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Our news editor took a hike on Saturday.
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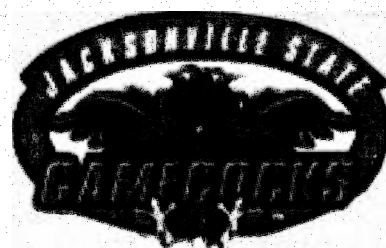


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Diamonds are a girl's best friend



Armed and dangerous

By: Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

When the final out of the 2005 OVC Championship Softball Tournament was recorded, Jacksonville State watched as another team celebrated a championship victory on University Field. It's a memory from last season that JSU's five returning seniors wish they could forget.

"To me, it was just so sick," Becky Carpenetti said. "It was like a sickening feeling in your stomach just watching this team celebrate on your field of all places. It made me sick to my stomach."

After finishing 42-16 overall and 24-6 in the OVC last year, the Gamecocks dropped the championship game to Tennessee State, sending the Golden Eagles to the NCAA Tournament.

"I just wanted to leave," senior Megan Jezerski said. "I didn't want to watch them get their shirts. I just wanted them to have a box handed to them, get on the bus and go home. I didn't want them walking on our field, getting our stuff. It should have been ours."

JSU's coach, Jana McGinnis knows a thing or two about winning. As a basketball player at Jacksonville State, McGinnis helped the team to a 98-22 record in her four years at JSU, and in 1991, led JSU to a Gulf South Conference championship and the NCAA Division II South Region title. She is one of two Lady Gamecocks to have their numbers retired. The other is her twin sister, Dana. This past fall, both sisters were inducted into the JSU Hall of Fame.

"Even though we were champions last year, we were champions that ended with a bad

players we have returning that we got the number one prediction," McGinnis said. "It's nice to know that you have some of your top players returning."

OVC Pitcher of the Year, Carly Kellam, finished with a 23-7 record and led the conference in strikeouts with 270. Kellam, a senior from Satellite Beach, Fla., will be expected to anchor a pitching staff that struck out an impressive 444 batters, 110 more than any other school in the OVC, and held their opponents to a league low .213 batting average. The 444 strikeouts were another JSU record.

Even though Jacksonville State lost two very productive offensive weapons in Melinda McDonald and Breanne Oleman, the Gamecocks return the majority of their offensive juggernaut from the 2005 campaign.

Offensively, JSU led the conference in every major hitting category except triples. Six Gamecocks hit over .300 last season, led by OVC Player of the Year Maign Alexander's league leading .403 average. The senior from Fairfield, Calif., also led the OVC in four other statistical categories: hits (71), doubles (21), total bases (119), and slugging percentage (.676).

"One thing that made us a championship team last year was good pitching and we had offense to go along with it. A lot of times in this game, you'll

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By: Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Springtime is here and that means it is time for America's great pastime to come to life — baseball.

The Jacksonville State University baseball team looks to capitalize on their back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference Championships and go all the way this season.

The team has been practicing hours on end and is ready for the season to get started. There is more excitement in the air than there is laughter at a comedy show.

The Gamecocks return 17 players this year and have brought in a very talented freshman and transfer class that will enable them to go the distance.

"This is the most talented team that I have ever been a part of," says senior Jason Horn.

Jacksonville State has brought in four freshmen and seven transfers from all across the nation. This very talented group of guys will add depth to the lineup and be challenged by the coaching staff to step up and make the play when it is necessary.

"The guys that are new have brought in a lot of energy," says head coach Jim Case. "From a work habit standpoint, they fit in very, very good. They are going to be a huge plus for us."

Some of the top newcomers that are expected to make an impact are junior Nick Cleckler in the outfield, freshman Josh Hoyle as a pitcher and outfielder, junior Josh Miller in the bullpen, and

junior Allen Rose will be fighting for the spot at first base.

Returning on the mound will be powerhouse sophomore Donovan Hand. Hand, a right-handed pitcher from Hatton, Ala., was selected as the 2005 OVC Freshman of the Year after racking up a 10-3 record and a league-low 2.60 ERA. Hand was also awarded to the 2005 Louisville Slugger Freshmen All-American team, chosen by *Collegiate Baseball* newspaper. The list features a who's who of outstanding baseball talent from around the nation. He will look to lead the bullpen and improve his 90-92 mph fastball.

"I have to keep working hard and keep the pitching staff working hard," says Hand.

Returning in the bullpen with Hand is fellow All-OVC selection Lee Drinkard. Drinkard, a senior reliever for the Gamecocks, went 7-1 with five saves in 22 relief games last year and posted a 1.77 ERA.

The entire pitching staff from a year ago returns with these two amazing pitchers. This very talented group was the strength of the team last year. The pitching staff had a conference low 4.31 ERA, and led the league with exactly 400 strikeouts.

Having eleven pitchers, plus adding four more is going to be a challenge that the coaching staff is willing to take on.

"The biggest thing for me is trying to figure out where the best place is for everybody," says Case. "You return everybody, but that doesn't mean that everybody returns the same as they were. So we are trying to look at who is the best guy that we

have coming out of the bull pen and who is the best guys that we have as starters."



Champions that ended with a bad taste," McGinnis said. "We didn't win the tournament. We didn't finish and we're focusing on finishing this year and going to what I call 'Big Time.' That's the NCAA Tournament."

The Gamecocks return 11 players from last year's squad, which set a school record for most wins in a season. This has them poised to repeat as OVC Champions.

"I think it was because of the



Photo Illustration by: Jennifer Bacchus

Seniors Megan Jezierski, Christine Pierce, Maign Alexander, Carly Kellam and Becky Carpenetti show off their OVC Championship rings.



Photo Illustration by: Jennifer Bacchus

Pitchers Kevin Elwell, Alex Jones, JT Wright, Mitch Miller and Brett Harris look to anchor one of the best pitching staffs in the OVC.

guys that we have as starters." Senior pitcher Josh Forrest sums it all up. "The pitching can not do anything but get better." Taking a look around the horn, there were a couple of key losses; however, the guys are ready to step up and get the job done. Junior Jake

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One on One with

By: Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The Jacksonville State University baseball team is looking forward to an impressive season this year. One player that has made a significant impact on the team and that has helped them win back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference Championships is Jake Ball.

The 6'2" junior from Hokes Bluff, Ala., is the shortstop for JSU and was named to the Wallace Watch List for the 2006 season.

Before the season began, *The Chanticleer* went one-on-one with Jake Ball and learned that he is just glad to be playing baseball.

CS: Why did you choose JSU?

JB: The coaching staff is awe-

My parents and grandparents are able to come to most of the games and that is real important to me. Also, I am from a smaller town and this is kinda a smaller town atmosphere that I like. That is basically it.

CS: What is your favorite and least favorite part of the game?

JB: My favorite part of the game is competition and being able to play baseball. You know, most kids don't have the chance to play baseball. It's hard for me to find a least favorite because it is all fun and I am blessed to be out here.

CS: What is in your CD player right now?

JB: Toby Keith's Greatest Hits

CS: Who is your favorite major

league baseball team and player?

JB: The Atlanta Braves is my favorite team and Chipper Jones is my favorite player.

CS: What is your favorite sport to play besides baseball?

JB: It'll be football.

CS: What do you do when you are not playing baseball or studying?

JB: Probably, playing golf.

CS: What is the one thing that you hope to accomplish in the upcoming season?

JB: From a team standpoint, win the conference and get to a regional. Then have a chance to win the regional

CS: What is your pre-game ritual?

JB: Aww, shoot.

CS: You don't have anything as a team or like one that you do?

JB: Well, really all I have is a certain undershirt that I wear at every game?

CS: What is the best class that you have taken at JSU?

JB: Ms. Thornberry's teaching team sports class.

CS: What is your most embarrassing moment on the diamond?

JB: In high school or college?

CS: Just whenever.

JB: I went up to bat one time and it wasn't my turn. That was in high school though.

CS: Anything in college?

JB: Not any that I can think of.

CS: How much do you bench press?

JB: 315.

Jake Ball and the entire JSU baseball team are ready for the upcoming season. They first travel to Hammond, La., to face Southeast Louisiana this weekend.

Their first home game is Feb. 21 against Birmingham Southern. So, come one out, grab a hot dog and enjoy Gamecock Baseball.



Photo by: Jennifer Bacchus

Jake Ball

**Baseball:
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Ball will primarily be at shortstop with Cory Tucker as partner in crime to turn the double plays at second base. Senior Brett Pettus and junior Richard Turner round out the infield with first base wide open for the incoming guys to fight for.

Ball, a second team All-OVC selection from Hokes Bluff, Ala., ranked close to the top with the leaders in the OVC in batting (.361), hits (82), and on-base percentage (.438).

Brain Piazza, the 5'10" junior from Rome, Ga., looks to lead for the red and white on both defense and offense. Piazza hit .313, had three home runs, and raked in a conference-high six triples. With amazing speed and an amazing arm, look for Piazza to make a significant impact in the outfield along with senior Jason Horn.

Horn had two home runs on the season last year and tied two other Gamecocks with 42 RBI's. He is arguably one of the fastest guys on the team and will give them great speed at the top of the order.

"We came to play this year," says Horn. "We are much further ahead than we have been in the past and hopefully this year we will get off to a quick start."

Jacksonville State has set its schedule and it is a very strong one. At the top of the order is Southeast Louisiana. Then, there is are some non-conference games that include instate-rival



Photo by: Jennifer Bacchus

Richard Turner looks to help the baseball team reach their third consecutive OVC title.

Troy and a dominant SEC West team, Mississippi State.

While in OVC play, there are a few non-conference games to keep the guys on their toes, including a road trip to UAB and home games against Alabama State and South Alabama.

"When you look at our conference you start with Austin Peay, and they were a team that was picked ahead of us," remarks Case. "I think that Eastern Kentucky is very good. There is a lot of excitement about having Mississippi State coming to our place. They are picked first in the SEC west and that will be a huge challenge. It is a pretty exciting

schedule. We have a good mix on the schedule."

The team has set the goals. They hope to win the OVC for the third straight year and then go on to the regional, just like they did in 2004. Their ultimate goal is to do well in the regional and reach a super regional.

So, the expectations have been set high and the guys are ready to take the challenge head on. With a good group of talented guys and the mind set that they are in, it is going to be tough to stop them.

"I think there is a lot of excitement and the expectations are higher than they have been," says coach Case. "We think that we have a good chance to have a good year."

**Softball:
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see a dominant pitcher, but their offense struggles for runs like Texas last year. They had Cat Osterman and still was unable to win the World Series because they couldn't produce runs."

Alexander wasn't the only JSU hitter making noise last season. Junior Daniela Pappano led the conference in home runs and finished second to Alexander in hits, total bases and slugging percentage and was runner-up to Alexander in Player of the Year voting.

While expectations for this squad are high, McGinnis isn't looking past any team in the OVC as a possible threat to the crown her team currently wears.

"Samford had a good fall. Watching the games that they played, they've got a lot of good new players. Eastern Illinois, I think, is going to surprise some people. A lot of people count them out. I'm predicting that they will make the tournament for the first time in two or three years."

In all, the Gamecocks bring back five seniors that are proven leaders. In addition to Kellam, Alexander, Jezerski and Carpenetti, McGinnis expects solid production out of Christine Pierce. Although nine of the seventeen players on the roster are either freshmen or sophomores, McGinnis isn't worried about the inexperience of her young team.

"We lost three seniors," McGinnis said. "Two of them contributed heavily, Melinda McDonald and Breanne Oleman. They added a lot to the lineup, but now, we're asking some new players



Photo by: Jennifer Bacchus

Reigning OVC Pitcher of the Year Carly Kellam prepares to lead the softball team into the NCAA tournament.

to fill those spots. I feel very confident in the new players we've added."

In fact, when McGinnis was asked whom she felt could be a surprise player; the JSU Hall of Famer was quick to mention the new talent.

"It's going to be interesting," McGinnis said. "We're expecting a lot of good things out of Whitney Elder. We moved her to second base after Megan Jezerski got injured. She and Megan are battling for the position."

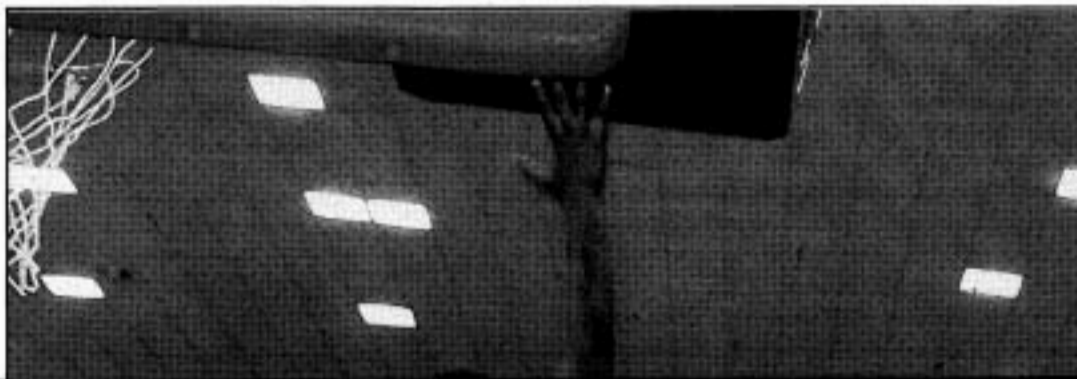
Sophomore Devan Spence is also battling freshman Jackie Jarman for Spence's starting role at shortstop.

The Gamecocks begin their season tomorrow in Auburn as a part of the

War Eagle Classic and will play two more invitational tournaments in Thibodaux, La. and Fayetteville, Ark. before opening conference play at home against Tennessee State on March 18.

Don't be surprised if the girls have one particular weekend, April 14 and 15, circled on their calendars. JSU will travel to Cookeville, Tenn. for their only regular season rematch with Tennessee State. While the team wants to take this season one game at a time, they still won't forget the last game of last season.

"What went through my mind at that moment was 'Thank God I'm a junior,'" Carpenetti said. "Because this will not happen next year. If I have anything to do about it and if any one of us has anything to do about it, it's not going to happen this year. Not my senior year, not ever again."



Men face biggest game of the year tonight

Game against ECU could decide rank going into OVC

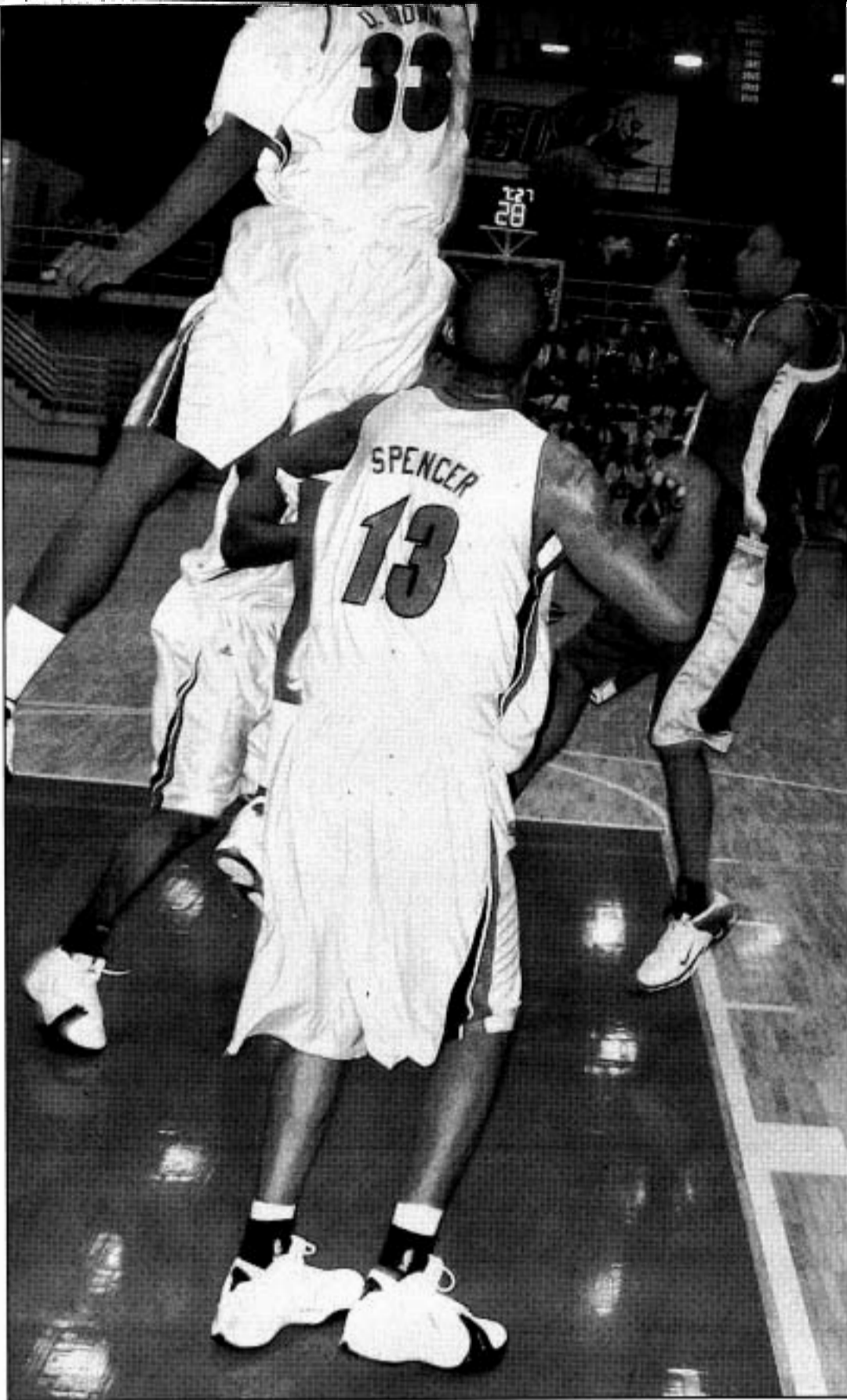


Photo by: Jennifer Bacchus

Dorien Brown rejects the ball back into the face of a Morehead State shooter. Brown scored 12 points and had four blocks in his 22 minutes of play.

Ball team finds itself in a position they've wanted all season long—a chance at a first-round home game in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

The 77-68 win over Morehead State on Valentine's evening, along with a 75-70 win over Samford by Eastern Kentucky sets up tonight... the most important game of the year.

Let's set the stage. Going into tonight's game, JSU sits alone in fourth place, one-half game ahead of Austin Peay and a full game ahead of Eastern Kentucky. An EKV victory tonight would pull all three teams into a deadlock, and Eastern Kentucky would benefit the most from that tie. However, just behind the Governors are Tennessee State and UT-Martin.

JSU (12-11, 10-7 OVC) got a huge win over Tennessee Tech last Saturday, avenging a January 12 loss at Pete Mathews Coliseum. On that January night, Milone Clark crushed the JSU defense in the paint, scoring 21 points and being a force inside. This time around, the Gamecocks shut down Clark, holding him to 2-of-7 from the floor and eight points.

"I don't know if you remember, but it was the Tennessee Tech game that I pulled my starters in the last eight minutes of the game," JSU coach Mike LaPlante said. "Since that time, we've been much better defensively."

Senior Walker D. Russell scored a game-high 19 points while two Gamecocks pulled down double doubles in the win against the Golden Eagles. Courtney Bradley scored 16 and pulled down 11 boards while Anthony Wilson had 11 points and 12 boards.

Tuesday night's game against Morehead State looked like it would end up more like a Valentine's Day massacre than anything else, but became an efficient act in consistency.

Jacksonville State shot 50 percent from the floor in both halves of the game, 16-of-32 in the first half and 9-of-18 in the second.

Five Gamecocks racked up double digits, led by B.J. Spencer's 19 points. Spencer, who set a new school record for most 3-pointers in a game, was 5 for 11 from long range.

Bradley was once again big inside for JSU. Bradley recorded his second consecutive double double with 14 points and 10 boards.

JSU took their time, passing the ball around and creating wide-open



Photo by: Tony Marable/ Tennessee Tech University

Courtney Bradley pulls down one of his 11 rebounds against Tennessee Tech. The Gamecocks won 74-68.

shots for their shooters. One of those shooters, Tim Lewis, came off the bench and hit all five shots from the floor. Lewis had 12 points in 18 minutes of play.

"We've got a team full of shooters," Tim Lewis said. "Sometimes you've gotta turn down a semi-contested shot to get your teammate a shot."

On defense, JSU stifled Morehead's offense, picking up 15 steals and forcing a total of 19 turnovers.

After the game, LaPlante was already focused on the upcoming war on Thursday night and feels that the student body of JSU can play a major role in the game.

"Whoever cares about basketball

and cares about JSU, we need them to come on out and get behind this team," LaPlante said. "They deserve it. They're playing very, very well and would love to have that student support and that school support to get behind them and hopefully push us over the top."

If you're only going to attend one game this season, tonight is the night. Not only is this the biggest game for JSU in terms of conference standings, but six seniors – Brad Peters, Carlos Lumpkin, Wilson, Russell, Lewis and Spencer will play their final conference game inside Pete Mathews Coliseum. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.



Photos By: Angela Reid

Cadet Stephen Smith plots points on the map for Team 2 during the land navigation competition Saturday in Oak Mountain State Park.

It's been a cold, wet day

By: Angela Reid
The Chanticleer News Editor

We started out talking on a cell phone, walking on a paved road, eating beef jerky and looking for a white and orange flag in the woods about a football field off to the left. "This isn't so bad," I think, "I can handle this." It's almost freezing and it's wet, but I have my waterproof, weatherproof, fleece lined jacket. I'll be ok.

Now let's fast forward about half an hour. I'm 15 yards behind Cadets John Miles and Jonathan

of them.

I'm one of the few civilians. A speck of sky blue in an ocean of green camo, I try to blend in but it's impossible. I decide to follow along and pretend like I know what's going on and where I'm going.

The cadets line up, by school, around the perimeter of a large field for their first formation. After some basic instructions and a safety briefing over a megaphone, the teams from each school are dismissed in order, Team 1, Team 2, then Team 3.



Lost and Found: For lost items check the UPD webpage at police.jsu.edu/lostandfound.html.

BCM: Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Alpha Omicron Pi: We hope that everyone has a great week!
 Contact: Meredith Harvey at merharvey@aol.com

SGA: The Office of Student Life is looking for JSU students to be a part of Leadershape 2006. Applications are available in the Office of Student Life and are due March 31.
 Contact: Emily Williams at 782-5493

Freshman Forum:
 We are collecting used cell phones and chargers for Project Valentine to help organ transplant patients. Deadline: Feb. 27.
 Contact: Office of Student Life at 782-5491

ECE: The ECE will be offered on Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and Wed., February 22 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Online registration opens Jan. 25 and closes February 15. Workshops will be held Monday, Feb. 13 and Tuesday, Feb. 14.
 Contact: Ms. Susan Sellers at 782-5512

Phi Eta Sigma:
 Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society is seeking eligible students to be inducted this spring. Certain qualifications must be met. Deadline is March 7.
 Contact: Rhonda Kilgo at 782-8247 for applications and questions.

NSSE:
 The National Survey of Student Engagement will soon be available for freshmen and seniors to take the 15 minute survey. Participants will be automatically entered into a drawing for an iPod or a JSU backpack
 Contact: Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at 782-8144.

Alpha Xi Delta:
 We hope that everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day! Have a great week!
 Contact: Charly Montague iccibod@aol.com

College Democrats:
 Join the College Democrats. General Interest Meetings Feb. 16 and 23, 2:15 p.m., Brewer Hall Room 140.
 Contact: jsudemocrats@hotmail.com

ISO:
 We are having a Taster's Fair March 5 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. Come try foods from all over the world.
 Contact: zorkakujovic@hotmail.com

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Now let's fast forward about half an hour. I'm 15 yards behind Cadets John Miles and Jonathan Greene, my guides for the day, running up the mountain in front of me. They say it's just a hill, but I know better. I can't breathe, I can't decide if I'm hot or cold and I can't figure out why I wore such a thick coat. I don't even know why I suggested we try to find another point. But I did.

Today is the Viking Pursuit land navigation competition for JSU's ROTC cadets and the cadets from 14 other schools. I'm just here to watch, but the JSU cadets treat me as one of their own, except they have to show me where to go, wait for me at the top of the hill, and translate their military jargon for me.

Ok, so maybe I'm not quite one

teams from each school are dismissed in order, Team 1, Team 2, then Team 3.

Miles, Greene, and I follow the other cadets to the starting point where the teams pick up their maps. They also carry a compass and protractor. The cadets are given a list of 8-digit coordinates to plot on the map. Then they devise a strategy to find the most number of points using the compass, protractor, contour lines on the map, terrain association, and pace count.

The coordinates correspond to the location of white and orange flags placed throughout the area. The flags closer to the start point are worth five points, while flags farther away are worth 15 points. Each team has 3 hours to find as many flags as possible and return to the start point. At each flag,



Photo By: Angela Reid

(L to R) Jonathan Dickson, Christopher Bunt, Michael Miller, Richard Pugh and Joshua Matthews return from their three-hour search to place second at the competition.

there is a different clacker, a high-tech hole-punch, to mark the scorecard and verify the team found that point.

Some teams decide to stay close to the start point and pick up as many 5-point flags as possible. Others head to the 15-point flags

first. Some teams walk and others run. It's all about strategy.

Since Miles, Greene and I aren't competing, we decide walking is a good strategy for us. There are several points close to the road so they advise me to find the first point using terrain association. We look

at the map and find a point close to a bend in the road ahead. After we get closer, we look off in the woods until we spot the flag. With the sharp eyes of Cadet Greene, it didn't take very long.

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Not your "normal conference-type thing"

By: Jessica Summe
Chanticleer Features Editor

The 2006 On The Brink Writer's Conference was held at the Houston Cole Library on Feb 11.

The conference, sponsored by the JSU department of English, gathered Southern writers together to read from their newest novels, meet local readers and writers, and sign books for their fans.

The theme of this year's gathering was *Life's Too Short to Drink Bad Shine*, which encouraged several of the speakers to talk about their experiences with moonshine.

The morning session included readings from Clyde Bolton (*Stop the Presses! [So I Can Get Off]*), Sonny Brewer (*The Poet of Tolstoy Park*), Pat Cunningham Devoto (*The Summer We Got Saved*), and Beth Ann Fennelly (*Tenderhooks*). The afternoon session consisted of Frank Turner Hollon (*The Point of Fracture*), Suzanna Hudson (*In the Dark of the Moon*), Joshilyn Jackson (*Gods in Alabama*), and Theron Montgomery (*The Procession*). All of these books, and some other works

by the featured authors, were available for purchase thanks to Jake Reiss of Alabama Booksmith.

"I've been invited by the committee several times in the past," said Montgomery, while waiting to sign copies of his book. "I got my Master's here, I grew up here, so it's nice to be back. I think it's the most outstanding public school conference in the state. They keep fine-tuning it, watching the details, and improving it every year."

"My husband and I have a special fondness in our hearts for this conference," said Fennelly, whose husband, Tom Franklin, attended the conference in 1999 for his novel *Poachers*. "This is where it feels like it really got started."

Alabama Booksmith also secured 20 or 30 copies of Fennelly's newest work, *Great with Child*, which Fennelly herself did not have copies of yet.

"I was shocked to see them on the table," she said. "I got one to send to my mother."

Hollon, who attended the conference in 2000, is a practicing lawyer in Fairhope, Ala. His 2003 novel *Life is a*

Strange Place is being made into a movie starring Luke Wilson.

"It's going to be called *Barry Munday*," said Hollon. "They're filming it in LA, but I'm hoping to sneak in a

play a part. It probably sold the least of my novels, but that's the one Hollywood wants to make a movie out of."

"I had read Sunny's and Pat's books," said Mary

Bottcher, a retired high school guidance counselor attending the conference. "I bought Clyde Bolton's [book] and picked up Beth's book after hearing them speak today."

DeShunn Johnson, who bought *Gods in Alabama* and *The Summer We Got Saved*, said, "I felt like it wasn't a normal conference-type thing. It was very enlightening and a fun time."

This week's editorial cartoon



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CAMPUS CRIME

February 1 -

Lamond Mayer Jr. was arrested for driving under the influence and the possession and eradication of marijuana at Hwy 21 and Clinton St.

Anthony John Jernigan Jr. was arrested for the possession and eradication of marijuana at Hwy21 and Clinton St.

February 2 -

A minor in consumption of alcohol was reported at Sparkman Hall.

February 3 -

The theft of a purse valued at \$20 was reported at the Houston Cole Library.

A trespass warning was issued at Dixon Hall

February 4 -

An abandoned vehicle was reported at McGee Hall.

The theft of a laptop and a Visa debit card was reported at Dixon Hall.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the Delta Chi parking lot.

February 7 -

Christopher Devon Giles was arrested for three counts of illegal possession and use of a credit card at Stone Center. The theft of a LG cell phone was reported at Hammond Hall.

A theft was reported at Jacksonville Place Apartments.

A burglary was reported at Forney Hall.

February 9 -

The theft of a Compass Bank check card was reported at Daugeette Hall.

February 10 -

Breaking and entering a vehicle was reported in the parking lot of Self Hall. Harassment was reported at Panell Apartments.

February 12 -

Criminal mischief was reported at the Delta Chi Fraternity House.

Criminal Mischief was reported at Dixon Hall.

Information in Campus Crime is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents that anyone has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe any information to be an error, call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

Close encounters

JSU field school staff member Renee Morrison gives children first-hand experience with animals

By: Audrey Hykes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

What would you do if you woke up one morning, looked out the window and saw a dinosaur? Yes, a dinosaur, and a living one at that, about eight feet long and maybe 200 pounds.

Or maybe there's an emu, which looks like a small ostrich, running around lost. After lassoing it by the leg, what should you do?

What if you happen to see a falcon swoop down into rush hour traffic to catch a mouse, and a truck hits it? The falcon falls to the side of the road, wings spread and barely moving. It's still alive, injured badly, and needs help before it dies. Who do you contact to help this bird, since it would be extremely dangerous, not to mention illegal, to attempt to help the bird yourself?

Renee Morrison, coordinator of the Jacksonville State University Field Schools, gets these kinds of calls all the time. Well, except the dinosaur was not a real dinosaur, but an escaped tegu, a giant lizard.

Morrison says that the field schools provide many educational demonstrations and shows for children from K-12 and the general public. One of their most well known projects is the live animal program.

"It's not a rehab and rescue program, so to speak," said Morrison, "but it is a collection of live animals that have either been born in captivity, or are wild animals that have been injured and can't be released into the wild because they can't function on their own anymore."

With these animals, the program is able to provide educational demonstrations for about 30,000 people every year.

Morrison says the animals are especially influential for the young children. Many of them don't know much about animals or



Photo courtesy of: Renee Morrison

Renee Morrison's son, Jo, pets Ariel, a rescued hawk, who appears in 12 field school programs a year.

they have the wrong impression about certain species, such as the snakes and birds of prey. The program gives the kids an up-close-and-personal encounter with these wonderful animals.

"You can talk about a snake, or an eagle, but if you have a live bird of prey that they're able to actually look at and make eye contact with, it brings the message to a closer place in their heart," says Morrison.

This way, the animals continue to serve an important role since they are no longer able to function in the natural world.

The field schools work with other organizations to do rescue and rehabilitation work including the Alabama Museum of Natural History, Alabama State Parks, the United States Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Alabama Wildlife Center at Oak Mountain and other partners.

One of their most specialized rescue animals is a Harris hawk named Ariel. The field school has a federal permit to care for birds of prey and use them for educational purposes, but they needed help to rescue and rehabilitate Ariel, who had been neglected by a Louisiana falconer.

"She locked eyes with me that day we went down," says Morrison, "and it was just like she knew that she was going to

someone who would take care of her, and that she was going to get a better life." Ariel now works with the Field Schools and is presented in about 12 programs each year.

The field school also helps to protect, rescue and rehabilitate animals that are not federally protected, such as rabbits, opossums, deer, and small birds. Morrison says she has been known to bottle-feed and hand-raise baby possums, then carry them around in baby snugglies until she can find homes for them or release them back into the wild.

The live animal program has become so significant, according to Morrison, that the Field School will soon break ground for a new \$7 million facility, including a space for animal housing and habitats. It is scheduled to open in approximately 18 months, near Fort Payne on Hwy. 35.

Morrison has been working in this field for the past 20 years. She graduated from JSU as a biologist. From there, she went to Puerto Rico to do endangered species research, then came back to Alabama to work with the Anniston Museum of Natural History for 10 years in conservation and live animal programs. Since then, she has been running the JSU Field Schools, and says she has the best job on campus.

Her favorite part of the job is doing live animal presentations for children

"At first sometimes there's a fear factor there, but once they overcome that fear factor, that child is just sold on conservation and environmental protection forever," she says.

If you ever come across an unusual situation involving wildlife, or you need to report an injury, she encourages people to call her office at (256) 782-5697. You can also call Dan Spalding or Steven Faughn at the Anniston Museum of Natural History, (256) 237-6766. They are able to help with emergencies in five counties.



Senate Minutes

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Resolution:
Vice President of Organizational Affairs Antonio Davis completed a resolution that

reported that during Monday's Faculty Senate meeting the parking issues around Sparkman and Ayers halls were addressed. Resolutions have been drawn, but no agreements have been reached. **STARS:**

Tomorrow, students from the Student Government Association are going to Montgomery to prepare for Higher Ed day. They will join students from other colleges to make banners.

JSU Star:

Over 200 pints of blood were donated during last week's blood drive.

Ambassadors:
JSU Ambassador applications are due March 1 in the Visitor's

Center.

Resident Assistants:

Applications for resident assistants are due March 1 in the Office of University Housing and Residence Life.





Photo By: Tricia Mantooth

Tavius Cooper and Marissa Hunt rehearse for Center Stage at Stephenson Hall.

Spotlight on Center Stage

By: Tricia Mantooth
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

On February 4, JSU's winter-guard, Center Stage, claimed first place in both the preliminary competitions and finals of a regional competition in Atlanta, Ga.

Center Stage did so well at this competition they have been offered a chance to move up to a higher class.

If you're wondering what in the world I'm talking about, venture to the Stephenson gym on a week-end night and you will come in contact with the most modern form of performance.

If you've seen the colorguard perform with the Marching Southerners, you've noticed the rifles, sabers, and flags being tossed into the air. This group consists of many of the same people, the same equipment, and the same modern dance; only it is performed on a basketball court in lieu of a football field.

Center Stage has been rehearsing almost every weekend since the end of October and they've already had to change their show due to music licensing difficulties.

No matter the hardships, members enjoy being in the winter-guard.

"Center Stage is a family," said Nicole Cross, a second year participant. "You don't know what the feeling is until you've experienced it yourself. It's the reason I came to JSU." Cross believes that Center Stage is the best thing that's ever happened to her.

Last week's regional was held at North Springs High School. In the prelims, Center Stage received first place with a 78.4, an outstanding score for the beginning of the season.

Scores are generally lower in finals, but the guard earned first place again, receiving an 80.6, beating the second place finishers by 4.2 points.

The guard looks forward to performing at Winter Guard International April 6-8 where they might be competing with groups from England and Japan.

Center Stage is directed by Rodney Bailey, who also teaches English and oral communication at JSU. They practice on Friday and Saturday nights between 6 p.m. and 12 a.m. and on Sunday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

This group lives for their audiences, so go watch a run-through of the show about 15-30 minutes before each rehearsal is over. You just might be impressed.

Vice President of Organizational Affairs Antonio Davis completed a resolution that plans for an illuminated outdoor basketball court. It will be given to university officials for review.
Faculty Senate:
Chief Justice Brandie Pollard

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“Crazy for You” opens tonight

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Many people have no idea what goes into a regular play—the long days and frantic nights of memorization, blocking, character development, costuming, props, set building and decoration, lighting, sound, publicity, and a zillion other elements have to come together flawlessly to even get a show on the stage.

Make that play a musical, and you increase the difficulty factor by ten.

“We have good working relationships with the art and music [departments] here,” said Dr. Wayne “Doc” Claeren, the director of *Crazy for You*. “We’re lucky—that’s usually not the case. A lot of schools usually have trouble between departments.”

The music department and the drama department have been working on *Crazy for You* since November, when Jeremy Storall, Teresa Stricklin, and Claeren all sat down and watched students audition for two days before Thanksgiving break.

“Occasionally we’ll get someone with a lot of training, but that’s rare,” Claeren said. “Auditions are open to anybody.”

It’s one of the major reasons we have shows, to give students that experience.”

Stricklin, who teaches voice, said they didn’t finish casting until after midnight. She would have loved to have been able to rehearse them through Christmas, since the first eight days of rehearsal when the new semester started were basically an introductory voice class.

“I’m one of the three or four who don’t have to tap, which is lucky for them, but I do a lot of tabletop maneuvering,” said Jessica Smith, who plays Irene. Smith auditioned just to be in the chorus, but overshot and landed the part of Irene.

Laura Danette, a choreographer from New York, returned again to JSU to work on *Crazy for You*. The students had to learn tap, soft-shoe, and several other kinds of dancing. Since JSU doesn’t have a dance department to draw from, they went straight to Broadway.

Danette based the choreography on the original Broadway show.

“Laura’s patience is amazing,” says Josh Sirten, who plays Bobby. “When I knew they were getting her back, I felt much better about the dancing. The dancing was the biggest stretch for everybody.”

But a musical isn’t a musical without music, supplied by volunteers from the JSU music department.

“A lot of the students here are music majors, here for leadership or scholarship hours,” said Jeremy

Storall, the conductor. This is his second year doing the musical. “They’re very well trained and experienced. It’s easy to put them together,” he said.

Crazy for You runs from February 16-19, and 23-26.

Sunday matinees are at 2 P.M., all other shows start at 7 P.M. Tickets for students and military are \$8, JSU personnel and senior citizens are \$10, and adult tickets are \$12. The Box Office can be reached at 782-5648.



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In “Slap that Bass,” the guys use the girls as basses, a large stringed instrument.

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ROTC:

The next point sends us farther up the road into a parking lot. We know from the map that there is another flag directly north and across a stream from the corner of the lot.

We find the flag, but hide behind a hill so my sky blue jacket doesn’t help the rival group behind us.

According to the map, and my guides, we need to follow the stream to find our next point. We know where it is, but getting there is the problem. After watching a cadet from the other group fall into the stream, we decide to be a bit more careful. After crossing the stream several times to avoid the steepest banks, we find the flag just past a “y” down-stream.

But now I have a decision to make. We’ve found all the points close to the road and stream. I can go back to the start point and wait on the other groups to return or we can find another point up the next hill. Even though they try to convince me to turn back, they also tell me I’ll have a better idea of what the other teams are enduring if we find

That was my first mistake.

While a team from another school follows us from point to point, Miles and Greene give me a crash course in using a compass and shooting an azimuth. Yes, I did say “azimuth.” That should have told me I was in over my head.

In the most basic terms, an azimuth is the straight line you want to follow after you’ve determined what direction you need to go with the compass.

Greene decides our next logical point is at the top of a hill, but I still say it’s a mountain. It doesn’t seem so bad until Miles and Greene start running. They say you don’t have to hurt so long going up if you run. I decide walking is still a good strategy for me.

Even with my new compass knowledge, we still use a good bit of terrain association. We don’t have the road or the stream anymore, but we do have the contour lines on the map. The lines tell us about the terrain by their shape and how close they are to each other. If the lines are very close together, it indicates a steep incline. If there is a small circle in the middle of several lines close together, you know you are at the top of a hill.

After I catch up to them and catch my breath, Miles and Greene explain what strategies the other teams could be using. For example, when a team is close to the flag, they fan out to cover more ground. This makes it easier to spot the small flags in the middle of the woods. They also said that they would have chosen to walk instead of run even if they were competing. With three hours to search for flags, running full speed at the first of the competition will make the rest of the day much harder.

Other strategies include finding the most distant flag first, then working backwards or simply circling the nearby lake and picking up every flag possible.

Whatever the strategy, every member of the group must back before time has elapsed.

Though we still have time according to the official clock, we decide it’s time for our search to end. I am not interested in racing them up any more “hills.” We head back to the nearest road, using terrain association, to wait for the other teams at the start point.

As the teams return, I stand in the parking lot and listen to army stories. Somewhere between the acronyms, the abbreviations, and

conversation.

After a barbecue lunch with two different groups of cadets, sitting in the van while they trade MRE contents and wait for the scoring to be completed, I began to understand even more of what they were talking about.

During the last formation, I stand in the back and talk with Master Sergeant James Beard about my military misconceptions that had been corrected during the day. Instead of worrying the entire day about how to address officers or breaking some rule of the competition, I laughed. All day. But our conversation is quickly interrupted when I take off running to the front of the field to snap a picture.

Even with a scoring discrepancy, JSU’s Team 1 with Joshua Matthews, Jonathan Dickson, Christopher Bunt, Michael Miller and Richard Pugh, won second place out of 47 teams. An impressive victory.

So after a long day in the freezing weather and a long drive home, when I no longer have to think about finding a flag or surviving the next mountain, when my sister asks me if I had fun with the ROTC, what will I answer? “Hooah,” I’ll say, “Yeah. Hooah.”

though they try to convince me to turn back, they also tell me I'll have a better idea of what the other teams are enduring if we find another point. My curiosity takes over. I ask to find one more point and to use the compass to find it instead of terrain association.

indicates a steep incline. If there is a small circle in the middle of several lines close together, you know you are at the top of a hill.

I started the day completely confused, but by the end of the day, with the help of the cadets, the map started to make sense.

As the teams return, I stand in the parking lot and listen to army stories. Somewhere between the acronyms, the abbreviations, and the "hooahs," an all-purpose army word that can mean just about anything and can be used in any sentence, I start to make sense of the

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Hot Shots

James and Joseph Hall share a unique bond as brothers and teammates



Photos By: Jennifer Bacchus

James (left and top left) and Joseph (top right and bottom) rank among some of the best marksmen in the nation. "We bet our family chores on who can beat each other at the range," says James. Last month, when James won a match, Joseph had to buy groceries and do the dishes for a week.



There's always a competition between the Halls, whether it's weights or workouts or who can eat the most at a restaurant.

"We bet our family chores on who can beat each other at the range," says James. Last month, when James won a match, Joseph had to buy groceries and do the dishes for a week.

For the 2004 Olympics, Joseph was an alternate. Most people would be thrilled to be that good, but Joseph seemed

James and I are like celebrities," says Joseph.

You can bet that the boys don't let it go to their head. Although extremely talented, intelligent, and down right cute, the Hall brothers are humble, easy to talk to, and single. For now, Joseph says his girlfriend is Ursula...his gun.

Back home, Mrs. Hall continues to be proud of her boys.

"That's an understatement, to say the least," Mrs. Hall

Milan, and Japan just to name a few.

They played soccer and baseball, swam on a local swim team, and even tried wrestling, but it was the competitiveness of rifle that drove the Halls to succeed at the sport.

"Because we started rifle at the same time, we were more competitive," says James. "Shooting, we could always compete together. It was more family oriented."

A few years later, and over a dozen scholarship offers later, the boys found themselves at JSU. James was the first to come to JSU in 2002 followed by Joseph in 2004. Jonathan just signed his Letter of Intent in November and will begin attending JSU next fall.

James says he chose JSU because of the location. "It's a small school and I'm from a pretty small town," he says. "I'm getting everything out of Jacksonville that I would like to."

Joseph had eight full scholarships offers but came to JSU for the team.

"I knew my brother was here," says Joseph. "That was my main reason for coming. I just couldn't see myself going to West Point."

As for Jonathan, he says he liked the fact that JSU was close to home and fell in love with the campus. His brothers had an influence in his decision to

By: Liz Hendricks
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The shooting communities up and coming stars and the 2008 Olympic hopefuls are right in our backyard. They may even be the cute guys who sit in front of you in class. These All-American, National Team members, and all around badass shooters are the Hall Brothers and they just happen to be on the JSU rifle team.

Growing up, James, Joseph and Jonathan Hall wanted what any boy living in a small town in rural Georgia would want: a B.B. gun.

Unfortunately for them, their mom was anti-gun. She grew up around guns all her life, and as an adult, she understood that meat was available at Kroger's. Since people no longer had to hunt to survive, Creaestia Hall found no reason for her boys to need a gun.

Their father, Joe Hall, felt differently. He wasn't a hunter, but grew up learning gun safety as a Boy Scout and felt it was important for the boys to be able to learn how to properly handle a gun.

Their mom finally caved in, on one condition; the boys would have to take a hunters safety course and after completion of the course, would be allowed to have one B.B. gun to share between the three of them.

"When we went to the range

share between the three of them.

"When we went to the range we were the youngest people there," says James, the oldest Hall brother. "We shot with a bunch of army guys."

The instructor of the gun safety course took immediate interest in the boys and asked them to try out for the 4-H B.B. team. The rest is history. The boys joined the team and have been shooting ever since.

"I was sold on the whole media hype that guns are bad," says Mrs. Hall. "Watching the discipline of the shooting changed my mind."

Their mom is now an instructor for gun safety, a rifle coach, and a range safety officer although she will only shoot a gun when she has to. She has a new found respect for guns and knows a lot about them. Especially for a woman who was anti-gun a decade ago.

"I found a sport I was good at and I liked doing," says Joseph. "Once I started winning, I was hooked."

There are some common misconceptions that come with the territory of being a marksman. People think the rifle team twirls the guns at football halftime shows or that they're "big redneck hunters."

"I've never been hunting a day in my life," says Joseph. "I don't really have the urge to sit out in the cold and shoot something."

Joseph says that he's never shot anything besides a piece of paper with a target smaller than a thumbtack. Shooting a deer would be like "shooting a Mack truck."

The Hall Brother's had a unique childhood. Because their parents chose to home school, they had lots of time to focus on their sport.

"I've seen more countries and gone more places by the time I was 18 than most people read about," says Joseph. "We're not your typical home schooled children."

The Halls have competed throughout the United States and abroad in places like London, Australia, Korea, the Czech Republic, Munich,

to home and fall in love with the campus. His brothers had an influence in his decision to come to JSU but it wasn't a huge factor.

Head Coach Ron Frost says the Hall brothers are a great asset for the team.

"JSU really got lucky when the first Hall brother came. That was four years ago," says Frost. "It was a great chain of events...all of them are coming here now."

With the help of James and Joseph, JSU had their highest standing ever last year, finishing number two in the country; they missed claiming the national championship by only one point. JSU also won the OVC Tournament for the first time last year.

Coach Frost says one of the good things about having the Hall's on the team is that competition drives competition. With James and Joseph being equally matched, they're constantly driving each other.

"It gives their teammates something to compare themselves to," says Frost. "Something to strive for."

The rivalry between the brothers that started when they were young still thrives today.

"I love it when James beats me," says Joseph. "Cause it makes me work harder to beat him."

Joseph was an alternate. Most people would be thrilled to be that good, but Joseph seemed unsatisfied.

"Unfortunately I was only third best in the country," he says. "But we're going 2008 for sure!" He says about himself and his younger brother, Jonathan.

Joseph and Jonathan's Olympic dreams may become a reality before their older brother James. He will graduate this year with a degree in Computer Integrated Manufacturing and start work on his master's this summer.

"Joseph is strictly Olympics," says James. "I would like to go to the Olympics, but I want to get school out of the way first."

Joseph's other goal is to become an eight-time All-American. Meaning he must make All-American, all four years, in both shooting events (air rifle and smallbore). He is well on his way after his freshman year, winning both events in the OVC and being named the NCAA's and OVC's freshman of the year.

During the summer, James and Joseph teach a civilian marksmanship program, traveling around the country to camps, teaching children the proper way to shoot guns.

"In the shooting community

times to be proud of her boys.

"That's an understatement, to say the least," Mrs. Hall said. "I'd be proud of them whether they were shooting or not."



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Tennessee Tech records 75-61 comeback win over Jax State

From Staff Reports
JSU Athletic Department

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. – Senior Emily Christian notched her eighth double-double of the season with 28 points and 13 rebounds, and freshman Meagan Lyons scored 17 in the second half to lift Tennessee Tech to a 75-61 Ohio Valley Conference come-from-behind victory over Jacksonville State Thursday night.

Tech, which trailed by as many as eight points in the second half, improved to 17-6 overall and remained in first place in the OVC standings with a 13-3 league record. JSU had its six-game winning streak snapped and slipped to 9-14/7-9 OVC.

“Our kids came in here and battled the top team in the conference,” said JSU head coach Dave Dagostino. “We have a very young group of players and they played nose-to-nose with a very good Tech team.”

The Gamecocks were on fire to open the contest, hitting from inside and outside on a 10-0 run to take an early 14-5 lead. Rebecca Haynes hit back-to-back 3-pointers and Courtney Slaughter scored two baskets.

Tech cut the lead to 16-12 before Jax State pushed the lead back to nine points on two more baskets by Slaughter and a 3-

pointer from Ashley Boykin for a 25-16 lead, but Christian scored eight straight for TTU to cut the lead to 25-24 with 6:12 left.

The Gamecocks built a six point lead after Boykin sank three free throws after Tech head coach Bill Worrell received two technical fouls and was ejected from the game with 4:08 left in the half. Jax State held a 34-28 lead at the half, as Christian scored 19 points in the half for Tech.

In the second half, JSU pulled on top by eight points, 40-32, but the Eaglettes used a 10-2 run capped by a 3-pointer from Jana Reece to tie the game. After Courtney Slaughter’s 3-pointer gave the visitors another three-point lead, Tech took their first lead of the second half on a layup from Lyons to give TTU a 47-45 advantage.

With Tech holding a slim 60-57 lead with 4:46 remaining, Lyons scored 10 straight points over the next four minutes to seal the win. Tennessee Tech finished 25-of-36 from the free throw line, while the Gamecocks were just 10-of-17.

Christian had 28 points, 13 rebounds, four assists, two steals and two blocked shots, while Lyons had 17 points, all in the second half, and Reece finished with 10 points.

Slaughter scored 19 points to lead

Jacksonville State, while Haynes added 17 points and eight rebounds. Ann-Marie Healy finished with eight points and 11 rebounds.

“Most of our mistakes tonight was due to inexperience,” said Dagostino. “But, we have four games to make some improvements and close the gap before we will face Tech again.”

Jacksonville State will have a week off before returning to action next Thursday night against Eastern Kentucky. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m. at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

OVC Standings

| | OVC | Overall |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Tennessee Tech | 14-3 | 18-6 |
| Southeast Missouri | 13-3 | 16-7 |
| Samford | 11-5 | 16-7 |
| Austin Peay | 10-7 | 13-11 |
| Eastern Illinois | 9-7 | 10-14 |
| Morehead State | 7-9 | 12-11 |
| JSU | 7-9 | 9-14 |
| Murray State | 7-9 | 8-15 |
| Eastern Kentucky | 6-10 | 6-17 |
| UT- Martin | 6-11 | 8-16 |
| Tennessee State | 0-17 | 0-24 |

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Photo by: Tony Marable/ Tennessee Tech University

Ann-Marie Healy blocks a shot by Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tennessee Saturday night.

University of the South shuts out Cock Rugby

Chris Wills (left in a picture by Jessica Summe) attempts to run the ball down the pitch. Seconds later, he was clotheslined by a member of the University of the South rugby team.

After watching the Purple Haze score five points in the first minute of the game, the boys of Cock Rugby struggled against both the elements and a more experienced, bigger team.

Cock Rugby lost the game 20-0, with Sewanee scoring three tries, one conversion and a penalty kick.

“We did better than I thought we would,” said Coach Mike Trowse. “We’re still playing football, not rugby and making silly mistakes. We’ve got a long way to go, but next spring we’ll be pretty good.”

“It was a clumsy game,” said University of the South Coach Brian Stringer of the miserably cold weather and soggy field.

“Both teams played very well under the circumstances,” he added.



penalty kick.

Samford defeats JSU men and women

Sophomore Bernardo Bachino (pictured at right in a photo by Liz Hendricks) won a hard fought match against Samford's Renan Silveira in last Wednesday's match of non-conference play.

Despite Bachino's efforts, Samford came out victorious 4-3 over the men and downed the women's team 7-0. Bachino and Silveira could be heard yelling at each other in Portuguese between games.

"We usually play in Brazil together," says Bachino. "We are mates. Last time I lost against him, so it was good."

Both teams will be in Macon, Ga., today where they will take on Mercer at 1:00 p.m..

Men's Results

Samford 4, Jacksonville State 3

Singles competition:

1 Robertson (JSU) def. Misner 3-6, 6-4, 6-2

2. Bachino (JSU) def. Silveira 6-3, 0-6, 6-4
3. Miletic def. Rybertt (JSU) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3
4. Grant def. Unkenholz (JSU) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3
5. Vaccarin (JSU) def. Weaver 7-5, 7-6
6. Griffiee def. Pazzoldan (JSU) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles competition:

1. Silveira/Weaver def. Bachino/Rybertt (JSU)
2. Misner/Grant def. Robertson/Pazzoldan (JSU)
3. Griffiee/Bryce def. Unkenholz/Vaccarin (JSU)

Women's Results

Samford 7, Jacksonville State 0

Singles competition:

1. Jackson def. Dushner (JSU) 6-7, 7-5, 10-8
2. McMiller def. Higgs (JSU) 6-2, 7-5
3. White def. Lombardo (JSU) 6-1, 6-4
4. Warren def. Abby (JSU) 6-1, 6-1
5. McKey def. Lopes (JSU) 6-7, 6-1, 7-5
6. Dyar def. Barnes (JSU) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1

Doubles competition:

1. White/McKey) def. Dushner/Higgs (JSU) 8-3
2. McMiller/Jackson def. Abby/Lopes (JSU) 9-8
3. Warren/Baker def. Lombardo/Barnes (JSU)



JSU Rifle falls short of NCAA dreams

By: Chad Hoffman

The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The Jacksonville State University rifle team competed in the NCAA sectionals this past weekend in Oxford, Miss., on the University of Mississippi campus.

The results are not yet final; however, the Gamecocks, having lost the last three matches before going into sectionals, feel as though they will not compete at nationals because of the low shooting scores posted by the entire team. Senior James Hall feels as though the team mindset was there at sectionals, but they were not there as a team.

"I feel that we could have done better than what we did," said Joseph Hall. "We shot strong, but it wasn't the strongest that

we have ever shot."

Jacksonville State fell just one point shy of the national title last year behind the United States Military Academy. This year, however, is a different story. The Gamecocks will not be traveling as a team to compete at nationals.

Meanwhile, James and Joseph are preparing to go to nationals and compete individually in air rifle and smallbore, respectively.

At sectionals, Joseph shot a 591 out of 600 to take first place in air rifle. This was one of Joseph's better air rifle scores and he feels as though he did very well.

"I felt very confident in individuals this weekend," said Joseph. "My air rifle score was strong. I felt very good going into air rifle and I was very pleased with my score

and the turnout."

James shot a 590 out of 600 to capture first place in smallbore. James seems to have stepped it up coming from a 583 just one week ago, to shooting a 590 this past week.

"I believe that I went out there with a mindset of winning," said James. "My air rifle score was 584, one point under my goal. I knew going into this event that I needed to shoot a better smallbore score because that is what I want to compete with at nationals."

The Gamecocks will be closing out their long season this weekend. They are looking to prove themselves as they travel to Martin, Tenn., and compete in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament for their final meet of the season.

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