preseason All-OVC squad on Tuesday. JSU did not have representation on this year’s preseason team. The Gamecocks return three starters off last year’s squad in seniors Destiny Lane and Brittany Manning. Junior Danielle Vaughn, who led the OVC in field goal percentage as a freshman and sophomore, will key the post for Watts’ squad. Watts’ new-look 2011-12 squad features ten new faces that will be tested early with a tough pre-conference slate that will prepare the newcomers once conference season starts in December.

Jax State will host Emory University in its lone exhibition contest on Sunday, Nov. 6. Tip off is set for 2 p.m. at Pete Mathews Coliseum. The Gamecocks will test Southeastern Conference foes Mississippi State and Kentucky in a five-day span, beginning with the MSU contest to open the year on Friday, Nov. 11.

JSU’s home opener will be Thursday, Nov. 17 against NCAA Division II member LeMoyne-Owen. Season tickets for the 2011-12 season are available for purchase. Fans can purchase tickets by visiting the JSU Athletics Ticket Office in Kennamer Hall or by calling the ticket office at (256) 782-8499 or at 1-877-JSU-TIXX.

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Washaun Ealey (7) rushed for 120 yards and averaged 7.5 yards per carry against Kentucky.

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Kentucky goes wild with a 38-14 win over JSU

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Commonwealth Stadium, home of the Kentucky Wildcats and the venue that the Jacksonville State Gamecocks travelled to over the weekend. The sun was beaming, there was a slight breeze and one could smell an upset in the air.

The first quarter was mainly a defensive struggle as both teams combined for five punts and two fumbles. Kentucky was the first on the board, however, and once they started scoring they did not look back.

The Gamecocks went down early when Coty Blanchard was hit for a sack and fumbled. The Wildcats' Martavius Neloms scooped the ball up and scampered 40 yards into the end zone.

Kentucky put up 14 more points before the Gamecocks could answer.

Jacksonville got the ball with six minutes left before halftime and started getting into a rhythm. With two-and-a-half minutes to go in the half, Blanchard connected with Alan Bonnor on a 22-yard touchdown pass making the score 21-7.

UK would drive the field to tack on a final field goal before the half, bringing the score 24-7.

Coming out of the locker room, there was still a sense of hope. JSU had come back from 21 points down the year before against Ole Miss hadn't they?

The third quarter was a stalemate with neither team finding their way to pay dirt but then came the fourth quarter. UK started out with great field position

because of an interception returned to the six-yard line. They then punched the ball into the end zone making the score 31-7 in favor of the home team.

Many thought it was over at that point but the Gamecocks' Gabriel Chambers had other plans. On the ensuing kickoff, Chambers took the ball at the one yard line and proceeded to not only evade, but

flat-out outrun the Kentucky defenders in his 99-yard dash to the end zone. JSU had just made the score 31-14.

With this play, Chambers gave the Gamecocks some momentum but it was short-lived. Kentucky drove the field but fumbled on the one-

yard line. JSU recovered and proceeded to attempt another drive but it was ended by another Blanchard interception. But wait! The officials reviewed the interception and ruled it an incomplete pass! There was still hope, until the next play when Blanchard again threw an interception.

The 'Cats again took advantage of the good field position and scored putting Kentucky up 38-14 and that's how the scoreboard would read after the clock ran out.

The bad news, the Gamecocks now have 2 losses on their schedule. The good news, they are still undefeated in the conference and JSU is still in prime position to make a run into the playoffs.

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Gamecocks rally to upend SEMO in OVC Volleyball

JACKSONVILLE – Freshman Alina Agamy recorded a triple-double, senior Stephanie Koontz knocked down a career-high 22 kills and senior Lauren Harkins picked up a season-high 30 digs to lead the Jacksonville State volleyball team to erase a 2-0 deficit and pull off a 3-2 (25-27, 17-25, 25-20, 25-16, 15-6) win over Southeast Missouri on Saturday.

After dropping the first two sets to the third-place Redhawks (10-14, 8-5 Ohio Valley Conference), the Gamecocks (8-16, 6-8 OVC) hit .333 in the third set to spark a rally and claim their second win in as many days against teams ahead of them in the standings.

Agamy, a freshman from Bloomington, Ill., recorded 11 kills on a .400 attack percentage, picked up 11 digs and dished out 31 assists to notch JSU's first triple-double of the season. She split time at the setter position with sophomore Abbey Heredia, who added a double-double of 28 assists and 13 digs in the win.

Koontz, a native of Edwardsburg, Mich., committed just five errors and found the court on 22 kills for her .317 attack percentage. Her first career 20-kill match paced a group of four Gamecocks with double figures in that category. Junior Hivya Leite had a double-double of 13 kills and 10 digs, while senior Liza Senenkova added 11 kills.

Harkins, in her second match at the libero position this season, dug 30 balls for the first time in 2011 and for just the eighth time in her record-breaking career at JSU. The Louisville, Ky., native moved her school-record total to 2,050 career digs, inching closer to sixth place in the OVC's career record book. She trails Cherelle Lampkins of Morehead State by 32.

Sophomore Kelly Cole rounded out a group of five Gamecocks with double figures in the digs column with 12.

On the front row, JSU blocked 11 SEMO attacks, thanks to seven from Senenkova and three apiece from freshmen Nicole Merget and Alicia Dukes. Agamy was one of three Gamecocks with two blocks.

The Gamecocks take to the road for the next two weeks, a four-match swing that will open on Friday at Tennessee State in Nashville at 7 p.m. They will return home to close the regular season against Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky on Nov. 11-12.

Gamecock's baseball breeding success

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Jacksonville State's baseball program has a high standard and a winning tradition. Since joining the Ohio Valley Conference in 2004, the Gamecocks have ruled the conference. Since 2004 JSU's 121-60 record in OVC play is 23 games better than runner up Austin Peay's 98-76 record. The Gamecocks have shown sheer dominance winning five of the seven OVC Championships since joining, and playing in six of the seven conference tournament championship games.

In 2008, Jacksonville State set a record with an astounding 23-4 conference record. The term success breeds success is very much accurate because now the Gamecocks welcome in their new assistant coach Mike Murphree this season. Growing up in Athens, Alabama, Murphree was a three sport star in basketball, football, and of course baseball at East Limestone winning All-Area and All-State honors. While in college, Murphree led Northwest-Shoals to its first and only state title in 1999.

He coached at Troy University from 2003-2006, coaching infield and hitting. He helped the Trojans win the 2005 Atlantic Sun Conference Championship, and followed that up with helping Troy win their new conference, the Sun Belt Conference Championship in 2006. He left Troy to coach at

familiar grounds back at Northwest-Shoals, coaching an array of positions.

Murphree returned to Troy though from 2007 to 2009 picking up his previous assignments. That three year stretch saw the Trojans post three straight 30 win seasons. He then left Troy again to coach at Gulf Coast CC, which is where he's been the past two seasons prior to joining the Gamecocks.

In 2010 Murphree and his winning spirit helped Gulf Coast claim the Panhandle Conference Championship. The former second baseman, Murphree believes he can bring a great work ethic and energy to the team. Being a part of so many championship teams Murphree says he "Knows what it takes" to win.

As a coach he expects his players to "Give the best they can give each and every day." He wants them to "Compete every pitch." Murphree enjoys baseball because he believes it relates very well to life itself.

"You're going to fail, but it's how you respond," He said. Which is true, in baseball if you get a hit in only half of your at bats, you're among the best on the team. Another favorite part of coaching for him is being there to help the guys respond and bounce back.

Murphree plans to continue the efforts of running a victorious program saying he thinks the

top goal is to again compete and win the OVC championship and compete in regionals. "It takes determination," said Coach Murphree, but if any team has that, it's the fighting Gamecocks out there on the diamond.



Mike Murphree is looking forward to the new season.

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