Homecoming 2011 Information

Greetings Gamecocks! As you already know Homecoming Week is October 24-29, 2011. The theme for Homecoming 2011 will be “Nightmare on Mountain Street!” This year we are playing the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. ISU has an array of events planned to get everyone in the homecoming spirit. Below is a list of our upcoming activities.

Wednesday, October 5th
- Homecoming Pageant, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7pm

Thursday, October 20th
- Homecoming Court Elections Online, 12am - 5pm

Tuesday, October 25th
- Decorate the Town Square

Wednesday, October 26th
- J-Day, TMB Lawn, 11:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday, October 27th
- Homecoming Queen and King Elections, 12am - 5pm
- Homecoming Pep Rally, King & Queen Announcement Burgess-Snow Field at ISU Stadium, 8pm

SOUTHERNERS IMPRESS THE QUEEN’S EMISSARY

By KARA COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

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2012 is set to be a big year for England. Not only is it the year that London hosts the summer Olympic Games, but it also marks the queen’s diamond jubilee. What better way to kick off such a landmark year than with JSU’s Marching Southerners?

The Southerners will be marching at the head of London’s New Years Day 2012 parade. The parade is a tradition only dating back around thirty years, but it is about twice the size of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade here in the States. The streets of London are lined with six or seven hundred thousand people, not to mention everyone watching via television.

Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London Roger Bramble, assistant to the queen, made a trip to JSU this past week to watch the band perform. He had visited the school previously to extend an invitation to the Southerners to participate in the parade, and his return trip was to check on the band’s progress.

The Southerners didn’t disappoint, performing their current Fire and Ice show. Bramble called the performance “spectacular”, and said that he is looking forward to the band coming to London to play.

When asked how Jacksonville State was selected to lead the parade, Bramble said that a sort-of “spy network” scouting bands discovered them.

The scouts are all former band directors who have an interest in choosing the best bands for the parade. With a smile, Bramble added that the Marching Southerners are “alleged to be the best in the country”.

The Southerners will be in England from December 28th through January 4th. They are planning to host a benefit dinner sponsored by Classic on Noble in Anniston, but the day and time of the fundraiser are still to be determined. Look for information in a future issue of The Chanticleer!

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**Talent you can B.E.T. on**

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CAMPUS CRIME

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- Public Intoxication at Pannell Hall

Tuesday, September 27
- Arrest - Driving Under the Influence on Alexandria Road
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct on Self Hall Parking Lot

Monday, September 26
- Fire Alarm at Ayers Hall
- Fire Alarm at Stadium Towers
- Fire Alarm Patterson and Logan Hall
- Automobile Accident on Woodward Drive
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct at Parker Place

Sunday, September 25
- Fire Alarm at Jack Hopper
- Disorderly Conduct at Paul Carpenter Village
- Information Report at Paul Carpenter Village
- Arrest - Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor at Paul Carpenter Village
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BRIEFS

The annual fall Career Fair will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2011 in the Merrill Hall Atrium from 1pm-4pm CST. Students of all majors and classifications are encouraged to attend. Students actively seeking employment are encouraged to dress professionally and bring 20+ copies of their resume. For additional information, contact Career Services, 256-782-5482 or visit us on the web at www.jsu.edu/careerservices

The SIFE Team invites all campus organizations, faculty, and staff to participate in this clothing drive and will collect items from October 3 to October 27, 2011. Whoever donates the most items will win a pizza party hosted by SIFE. The winner will be announced during the SIFE day, October 2, 2011.

Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority Incorporated is hosting a domestic violence awareness walk called Love Shouldn't Hurt on October 12, 2011. The event will be held at the Theron Montgomery Building lawn at 3:52 pm.

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By EMILY HAYES
NEWS EDITOR

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Though initially hesitant to enter B.E.T.'s web-based competition, a friend convinced him to submit a video only two hours before deadline. He was eventually chosen as a top 25 candidate out of thousands of entries.

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Where in the world...?

Nepal edition

By SMRITY SILWAL
SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

Nepal is a beautiful country landlocked between China and India and similar in size to the state of Arkansas. Despite common misconception, it is an independent country and not part of India. Nature lovers flock to take in the country's hills and mountains and its most famous landmark, Mt. Everest. The cost to fly is usually quite expensive, but once in the country a single dollar will easily cover the cost of a meal.

In its past ten years the country has undergone several unifications and in 2008 became the Republic of Nepal. It is home to approximately 30 million people, the majority of whom practice Hinduism. Buddhism, Islam, Mundhum, and Christianity are visible as well. People are divided into four caste systems, Brahmin, Chhetri, Baisa, and Sudra. Although each group is categorized by profession, they are not strictly adhered to. This is due in part to Nepal’s strengthening education system and the continuing acceptance of other cultures.

I’ve been living in Alabama since 2003 but am still proud to call Nepal my home. It’s a very different place with very different ideas. Great value is placed on time spent with family. For instance when a couple marries, one weekend is spent at the bride’s parents’ home and the next at the groom’s. I went home last summer for the first time and was surprised to see how much time people had. They were always there. I guess when family is highly valued, there are ways to work in quality time.

Food in Nepal is very different from food in Alabama. It’s spicy, similar to Indian food, and staples include rice and curry. One of my favorite dishes is momo, a type of dumpling made with ground turkey or pork and eaten with spicy tomato sauce. Before I arrived, my sister didn’t warn me enough about the differences. I remember visiting the cafeteria for the first time and being awed by the amount of food. Now I think back and laugh at my horrible first bite. I had to cover the rest in tabasco sauce to finish the meal, and for the next few weeks I ate nothing but french fries and pizza. Freshman fifteen? Try freshmen twenty!

Now I’m glad I was exposed to such a different style of food because I’m able to adjust anywhere without much difficulty. And I must admit, I love Thanksgiving dinner.

Nepal is a very different place, yet fun. It’s full of friendly, inviting people who treat their guests well and enjoy a good time. It provides a laid back mentality and a culture found nowhere else. Nepal will always be my home.

Calvin and Hobbes

Courtesy gocomics.com
“Abduction” represents an interesting experiment for Hollywood. Both of Taylor Lautner’s “Twilight” co-stars, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, have tried to stake their claims in the multiplex without their star franchise, and both have failed. Remember “Remember Me” or “The Runaways?” Exactly.

“Abduction” was written as a starring vehicle for Lautner, which is funny, because an actual vehicle would probably have more screen presence than the former werewolf. The young actor is a blank slate from beginning to end. Whether he’s piecing together a mystery story to stump a second-grader or getting into an impressively choreographed yet bland fight, he could be swapped out with any other beefcake Hollywood actor and it would barely be noticeable.

I’ll be kind to Lautner, though; the movie doesn’t do him any favors... The bland fighting is key to the entire film’s flaw: It’s boring! The plot, which involves Lautner’s character discovering he was abducted as a child, leading to him being thrown into a spy thriller, isn’t too terrible, but it’s cookie-cutter and feels like a committee has written it. There hasn’t been a more telegraphed action flick in theaters this year.
Drama department to perform
‘Leading Ladies’ Oct. 6-9

By KARA COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

JSU’s drama department is preparing to perform Ken Ludwig’s comedy Leading Ladies at Stone Center in October.

The play is set in York, Pennsylvania and follows two Shakespearean actors, Jack Gable and Leo Clark. The pair is down on their luck and out of money when they spot an ad in the newspaper stating that a wealthy woman named Florence is looking for her sister’s children, Max and Steve. Florence is dying and wants to give Max and Steve part of the three million dollars she’ll be leaving behind, but she hasn’t seen them since they moved to England as children.

Upon getting word that Florence has died, Jack and Leo decide to pose as Max and Steve to claim the inheritance. Then they learn two things: 1) Max and Steve’s real names are Maxine and Stephanie, and 2) Florence isn’t dead yet, and she wants to see her nieces very badly. Jack and Leo must now put their acting skills to use and pretend to be women, hoping that everyone will believe them long enough for Florence to die and let them become instant millionaires.

I watched a Leading Ladies rehearsal last week, and I couldn’t stop laughing. Adam Lane and Lee Lundy do a phenomenal job as Jack and Leo, respectively. Other cast members include Alex Bates as the ailing Florence, Meghan Browning as Audrey, Tanner Cain as Butch, Cody Hunt as Doc, Kayleigh Smith as Florence’s Shakespeare-loving niece Meg, and Cory Buffalo as Meg’s fiancé Duncan. The show is directed by Susan McCain.

Performances will be held on October 6, 7, and 8 at 7:00 p.m., and October 9 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens and JSU personnel, and $5 for students and member of the armed forces. Call the Stone Center box office today to purchase your tickets!

256-782-5648
We Love Jax State 91.9 FM, the Jacksonville State University campus radio station, has been nominated for the Biggest Improvement Award by the College Music Journal.

"This is the greatest national honor our station has ever had," said Thad Burton, WLJS Program Director.

This is the first time that WLJS has been recognized by CMJ, and the station has been a paying member for years.

According to their website, CMJ is a network that works to connect music fans and music industry professionals with the best in new music. The CMJ website, www.cmj.com, has a digital music discovery service in addition to other music resources. CMJ produces the longest running music industry event of its kind, the CMJ Music Marathon. They also produce a weekly trade magazine, the CMJ New Music Report, which is the primary source of charts for college radio airplay.

Since Burton took over the Program Director position in May 2011, the main change he has implemented is playing newer music. He listens to local commercial stations, like 103.7 FM and 102.9 FM to see what they’re playing and get inspiration. In a sense, he tries to model WLJS after local commercial stations.

Playing newer music is a key factor that has assisted WLJS in its nomination for Biggest Improvement. The nominations come from promoters and record labels; those of whom liked the improvements that they’ve been seeing at WLJS since May.

WLJS plays new music before the commercial stations. For example, they were playing songs by indie rock band Foster the People an entire month before anyone else. "Most people don’t know, but LMFAO has another song," Burton proudly said, "And we’re the only station playing it right now."

Playing newer music is getting WLJS recognized by more than just CMJ. Some students around campus are talking about how they’ve noticed improvements.

JSU senior Jacob Hill thinks that the song selection has greatly improved from previous years. "They play more music that I actually like."

There are four other college radio stations that have been nominated for the Biggest Improvement Award. KRNU 90.3 FM from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, KRUA 88.1 FM from the University of Alaska at Anchorage, WHUS 91.7 FM from the University of Connecticut, and WUTK 90.3 FM from the University of Tennessee are all competing against WLJS for the title.

These four stations, along with WLJS have been nominated out of over 350 college stations across the country that report their music charts to CMJ.

Voting will take place on site during the CMJ Music Marathon & Film Festival from Oct. 18 through Oct. 22 in New York City.

"Just being nominated means a lot," Burton stated, "and winning would be a great stepping stone to future awards and success."

One of Burton’s goals for WLJS is for more students on campus to know the station exists. WLJS is always trying to get better and is always open for suggestions. Anyone with suggestions can feel free to contact Thad Burton at programdirectorwljs@gmail.com.
Gamecocks Hold Off Golden Eagles for 3-2 OVC Volleyball Win

Cookeville, Tenn. – A career night from freshman Nicole Merget sparked the Jacksonville State volleyball team on Tuesday night, when the Gamecocks held off Tennessee Tech for a 3-2 (20-25, 25-22, 25-23, 15-25, 15-11) Ohio Valley Conference road win.

Junior Hivyra Leite also had 13 kills for the JSU offensive unit, while senior Stephanie Koontz added 11. Sophomore Lauren Busing pitched in four on a .429 attack percentage.

Sophomore Abbey Heredia notched a double-double from the setter position, thanks to 28 assists and 13 digs. She was joined on a Gamecock back row that dug 79 balls by fellow sophomore Kelly Cole, who led JSU with 24 digs, and senior Lauren Harkins, who pitched in 14 digs.

Freshman Alina Agamy added 22 assists and eight digs, while Leite was a dig away from a double-double.

The Golden Eagles were led by Ellen Conti's 19 kills and Allison May's 26 digs.

The Gamecocks take to the road this weekend for three conference matches in a four-day stretch that starts with a Friday match at Eastern Kentucky in Richmond, Ky.

While leading four Gamecocks with eight or more digs, the freshman who has seen her playing time increase greatly...
Jackson, who was named the OVC Defensive Player of the Week on Sunday, was a one-man wrecking crew to the high-powered Murray State offense as the sophomore linebacker finished with seven tackles, two tackles for loss, one sack for 12 yards, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, three pass breakups and a blocked field goal.

Jackson helped a Gamecock defense hold Murray State to just a total of 11 rushing yards on 27 carries, which was the fewest yards for an OVC opponent since EIU managed just 20 yards in 2008. After the Gamecocks rallied from a 10-0 deficit and with Murray attempting to cut the lead on a 26-yard field goal, Jackson came off the right end to block the field goal attempt with just 1:41 left in the second quarter.

Early in the third quarter, Jackson forced a Racer fumble and then recovered the fumble to stop a Murray State scoring threat.

The 12th ranked Gamecocks have an open date on Saturday and return to action on Oct. 15 at 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.
JSU Rifle Team Aims For Success This Year

By EMILY HAVES
NEWS EDITOR

The Gamecock Rifle Team continued an impressive streak this past weekend in its match against Morehead State. JSU topped the Eagles, 4636-4554, with sophomore Sam Muegge claiming top spot in smallbore and senior Andrea Dardas claiming top air rifle honors.

The 2011-2012 roster is stacked with talent, which prompted The College Rifle Coaches Association to rank the Gamecocks sixth in its preseason poll. Dardas claimed last year's OVC Smallbore Athlete of the Year Award while Muegge scored OVC Freshman of the Year. Junior Monica Fyffe and freshman Cole Tucker both placed in this past weekend's MSU match, and Coach Frost expects every member to play a big role in the season's success. "We've got four returning folks and I expect they'll step up initial interest in archery. "The most challenging part is always trying to get better. Everybody else is getting better and you want to keep up and stay ahead," he says. "That's why you push yourself."

Although Rifle is officially listed by the OVC as a Men's Sport, males and females compete against one another. "It's a sport that's made up for both to compete together. I've never really put any thought into that aspect of it," says Frost. "Nobody has an advantage, and there's some top-rate guys and there's some top-rate girls and they're all pretty even in scores."

Overall, the Gamecocks finished second in last year's OVC Championship and fourth in the NCAA Championship. This year Dardas has high hopes for the team and herself. "I want to be First Team All-American in both rifles again and shoot my personal best," she says. "I want us to place in the top three in the NCAA and

Gamecocks Play To A 1-1 Tie With Eastern Kentucky

JACKSONVILLE - For the second-straight contest, Jacksonville State registered a draw as JSU and Eastern Kentucky finished the Sunday match all square at 1-1.

The Gamecocks posted a pair of ties on the first home weekend of Ohio Valley Conference home action. JSU and Morehead State played to a scoreless draw on Friday night at the JSU Soccer Field.

JSU moved to 2-10-2 on the season and 1-1-2 in OVC play. The Colonels' record stands at 4-6-2 overall and 2-0-1 in conference matches.

After playing a scoreless 82 minutes, it took just two minutes for each team to post its lone goal. JSU took the lead in the 83rd minute after junior Katie Manns scored her first goal of the season on a free kick from just outside the 18-yard box. Manns, from Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., nailed the ball just past EKU's keeper, Annie Wickett. The netted ball was just her second of her career and first against OVC competition. Manns led JSU in scoring attempts with shots, including three on goal.

"I thought Katie Manns really played well for us today," said head coach Julie Davis Carlson. "She played all 110 minutes in today's match and on Friday."

Both teams combined for 42 shots with EKU holding a ten-shot advantage over the Gamecocks (26-16). After just four shots in the first 45 minutes, JSU had 12 over the 65 minutes of action. In the first extra session,
No. 13 Gamecocks Unleash Offense, Hold Off Murray State

MURRAY, Ky. – Another uniform variation, another Jacksonville State victory.

A week after donning black jerseys in a home win over Eastern Illinois, the Gamecocks broke out red pants with their road white jerseys for the first time in two years Saturday night against Murray State.

JSU spotted the Racers an early 10-point lead before rallying to claim a heart-pounding 38-30 Ohio Valley Conference victory before crowd of 3,838 at Roy Stewart Stadium, extending the Gamecocks’ win streak over Murray State to eight.

Jacksonville State improved 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the OVC. Murray State, which was picked second behind JSU in the OVC preseason poll, fell to 2-3 and 1-2.

The Gamecocks appeared to have the game under control when junior James Esco kicked a 28-yard field goal with 5:15 to go in the fourth quarter to make it 38-24. The outcome seemed even more secure when Robert Gray intercepted a Murray State pass with only 3:39 left.

But three running plays failed to net a first down and Coty Blanchard was forced to punt from deep in his own territory.

His kick was fielded at the Racers’ 45 by Dontre Johnson, who returned it 54 yards to the JSU 1. Murray quarterback Casey Brockman then ran in from the 2 with 53 seconds remaining, but the Gamecocks’ Rodney Garrott broke through to block the extra point try – Jax State’s second blocked kick of the game.

Murray State recovered the ensuing onside kick and drove to the JSU 45 in the waning seconds. But the Racers were penalized for a false start on fourth down, which by NCAA rule ended the game.

The Gamecocks rolled up a season-high 486 yards, including 329 on the ground. It was the third straight game all victories – the Jacksonville State offense had eclipsed the 400-yard mark. Junior Washaun Ealey ran 28 times, his most this season, for 143 yards and two touchdowns. Blanchard added 79 yards and Calvin Middleton had 66.

Ealey’s 13-yard run late in the first quarter trimmed Murray’s lead to 10-7. Blanchard then hooked up with Justin Howard for a 5-yard touchdown pass on JSU’s next drive and Esco added the PAT to make it 14-10 with 13:58 in the second quarter, a lead the Gamecocks never relinquished.

Ealey’s second rushing TD, a 12-yarder with 13:08 to go in the third quarter, put JSU in front 21-10.

The teams then swapped touchdowns over the next 16 1/2 minutes, with Jerry Slota scoring on a 1-yard run from the Wildcat formation and Blanchard tossing a 40-yard scoring pass to Trey Smith. Blanchard’s second TD pass of the game extended Jax State’s lead to 35-24 with 11:38 remaining.

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