Erik Lyda Bachelor's degree in communication with a minor in English

Erik grew up in Alpharetta, Ga. He decided to come to JSU because he wanted to be part of the music department and it was just the right distance away from home.

"Five. Jacksonville Place, Weatherly Hall, Dixon Hall, Phi Mu Alpha House and a



friend of mine's couch. Yes, I'll admit it. 1 lived on somebody's couch for a semester." on places he's lived since coming to JSU.



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Assistant Director of Student Life, Eddie Banks-Crosson gets pied in the pie for pie event during intermission at the Greek talent show.

Greek week at the beach

Bv: Kim Davis

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Greek Week gave Greeks the opportunity to encourage communication, unity and fun.

The theme was "When life is a beach, you play in the sand."

"What the theme means to me, is to not take anything for granted and to always have fun no matter what you are doing," said Zeta Tau Alpha President Kristen Piper.

"Greek week activities are planned for having a good time," said Assistant Director of Student Life Eddie Banks-Crosson.

Greeks planned and participated in events like a talent show, pie for pie, penny drop, Greek Olympics, faculty/staff appreciation pig roast, faculty appreciation banners and

Greek luau. The annual Greek awards were also presented during this week.

"I will describe Greek week as exciting because I got a chance to bond with members of other organizations, and it was very important to me because most of the time we are involved with just our organization," said Piper.

Greek unity and communication were the main goals of the week.

"I hope for the Greeks to bridge the gap among the fraternities and sororities and to improve relations in the groups," said Banks- Crosson.

"I will describe this event as rewarding because I got the opportunity to gain insight and ideas on how other councils work," said Alpha Phi Alpha President Antonio Davis.

Safety problem at Greek events



Awards abound at Com

By: Kim Davis

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By: Kim Davis

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Omega Psi Phi fraternity was prohibited from any social events on campus for 60 days after a student was severely injured outside their party a month ago.

"The university is serious about violating rules, especially when people are in danger," said Assistant Director of Student Life Eddie D. Banks-Crosson.

The Omegas were very disappointed that the blame was placed on them after Tauren Rhetta was injured outside Cock Diesel.

"It's unfortunate that it had to happen, but things happen and once it happened outside it has nothing to do with us," said Omega Psi Phi member Chibunna Ehimevir.

The Omegas were tried by National Pan-Hellenic Council delegates, who charged them with violating the alcohol and drug policy, a direct violation of the university code of conduct as outlined in section 1 of the Student Groups and Organization Policies.

The policy states:

c. Open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of an organization, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, shall be prohibited.

f. No organization may cosponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization or tavern (an establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present.

"I wish they would have taken the proper measures to handle the situation because we did not get a fair trial," said Ehimevir. "The decision was already predetermined, and we got suspended and fined."

The judicial board of the National Pan-Hellenic Council required the Omega Psi Phi chapter to pay a \$300 fine by April 17. All members were required to attend a mandatory risk management workshop through the Office of Student Life and they were put on social probation from Monday, April 3, until Monday, October 2. During the probation, the chapter can not participate in or host any social events or induct new members, according to a letter sent to the chapter by the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

"They are prohibited from having any social events on campus, but they can still participate and conduct themselves as a active chapter," said Banks-Crosson.

Although the rules are always likely to be followed, according to Banks-Crosson, another incident occurred March 30 at Phi Beta Sigma fraternity cookout at the Alumni House.

Alex Grissett, a sophomore majoring in social work, said he was at the cookout having fun with friends until he was attacked.

"I did not hit a girl first, she

See Safety, Page 2.



Photo By: Jennifer Bacchus

Beth Holloway Twitty, mother of Natalee Holloway, is interviewed by TV 24's Kenny Callahan. Twitty was on campus to speak to JSU students about safe travel.

Twitty wishes students safe travels

By: Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

We have all heard the story of the disappearance of Natalee Holloway, but last Monday, JSU students were able to hear a more personal side of the story as Natalee's mother, Beth Holloway Twitty, brought her safe travels campaign to campus.

After a video tribute to her daughter, Twitty told of her experiences in Aruba. The softness of her voice and her humility made it clear that she wanted to use her struggles as a guide for young adults.

"What happened to

Natalee could happen to anyone in this room," said Twitty.

Because of her experiences in Aruba, she created the International Safe Travels Foundation.

"You are your own best protection," she said.

Her presentation included safety tips for travelers, such as carrying a cell phone that is capable of making international calls.

Do not reveal departure dates and leave your passport at the hotel instead of carrying it during the day.

"It's not even when I'm traveling, it's anywhere," said Caroline Cordle, a

junior at Newnan High School in Georgia, about what she learned from the presentation.

Twitty's main focus was telling students that they are responsible for their own safety.

"It's too late for me, it's too late for my daughter," said Twitty, "but it's not too late for you."

Dr. William Meehan said that when it comes to bad weather we all know what to do, but in an emergency situation, especially in a foreign country, we may not be so sure.

Zeta Tau Alpha sponsored the event.

at Com banquet

By: Charity Jones
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

While everyone else was buzzing from class to class, preparing for finals, writing papers and putting the finishing touches on end-of-theterm projects, communications students had their minds elsewhere.

Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7, was Communications Week at Jacksonville State University and it was packed with lectures from professional speakers who had much to share regarding the topic of the week: "The Media – Living with the Government in the 21st century."

Monday morning, Butler Cain, news director of Alabama Public Radio, visited JSU to talk about "Bringing Public Radio to Alabama."

His discussion included a brief history of public radio in Alabama, as well as problems faced by the men and women working in the field.

Felicia Mason, the executive director of the Alabama Press Association, spoke that afternoon about the problems the APA has faced maintaining a balance between individual rights to privacy and the press members' rights to accurate information for their readers.

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Tim Lewis Bachelor's degree in

exercise science
Tim grew up in
Prattville, Ala and
went to Prattville High
School and Shelton
State Community
College before trans-

ferring to JSU. Lewis,

a guard for JSU's bas-

kethall team, chose JSU because Mike LaPlante and his coaching staff continued to recruit him even after injuring his knee at Shelton State.

One thing Tim wishes he had done differently at JSU was to win an OVC Championship in basketball.

"The song that reminds me most of JSU? I don't know the name of the song, but it's the one the Go-Go dancers dance to at halfume. The song they play 80 times a game."



Kevin Harrell

Master's degree in history and foreign language

Kevin grew up in Atmore, Ala. He graduated from Auburn University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in history. He applied to Auburn's master's program, but was told that he could only enter it on prohationary status because of his GRE score. A professor advised him to come to JSU. He would like to eventually teach college history, but has plans to begin his PhD this fall

His best piece of advice to new students is to get a job in the AV department at the library.

"My best life lesson I've learned up here?" Don't date two girls at the same time."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost and Found:

For lost items, check the UPD webpage at police.jsu.edu/lostandfound.ht ml.

BCM:

Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

JSU Talent Show:

The JSU Talent Show, hosted by the JSU Gospel Choir, will be Monday, April 17, at 6 p.m. in the TMB. Advance tickets are available in the TMB and Mason Hall.

Alpha Xi Delta:

Hope everyone had a great semester! Good luck with finals!

Contact: Charly Montague: iccibod@aol.com

Alpha Omicron Pi:

Congrats to our newly initiated girls! Good luck to everyone getting ready for finals! We hope that everyone has a great week!

Contact: Meredith Harvey at Merharvey@aol.com

UPD:

UPD is conducting a survey for their continued accreditation. Please click on the survey link at UPD's website: www.jsu.edu/dept/upd

AFSA:

All Faith Student Alliance meetings are every Tuesday at 6 p.m., 129 Stone Center.

Phi Beta Kappa:

The annual Gamma of Alabama Graduate Association banquet and business meeting will be held Thursday, April 13, at 6p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. The guest lecturer will be Dr. Thomas G. Palaima, Raymond F. Dickson Centennial Professor. His lecture on "Home Front and War Front" will be given at 7:30.

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Communication, from page 1:

As the first female to hold the title of Executive Director at the APA, Mason is a well-known and highly respected member of the communications field.

She praised APA lobbyists, who are largely responsible for ensuring the laws regarding public records do not harm the media's ability to relay important information to the public.

Tuesday morning, Buddy Eiland, senior public representative for Alabama Power Company, urged students to never allow discouragement to prevent them from presenting the truth in its entirety.

His lecture, "Public Relations in the Real World," was filled with humorous anecdotes, but still encouraged young reporters and public relations representatives to treat each source as a human being.

The main speaker of the week was Jennifer Thomas, executive producer of CNN Headline News.

Thomas discussed the journey from graduation and internships to a position of authority in the broadcasting field on Thursday morning.

Following the lecture,
Thomas was the keynote
speaker at the annual communications banquet and
awards ceremony.
Academic, professional,
character and student-ofthe-year awards were handed out to deserving students.
Peer awards were also given
out by the leaders of JSU's
student media and communication organizations.

Great Greek battles in history



Safety, from p. 1:

leaped on me and everyone fell," said Grissett. "When the fight was over, another Zeta jumped on me from the back and a Sigma grad student punched me in my face and broke my glasses."

Grissett had a black eye and broken glasses, but did not file a police report. Grissett does not recall security calling any backup or any police coming on the scene after the fight, though he recalls several Phi Beta

Sigma members trying to break up the fight.

"To my knowledge security was there, and I tell my students all the time, if anyone is at your event and tries to jeopardize your event you should make them leave," said Banks-Crosson.

"We were not fighting. We were trying to break up the fight because a boy hit a girl, and we pulled the boy from off the top of the girl," said Phi Beta Sigma Vice-President Mike Willis. "There was no need for backup because the fight

was contained, and we got back to partying."

Many students described the cookout event as fun until the fighting broke out.

"It was a great day, a good mood, and everyone was getting along and having such a good time," said Jennifer Nix. "It was ridiculous for a fight to happen on such a great day."

"I believe that it was unnecessary actions taken by the person who started the fight," said Shade Nix. "For us all to be grown people it should have been handled another way, because there was no reason whatsoever to start a fight."

"I do not believe that any situation is cause for violence," said Banks-Crosson. "Students have to be conscious of the decisions that they make."

Many students commented on the event, and they believe that incidents like this prevent students from having fun.

"This shows that you can not go to an event and have fun without someone wanting to fight all the time," said Elizabeth Birchfield.





The Chanticleer:

This will be our last issue of the year. Have a great summer and we'll see you when you return in the fall. Congrats to all the graduating seniors!

The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style brevity, and clarity.

For the full announcements policy call 782-5701 or come to The Chanticleer office at 180 Self Hall.

CAMPUS CRIME

April 10 -

An 18 year old JSU student reported domestic violence. Julie Lundy reported fraudulent use of a credit/debit card.

April 8-

Kelly Taft Brown reported harassing communications.

April 7 -

Mary Katherine McCormick reported the theft of a purple Coach purse, a bottle of Keppa, \$100 cash, 2 Visa cards, 1 Discover card, a Verizon cell phone, a wallet, and a Wacovia checkbook, from the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.

April 6 -

Samantha Jane Tozour reported the theft of a pair of black and pink flop-flops, a wool sweater, a blue "North Carolina" t-shirt, a teal pullover, and "Stepmom," 'American Pie," "Double Jeopardy" DVD's.

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.

student media and communication organizations.

The banquet serves as an end of the year celebration for the communication department.

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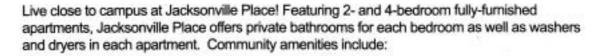
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Class of 2006



Steven DiBlasi Bachelor's degree in drama

Steven grew up in Darby, Penn. He attended Fayette County High School and Bevill State Community college before coming to

JSU. Steven chose JSU because of the quality theater faculty. After graduation, he plans to go to graduate school. If he could prank anyone, without getting

Michael McDonald. During his time at JSU, Steven has never darkened the door of the cafeteria, and doesn't eat fast food if he can help it



Michael McDonald Bachelor's degree

in music Michael came to JSU from Montgomery, Ala. He went to high school at Booker T. McDonald Magnet High School. After

graduation, Michael plans on returning to Montgomery and working to save money so he can

move far, far away. If he could prank anyone, without getting into trouble, Michael would

prank Steven DiBlasi.





Crystal Langhorn

Bachelor's degree in computer science with a double minor in military science and business

Crystal grew up in Omaha, Illinois. She attended high school at NCOE.

She also attended the University of Maryland before coming to JSU. Crystal is married to

James Lawborn and

into trouble, he

would prank

has one daughter. Crystal's favorite teacher is Dr. Donnie Ford in the

computer science department.





Bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in English

A transfer from the University of Alabama, Jessica came back home to Anniston during her junior year to be with family and attend JSU. She plans to continue her education with her masters and PhD.

"Abraham Lincoln. He was America's President

during a very trying time in American history and his policy is what made America what it is today." - on what person, past or present, she would most like to meet.



Dana Jackson

Bachelor's degree in art with a concentration in graphic design

Dana grew up in Oneonta, Ala and attended Appalachian High School. Before com-

ing to JSU, Dana attended Snead State Community College in Boaz, Ala. She is engaged to Matt Owens and plans to be married in August. She came to JSU because of the graphic design program and it was close to home.

Print and Production was Dana's favorite class.



Brant Wills

Bachelor's degree in computer science and a minor in music

Brant's hometown is Anaheim, Calif. He attended Warner Robins High School in Georgia and

Grafton High School in Virginia. He chose to attend JSU because of the supcrior education department, Marching Southerners, and the Spirit Drum and

Bugle Corps. After

graduation. Brant plans to begin graduate work and teaching. His favorite teacher is Dr. Donnie "Death" Ford.



Teri Ulm

Bachelor's degree in drama

Teri is from Piedmont, Ala, She attended Lincoln High School in Vincennes, Ind. and is married with three children and several

Avis Gregg

Bachelor's degree

in political science

with a minor in

criminal justice

grandchildren. She plans to enter a Master's program after graduation. Teri has probably been through 100 notebooks in her college career - and she's kept them all.

getting him to come to

JSU. Their daughter

is also a JSU grad.

He's looking to go

into probation and



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that Jacksonville really



Jonothan Greene

Bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a He attended Woodside



minor in military science Jonothan came to JSU from Newport News, Va. High School and came to JSU because of a scholar-





criminal justice

Avis's hometown is Charleston, S.C. An aunt and uncle who were stationed at Ft. McClellan before it closed were pivotal in

into probation and parole, but his longterm goal is to get his muster's and then go to law school and get involved in politics.

They would need a

take that building that Cock Diesel is in and convert that to a restaurant. It would be much better for the town than that club."

JSU because of a scholar-

Jonothan's favorite teacher is Harald Duncan in the criminal justice department.





Stephanie Mayfield

Bachelor's degree in history and foreign languages with a minor in English Stephanie hails from Lincoln, Ala. She came to JSU as a transfer student from

because of its location, class sizes and cost.

"Probably my truck. I blew up the motor in it," she said concerning the most expensive thing she has broken or lost in her time at JSU.



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Colombia Labor Relations Update for Our Campus Customers

On March 22, the International Labor Organization (ILO) announced that it will accept independent requests from the International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF) and from The Coca-Cola Company to investigate and evaluate the labor relations and workers' rights practices of the Coca-Cola bottlers in Colombia.

Some of our college and university customers, responding to calls from concerned parties on their campuses, have asked for an impartial and independent evaluation of the labor relations and workers' rights practices of the Coca-Cola bottlers in Colombia. We pledged our commitment to such an assessment, and now with the ILO's agreement to conduct an investigation and evaluation, we can fulfill that commitment.

The ILO is uniquely well qualified to conduct a fair and independent investigation and evaluation. An agency of the United Nations, the ILO focuses on the promotion of social justice and internationally recognized human and labor rights standards. The ILO has also been called on previously to investigate labor relations and workers' rights practices in specific countries. For example,

labor relations and workers' rights practices in specific countries. For example, its ongoing work in Cambodia is credited with improving working conditions in the textile and garment industries.

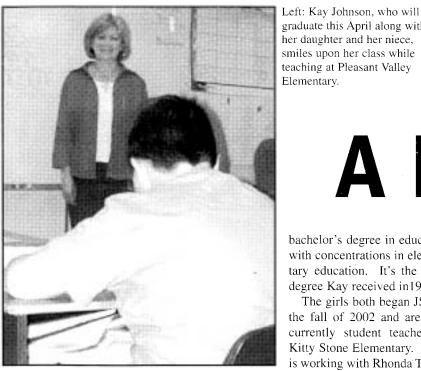
The ILO investigation in Colombia will be completely under the management and control of the ILO, which will determine how the investigation is to be carried out, over what time period, and how and when its findings will be reported. The Coca-Cola Company and the Colombian Coca-Cola bottlers have pledged full cooperation with the ILO in this project.

We believe an organization with the ILO's qualifications and credentials will produce a report whose conclusions will be accepted as valid by all concerned parties. The Coca-Cola Company and the Coca-Cola bottlers in Colombia are committed to addressing any issues that are raised in the ILO investigation regarding labor relations and workers' rights in our system.

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graduate this April along with her daughter and her niece, smiles upon her class while teaching at Pleasant Valley Elementary.

FEATURES **A Family Affair**

Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

By Jennifer Bacchus The Chanticleer Editor-In-Chief

On April 28, Kay Johnson will graduate as an education specialist in elementary education.

But that's not really big news. After all, it will be her third degree from Jacksonville State University and she's also been through National Board certifi-

It will, however, be the first time she gets to cross the same stage on the same date as her daughter and her niece.

Maxwell, will both be receiving their

with concentrations in elementary education. It's the same degree Kay received in 1991.

bachelor's degree in education

The girls both began JSU in the fall of 2002 and are both currently student teachers at Kitty Stone Elementary. Katie is working with Rhonda Tinker in second grade and Emily is in

"I didn't think I would like third grade, but it turned out I really like it," said Emily, who has spent the last few years working with preschoolers at Westwood Baptist Wee Care.

Lesley Bean's third grade class.

Having grown up watching her mother going through and teaching school, Katie has always felt a strong desire to teach children.

"I really, really like kids. I've worked with them since I wasn't a kid anymore, which I considered to be 12. I was just excited at church when I didn't have to go to Bible school [because] I got to help,"

> Kay, the fifth of eight children, never graduated high school. She received her GED at 18, but it wasn't until several years later that she decided to go to college.

"I was 26 and I started with one class," she said. "I took one class the first semester and one class the next semester and I babysat during the

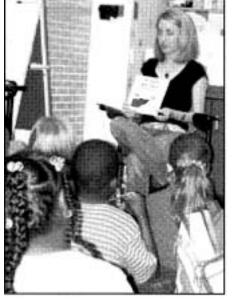


Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Katie Johnson reads to a class while student teaching at Kitty Stone Elementary.

day and I gradually added more classes as I could handle that," she said. "It took me five years to get my bachelor's degree."

After getting her bachelor's, she went to work at Pleasant Valley Elementary, where she has spent the last 15 years.

"I taught fifth grade for five years and now this is my tenth year in third grade,"

Emily has also grown up with the desire to work with children.

"It's something I've had a passion for as long as I can remember," said Emily, who also took the opportunity to work with Bible school kids as soon as she could.

In 1996, Kay graduated from JSU again, this time with her master's degree. Shortly thereafter, she began working toward her National Board certification. which she achieved in 2002.

"I haven't stopped since and I just don't think I know when a stopping place is,"

In her fifteen years of teaching, Kay watched the focus of elementary education change. As she has watched her daughter and niece going through their coursework, she has a glimpse of what the future of education holds.

"Their work has been tremendous for student teaching, but also the whole climate of the schools has changed. Everything today is about standardized testing," said Kay, remarking that when she first began teaching only a few grades took the SAT and now every grade is required to take it yearly.

But for all three women, the work pales in comparison to the joy of teaching, which, for them, truly comes from the

"The kids' reactions to you, to everything, makes it so sweet. I had to leave the class for testing all three days this week and when they see me again, it's just two hours or less, they just go crazy. 'Ms. Johnson, you're back. We missed you," said Katie.

Since Kay has been teaching for 15 years, she has had the ability to not only see the reactions of the children while they are in her classroom, but years later, something that never fails to touch her.

"I think what stands out to me the most is that, after they leave me, to see them somewhere and to see them so happy to see me and just want to come and talk to me. To know that I've made that difference in their life," she said as she related a story of two prior students she ran into recently at Wal-Mart.

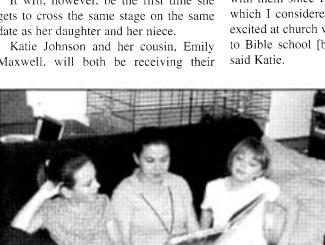


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Emily Maxwell (center) reads to Harley King (left) and Anna Craven (right) while Tiger the Rabbit watches from his cage.





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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT SONG **REMINDS YOU** OF JSU?



Katrina Thomas Staff Writer

"The theme song from Breakfast Club because of the whole day and getting to know people."



Angela Reid News Editor

"Days Go By because I listen to that a lot when I'm driving and I spend a lot of time in my car."

By Jason Keener The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Of the best of 2005, obvious selections include "Brokeback Mountain" and "Good Night, and Good Luck," A less obvious but equally valid selection is Greg McLean's "Wolf Creek."

Before you spit coffee all over your copy of The Chanticleer, allow me to explain how this well-made slasher is, in its own way, one of the best films last year had to offer.

"Wolf Creek" applies the same film theory as Michael Cimino's "The Deer Hunter," in which we spend an unusual amount of time merely hanging out with the charac-

Once these characters are in unpleasant circumstances, you think of them as dear friends and pray for their safety. It's a very effective technique.

And this is where "Wolf Creek" excels in places other recent gruesome films fail; in "Saw," the plot and characters superficially exist to tie together scenes of graphic violence in a logical way, no matter how absurd that logic is.

And unlike "Hostile," the road trip subplot of "Wolf Creek" has the ability to stand on its own, even when removed from the context of transporting a set of three characters to their doom.

In that way, it's comparable to Hitchcock's "Psycho," where Marion Crane's theft functions as a tool to get us to the Bates' Motel. The theft, however, was interesting enough to support an entire film without the nightmarish circumstances that followed.

"Wolf Creek" even functions like a nightmare.

One scene ends with a character falling asleep oblivious to any dan-

ger while the next scene begins with her waking up tied up in a small trailer, as confused and scared as us.

After an escape that takes a good thirteen hours to accomplish (shown in about thirty seconds of clever montage), she sets out to find her

She stumbles across one in the process of being tortured by a man so sadistic, he could very well be Freddy Krueger's evil twin.

John Jarrett, who plays the psychotic madman, delivers a charismatic performance, but it's Cassandra Magrath and Kestie Morassi who really shine. Not since 1974's "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" [sic] has fear and pain come across so convincingly in a horror film.

And like "Massacre," there are concepts so disturbing in this film we don't need to see a great deal of blood or internal organs.

Like the infamous meat hook scene in "Massacre," which contains very little blood and gore, the head on a stick scene in "Wolf Creek" will not be an image easily forgotten.

McLean's craftsmanship at making the violence so brutal and unsettling has caused several critics, including Roger Ebert, to find fault in the film.

The debate is: where is the fun in seeing well-developed characters endure such unthinkable fates?

But where was the fun in seeing Janet Leigh stabbed over and over again in "Psycho?" Or the drowning of the little girl in "Frankenstein?" Why should horror and fun coexist?

It shouldn't, and "Wolf Creek" gets that, among several other things, right.

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Liz Hendricks Staff Writer

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Closing comments from 'The Guru'

By: Patrick Swafford The Chanticleer Sports Editor



Ah, the last issue of the school year. Soon, everyone will be either on the beach enjoying life, or back home enjoying life. Well, everyone except me.

In just a few weeks, I'll still be working. What can I say, the life of a sports guru is a hard one. It takes an iron will to put in the hours that I put in.

Yeah, and if you believe that, I got some ocean front property I want to sell you.

However, I've got just a few things left to do before we lock the doors to Room 180...

Since we're wrapping up the semester, I want to give a special thank you to a few people that have made this job so rewarding.

First, I want to thank Jim Fuller, Greg Seitz, Josh Underwood and the rest of the athletic department at JSU. Thank you for always being there to answer questions that I or the rest of the sports staff might have. You guys are amazing and you have no idea how much I appreciate you.

To my fellow editors, Jen, Angela, Jessica and Jaclyn, it's been a blessing to drive all four of you up the wall on a weekly basis. Thank you for putting up with me and every flaw I have. I love you guys more than you know. You've put up with me in good times and bad. You're the best damn friends I could ask for.

To the ladies and gentlemen that have been nice enough to take pictures for me this year, you guys have made my job so easy.

Finally, I have to thank three very special people, Chad Hoffman, Liz Hendricks and Marcus Cunningham, for all the work they've put into their work. I've got three great sports writers, and I'd put them up against any college paper any day of the week.

I've wanted to do this for a while, and since this is the last issue of the year, it's now or never.

Pappano ties school record with walk-off homer

By: Chad Hoffman

The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Ask any athlete and they'll tell you that there's no greater thrill than a come from behind win.

If one win is a thrill, what is three?

JSU softball came from behind in both games against Birmingham Southern and one in a three-game sweep over Eastern Kentucky during the weekend.

In the opener, sophomore Lauren Horwath hit a two-run walk-off home run, her eighth home run of the season, in the bottom of the seventh and gave JSU a 4-3 win.

"I've told them all year," said head coach Jana McGinnis, "two outs, so what. You still have an at bat and you still have one more out. Until that umpire raises his hands and says ballgame, you still got a chance."

The Panthers drew first blood in game one. In the top of the first with two outs, Nikki Rombough hit the first of two home runs to give BSC the lead.

The Gameçocks answered in the bottom of the second when Jackie Jarman hit a single past third, scoring Maigin Alexander.

In the third, Rombough once again put the ball over the fence to get two RBI. She was 2-for-3 and was responsible for all three of the Panthers' RBI.

The Gamecocks could only scrap up one run in the third to answer to BSC's two.

Daniela Pappano hit a bomb to straight away center to cut the lead to 3-2, pulling her within one of Rachel Countryman for most career home runs in school history.

Pappano got everything started with a double off the left-center field fence.

Horwath, batting .364 before the game, was 1-for-3 when she came to bat. After Pappano moved to third on a wild pitch, Horwath

"I am excited," said Pappano. "All game I was focused, after my first at bat. I went up there and was like, 'it would be nice to walk up there and get a walk off home run,' but don't think that, because once you do you are going to pop up or something. So, I just went up there and was focused. I didn't hear anything, it was quiet and I was focused. That last pitch that she threw, she tried to get me with a change up. She hung it a little to much, and I made her pay for it."

Down 2-0, the Gamecocks scored when Pappano doubled to left, plating Megan Jezierski from second base, making it 2-1.

BSC's Anne Lawrence increased the lead to 3-1 when she scored on a Christine Pierce wild pitch.

JSU cut the lead to one in the bottom of the seventh. Jezierski hit a single that sent Melissa Norton across the plate. BSC shortstop Brooke Reed committed a couple of errors that kept the Gamecocks in the ballgame and brought Pappano to the plate.

In game one on Saturday, freshman catcher Allie Barker hit her third homer of the season, helping the Gamecocks to a 6-1 win.

With the bases loaded, Whitney Elder lined a single to center, driving in Pappano and Horwath, giving the Gamecocks a 2-0 lead.

JSU increased their lead to 3-0 with Barker's homer over the left field fence in the bottom of the fourth.

The Colonels struggled with the strike zone, walking three before reliever Shelby Thompson threw a passed ball and gave JSU one more. Maigin Alexander hit a two-out, two-run single to stretch the lead to 6-0.

EKU's Becky Werle hit a solo home run to left-center, the first one given up by Pierce all season.

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Kalyn Fox hit a single up the middle and then Pierce walked

one. With no outs and two runners

put the lead at 4-1.

Sophomore Alana Hicks continued to help the Gamecocks score as she hit a two-run single that plated Horwath and Alexander. Barker then hit a single up the middle that scored Elder and put JSU on top, 7-1

EKU managed just two more runs in the sixth with a two-run homer by Amy Mayrhofer.

In the final game on Sunday afternoon, the Gamecocks could smell victory at their fingertips. The ladies used an explosive fifth to blow by EKU 5-3.

Horwath was 2-for-3 that included a pair of doubles, the game-winning hit and got two RBI. Along with her was senior Becky Carpenetti that went 2-for-4 with an RBI and got the spark started in that explosive fifth inning.

JSU committed three errors that led to three EKU runs in the top of the third.

Barker put JSU on the board with her solo homer, her fourth of the season and second of the series.

The Gamecocks once again did what they are known for, scoring runs with two outs on the board. The coaching staff had faith in Carpenetti and let her swing the

She hit a single that plated Jarman. Pappano followed with a double off the left field wall that drove in Jezierski, tying the game at 3-3. Horwath stayed hot as she hit a double to left that scored Carpenetti and Pappano, to give JSU the win.

The Gamecocks travel this weekend to face OVC leader Tennessee Tech. They will play a doubleheader on Friday at 1 p.m., and then close out the three game series on Saturday at 1 p.m.



Photo by: Jennifer Bacchus

Daniella Pappano begins to round the bases after her first homer against Birmingham Southern.



while, and since this is the last issue of the year, it's now or never. I've recognized the people that made my job easier. It's time to recognize the athletes and events that made my job worth it.

Team of the year: JSU Rifle

I could have gone with the volleyball team, but while the ladies' OVC hardware is nice, a National Championship is just a little nicer. Game of the year: Men's basketball vs. Eastern Kentucky (2/28/2006)

In the regular season, the Gamecocks dropped two tough losses to EKU, but answered with an 86-59 beat down in the first round of the OVC tournament. To top it all off, Walker D. Russell recorded the first triple-double in JSU history.

Women's Newcomer of the Year: LaTonya McKinney, basketball.

With all the attention being given to players like Courtney Slaughter, Rebecca Haynes and Ann-Marie Healy, the freshman from Miami, Fla. quietly finished third on the team in scoring and led in 3-point percentage and assists.

Men's Newcomer of the Year: Courtney Bradley, basketball.

What do you expect? The guy transfers in from JUCO and just leads the team in scoring and rebounds. I can't wait to see what he does for an encore.

Women's Athlete of the Year: Abbey Breit, volleyball.

I shouldn't even have to justify this one, but I will. Her 4.67 kills per game led the OVC. She earned OVC Player of the Year, All-Midwest Region and Honorable Mention All-America honors. Yeah, enough said.

Men's Athlete of the Year: Clay Green, football.

Finishing eleventh in the nation in rushing, second in all-purpose yards and bringing home All-America honors will not only get you noticed, it will earn you Athlete of the Year hands down.

Here's the funny thing about both Breit and Green, they'll both be back in the fall.

Last but not least, I have to thank... you. Yes, you. The person that's reading this. The students, the faculty, the alumni... everyone. I have to thank the fans. You're the part of the game that makes sports so great. I can't name all of you one by one, so just write your name here.

to bat. After Pappano moved to third on a wild pitch, Horwath knew it was time.

With a 2-1 count, Horwath extended the bat, made contact and watched it sail over the fence to secure the win.

In the nightcap, Pappano made the pitcher pay for yet another mistake and gave JSU the win 6-3.

Pappano came to bat with one out and two on in the seventh and sent a change-up over the fence for her 36th career homer, tying the record.

middle and then Pierce walked one. With no outs and two runners on base, Kellam came in and closed the door on the Colonels.

In game two of the three game series, EKU got on the board early, but fell 7-3.

Katie Rolf scored on a throwing error by Pappano. The Gamecocks regained the lead and never looked back in the second. JSU had back-to-back homers by Horwath and Alexander and an RBI single from freshman Jackie Jarman. Pappano then drew a bases-loaded walk that

Men's tennis remains in second

By: Liz Hendricks

The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The JSU men's tennis team remains the second seed in the OVC after last weekend's matches against Murray State and Eastern Illinois. The men's only loss in the OVC was to first place Tennessee Tech which still has more conference match to play (and hopefully lose).

The men downed MSU and EIU 5-2 while the women lost 5-2 to MSU but defeated EIU 4-3. On Sunday, the women faced Southeast Missouri, but couldn't pick up the win in a 4-3 loss to the Redhawks. SEMO doesn't have a men's tennis team.

Lone Senior Christian Rybertt says he is relieved to be done with regular season play.

"If we play our best," says Rybertt, "We can definately win conference."

Diego Pazsoldan finished conference play undefeated and is hopeful he'll receive All-Conference honors.

After last weekend Pazsoldan says he feels great and that the team is playing really well.

"We won the doubles point," says Pazsoldan. "We changed partners. It's more comfort-

able now so I think we'll do ok in conference."

Scott Robertson says he plans on focusing a lot more on his game in the next two weeks. He will train harder, play more tennis, and get his strength back.

Head Coach Steve Bailey gave both teams a couple of days off to rest up from the tough weekend and get focused for the conference tournament. Their match scheduled for tomorrow at Chattanooga has been cancelled because of scheduling conflicts.

"The guys played really good," says Bailey. "We got into a slump after spring break, but we've got our swagger back."

The women's tennis team is in a tough position in sixth place. There could end up being a three-way tie for sixth place, in which case it will come down to a coaches vote from the top five teams as to which team will go through to the tournament (only the top six teams compete).

"The women had some tough luck last weekend," says Bailey. "They had a few chances but didn't get it done."

The women will find out next Tuesday if they will continue on.

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Baseball holds on for win against UAB

From staff reports

Editor's note: Over the weekend, JSU defeated Southeast Missouri State in game one of a doubleheader 9-3, but gave up a four-run lead in the sixth, falling 8-6. JSUanswered with a 21-7 crushing of the Redhawks on Sunday.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. two hits to earn the win Freshman Jav Harrington went 2-for-3 night.

pitched three innings of relief and allowed just

for the Gamecocks. Mitch Miller tossed the and drove in a pair of final inning to earn his runs to lead Jacksonville second save of the year. State (16-17) to a 5-4 win UAB's Jim Crew (0-1) over UAB (13-21) in col- had three walks in 2.0 lege baseball Tuesday innings to suffer the loss.

"I was really proud of JSU's Clark Jinks (1-0) our freshmen tonight," said JSU head coach Jim "They Case. really stepped it up tonight and was a big part of this win."

> a 2-0 lead in the top of Beck and Harrington one-out walks and Beck Gamecocks a 3-2 lead. scored on a UAB fielding followed with a two-out single Harrington as the Gamecocks took early lead.

The Blazers tied the game at 2-2 in the fourth inning on a RBI single by Chad Turner that scored J.R. Bond and Billy Lichtner scored on a bases loaded walk to tie the game at 2-2. Jinks was able to pitch out of a bases loaded situation to end the inning.

Jax State plated the go ahead run in the top of the sixth inning after Jake Ball led off with a double Jacksonville State took down the left field line and Harrington followed the second inning. Eric with a one-out RBI double to left center to score reach on back-to-back Ball and give the

Harrington then hit his error before Bert Smith first career home run with two outs in the eighth inning to give Jax State a 4-2 lead and then Jason the Horn slapped his second homer of the season over the left field wall for the deciding run in the top of the ninth inning as JSU took a 5-2 lead.

UAB scored two runs record two hits. in the bottom of the ninth inning on a RBI double by Phillip Bell and he came around to score on a Gamecock error before Miller got a game ending ground out for the final margin.

Ball and Harrington will also begin at 1 p.m.

each finished with a pair of hits to lead the Gamecocks, while Turner was the lone Blazer to

The Gamecocks return to action with a three-Ohio Valley game Conference series at Eastern Illinois. Friday's double-header is scheduled for 1 p.m. and Saturday's single-game

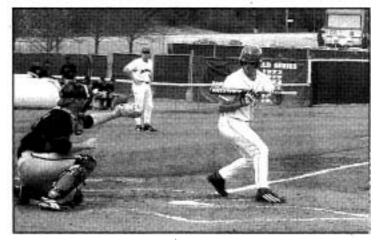


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Nick Cleckler pulls back a bunt in the bottom of the second inning of the first game against SEMO. Cleckler went 1-for-3.

Donovan Hand fires from the mound against SEMO. Hand struck out nine in six innings of work.

Track continues assault on record book

By: Jennifer Bacchus The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Jacksonville State University women's track team had another record-breaking weekend at the Gamecock Invitational, their second home

During the single-day meet, Asha Gibson, Nolinda Garner,

Andrea Arnaud, Kendra Wise and the relay team of Gibson, Garner, Arnaud and Eboni Matthews all topped the existing school

"The girls, I think they did really well this weekend," said JSU assistant track coach Pristina Jones. "They were competing off of heart because they were pretty

beat up."

Wise's 136'9" discus throw not only topped the school record she set earlier this season by 8'4," it was also good for first place in the

Gibson's time of 12:12 in the 100 meter dash was good for second, but exceeded the school record set by Bernice Ellis in 2004 by three tenths of a second.

Earlier this season, Garner beat the record set by Amber Hardy in 2004 for the 400 meter hurdles, at

Huntsville.

The circus-type atmosphere of a track meet, with several events happening at once, often leads to interesting moments. Like when UAH's star javelin thrower LaMardra Moore paused prior to her throw to cheer on teammate Shuneil Gadson in the 400 meter dash or when JSU multitasker Jeronica Bell had to repeatedly run between the javelin throw and the triple jump.

"As soon as she would throw

experience for them, though," said JSU head coach Steve Ray.

The team is now looking ahead to their last few meets, then the conference meet and, they're hoping, a trip for several of the girls to regionals.

Some of the team's top recordbreakers are only seconds or inches away from a trip to the regional meet, a prospect that thrills the coaches not only for this team, but for the future of the program.

"The 4x1 - if they get their

figured it up, about two tenths of a second [faster] each - and it's not that much, two tenths each. they're all in," said Ray.

With signing day approaching, getting the time or the distance to send a few girls to regionals can also translate into new recruits.

"We've developed great chemistry on the team and it's getting better each week. We already have a great team; we're setting ourselves up to have a phenomenal team down the line," said

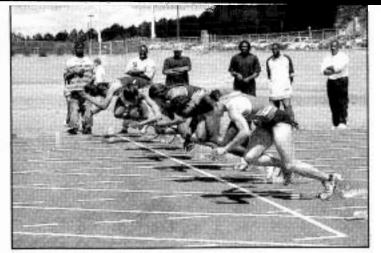


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The first heat of the 100M dash jumps off from the line. Asha Gibson won the event, setting a new JSU record of 12:12

2004 for the 400 meter hurdles, at the Gamecock Invitational she outdid herself with her first place finish and a time of 1:04.18.

Andrea Arnaud also passed her own record, eclipsing her 2005 distance in the triple jump by more than three inches with her first place performance of 39'3.25."

The JSU 4x100 relay team shaved four tenths of a second off their time earlier in the semester for a first place finish in a school record time of 46.61.

The ladies found themselves at the top of the rankings in 10 of the 19 meet events, bringing them to a team score of 214.50, more than 100 points over the second place team, University of Alabama at

"As soon as she would throw the javelin - she wouldn't even get her mark - run off, come back over and change her shoes and triple jump, then change her shoes and go back over and she was almost ready to throw the javelin. then go throw that, she was running back and forth," said Jones.

It also often keeps the host coaches from watching their team's performances. Since JSU coaches Ray and Jones were busy working various events around the track, they often couldn't keep up with how each team member was

"It's not the same as standing on the sidelines getting splits and yelling at them 'slow down, speed up, do this, do that.' It's good

handoffs down and run I think, I Jones.

"The 4x1 - if they get their nal team down the line." said

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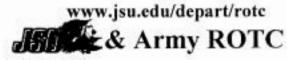
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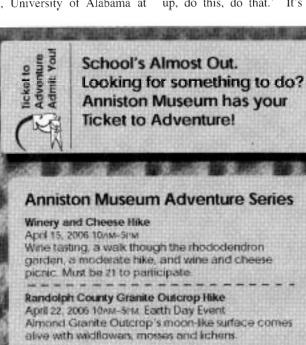
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