

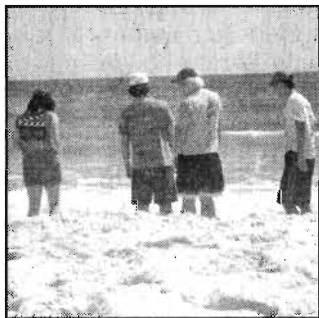
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Random acts of kindness

Baptist Campus Ministries students head to Gulf Shores to wash RVs, walk beach and do construction to share God's love.

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Cutting costs

We present our thoughts, albeit tongue in cheek, on the best way for universities to handle the proposed higher education budget cuts

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QUESTION of the WEEK

How do you plan to participate in March Madness?

Court rules in favor of Kinney, trees

By Jalon Turner
Staff Reporter

Jacksonville State University's Rufus Kinney, an English instructor, and JSU alumnus Mark Martin, who is now an environmental attorney, proved that the common man can win in court against corporate America — including Alabama Power Company.

Last July when Kinney chained himself to a tree to help out fellow Jacksonville resident Barbara Wilson, he intended it to be an act of non-violent resistance and a way to tell Alabama Power to stay away from his trees.

On Tuesday, March 18, the ruling was in from

the Feb. 8 hearing — a victory for those who always thought that the power company was extreme in measures to protect their lines.

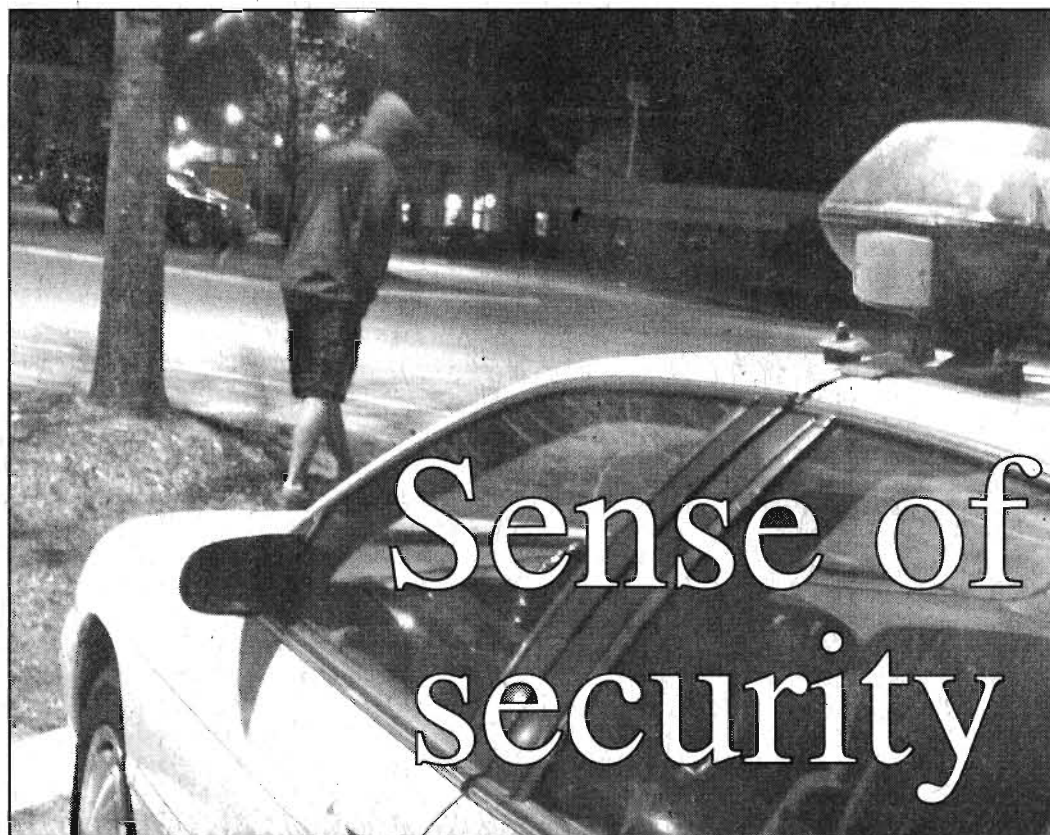
"It feels great, it just feels wonderful," Kinney said. "The letter of the law was served, but also the spirit of fairness and justice. So I just couldn't be happier. It is nice when both of them come together. I really appreciate that the court was open-minded and listened to both sides and rendered a judgment that we felt was the right one, legally and certainly, the right terms of the spirit of fairness."

Martin, who received his undergraduate degree from JSU and went to law school at Samford Uni-

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Recent violence on college campuses across the nation is leaving some JSU students searching for a ...



Sense of security



2007-2008 SGA President David Jennings explains the filing system to newly elected Jennifer Nix. Photo by Zach Childree / The Chanticleer

Changing of the guard

Jennings steps aside, leaving Nix to face stadium controversy

By Zach Childree
Campus News Editor

Currently, David Jennings occupies the office of the Student Government Association President. But on April 17, president-elect Jennifer Nix will assume her new duties. Jennings said he is working with Nix to ensure the transition between administrations is smooth.

"Because Jennifer works with me in the Office of Student Life already, the transition should not be rocky at all," Jennings said. "She already knows the policies and procedures of working in the office."

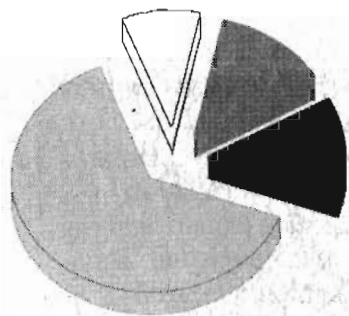
"Me and David have a transition period where I come in the office and shadow what he does," Nix said. "He will show me the things on his computer, and I'm going to all of the meetings that he would go to so I can be introduced to the committees."

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How do you plan to participate in March Madness?



■ Filling out a bracket just for fun — 14%

□ Betting exorbitant amounts of money — 9%

■ I think I'll pass — basketball's not really my thing 64%

■ Vegetating on the couch watching every last game — 14%



"The reason is pretty simple. I'm just not a basketball fan."

— Allison Smith
Sophomore

Next week's question:

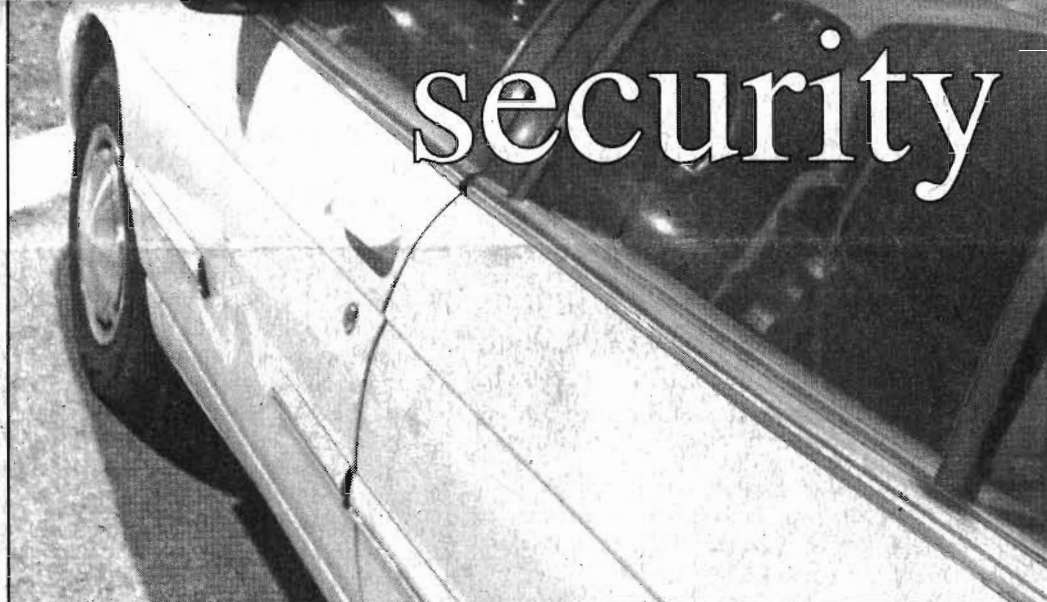
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A JSU student walks past a parked university security car at 11:30 p.m. on Monday, March 24, in the parking lot behind Curtiss Hall. Photo illustration by Bethany Harbison / *The Chanticleer*

By Bethany Harbison
Editor in Chief

Neither Chief Shawn Giddy nor Sergeant Rob Schaffer can recall the last time the University Police Department received a call reporting a crime in action — though their combined time at the department is edging toward 30 years.

And though the two agree Jacksonville State University is a safe campus, they maintain that the only way UPD can continue to do their job well is with the aid and the watchful eyes of the campus community.

"People think someone else will report it, and they don't," Giddy said. "What someone does right then can determine the outcome of the situation."

For students like JSU senior and tennis player Babette Lombardo, that "outcome" can be a costly one.

On Thursday, March 13, the day before classes concluded for spring break, Lombardo, tired from a long day of matches, went home to her Campus Inn apartment.

But instead of finding her apartment, her supposed safe haven, intact, Lombardo was shocked by what she did not find.

Gone was her laptop — along with hours worth of homework and papers.

Gone was her tape recorder. Gone were three textbooks she had borrowed from a friend.

Fifteen hundred dollars worth of possessions — gone.

"Basically I was pretty calm about it," Lombardo said. "I kind of was in shock."

Upon first entering the room, Lombardo thought she had perhaps put her laptop in her car. But a glance to her slung-open jewelry box told her that her fears were well-founded.

"Then I thought, this is reality," Lombardo said.

Lombardo is in her second year in the on-campus apartment, and she said that upon moving in, she was comforted by the proximity of the University Police Department, which is located in Salls Hall across the street.

"At the time I felt pretty confident. I'm close to the police department, and you'd think

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Though the transition into the office will be smooth, her presidency may not be as easy. Nix supports the proposed stadium expansion — and many students do not.

"From what we're being told, it would support housing for JSU students," said Nix. "It will bring in revenue for JSU and not just for the athletes."

Kim Stark, a drama major, disagrees.

"If it will bring in more money to JSU, why can't we fill up the stadium now?" Stark asked.

Nix said students shouldn't focus on the current

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New library dean shares plans for change

By Zach Childree
Campus News Editor

John-Bauer Graham, the recently appointed dean of library services, is entering into his new job with a lot of ideas he hopes will make the Houston Cole Library a more accessible place for students. Graham, who was previously head of public services at the library, wants to make it more of a social gathering point for students.

"I really like to focus on the 'library as place,'" Graham said. "It's a new kind of buzzword in the profession where you're really refocusing and paying attention to the actual building and its purpose and its services to the students and the community."

In response to rumors that the library was going to be open 24 hours, Graham said that wasn't practical.

"The main issue of making this building open 24/7 is security," Graham said. "The floors are really isolated, and there's lots of different areas on the floors that would be hard to secure. We don't have the personnel to make sure that this building is safe 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Graham said he does not think that there are a lot of students who need the library at 3 a.m. Graham

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From paper to pixels

Publisher and chairman of the New York Times serves as Ayers Lecturer, shares insight

By Julie Skinner
Senior Writer

A New Yorker graced Jacksonville State University with his presence on Wednesday, March 12th. His name is Arthur Sulzberger, Jr., and he's a publisher and chairman of a well-known newspaper.

Like, oh say ... the *New York Times*.

Sulzberger's speech covered topics such as how print

will never go out of style, technological advances in journalism and how newspapers should prepare for these advances.

The approximately 200-member audience trickled up to the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library. Sulzberger served as the speaker for the 2008 Harry M. and Edel Y. Ayers Lecture Series.

Sulzberger, whose family has been in control of the famed newspaper since 1896, began with a brief history of journalism and addressed the growing concern of newspapers going to online only and doing away with print.

He spoke of James Gordon Bennett, a former editor of the *New York Herald*, who in the 1850s was positive the end of printed newspapers was near.

"The telegraph," he wrote, "may not affect magazine literature, but the mere newspaper must submit to destiny and go out of business," Sulzberger quoted.

He explained how many get carried away with the ever-haunting idea that newspapers will die and how technology and economic pressures do play a huge role.

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Announcements

- The White Plains Youth Athletic Organization will have a Womanless Beauty Pageant on April 5 at 6 p.m. at Iron City Baptist Church to raise money for a youth sports complex which will be built in the community. For more information, please contact Courtney McCarter at either 256-239-8223 or 256-240-7335.
- The Organizational Council and Baptist Campus Ministries will co-host a free BBQ from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today, Thursday March 27, at the Alumni House.
- The Gamecock Recreation Connexion Job Fair will be held April 9, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the front lawn of the Theron Montgomery Building.

The Chanticleer Announcements Policy: Any JSU student organization or University office may submit items for the Announcements column. Submissions must be typed and limited to 50 words. Submissions must also include contact information. This information does not count toward the 50-word total. Submissions must arrive at the Chanticleer office in Room 180, Self Hall or e-mailed to chantyeditor@gmail.com, by noon on the Tuesday prior to the desired publication date. The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit for brevity, clarity and style.

Campus Crime

Tuesday, March 11

Student Kristin Dawson reported harassing communications outside of Curtiss Hall.

Thursday, March 13

Student Joshua Lee Grantham reported a burglary at Crow Hall. Items stolen included a laptop and were valued at approximately \$2,000.00

Friday, March 14

Student Babette Lombardo reported theft of property at Campus Inn Apartments. Stolen property included a laptop and was valued at approximately \$1,500.00.

Justin D. Managan reported

Blossoms of spring



Students and faculty enjoy a spring stroll near the International House on campus. After a stormy beginning of spring early this month, forecasters with the National Weather Service say clear skies and temperatures in the mid-70s will dominate the weather picture. No severe weather is expected this week. Photo by Kenny Boulahanis.

Spring cleaning

BCM reaches out at beach, seeks to share Christ

By Adam Alexander
Staff Reporter

Spring break — a time of year often characterized by the beach, mini golf, partying and just having a good time.

College students from across the United States carry on this tradition every year, and it occurs anywhere there's a beach and a liquor store.

There is one on-campus group, though, only embodies three of the aforementioned characteristics of Spring Break. That group comes from the Baptist Campus Ministries of JSU, and during March 16-24, about 20 of them traveled to Orange Beach, Ala.



Housing opens leadership facility

By Bethany Harbison
Editor in Chief

Beginning this fall, Jacksonville State University Housing plans to transform the Panhellenic House, which previously housed sororities, into a leadership house for women. The house's new function will serve as the first step toward University Housing's plan to implement a series what they call "living and learning communities" on campus.

Sixteen female upperclassmen will be chosen to reside in the house, which is in Paul Carpenter Village. They will be required to participate in 30 hours of community service per semester and a monthly discussion group.

According to Rochelle Smith of Uni-

CAMPUS BRIEFS

- Jacksonville State University appointed **D. Shawn Giddy** as Chief of the University Police Department. Giddy will also serve as Director of Public Safety.

- The Finance, Economics and Accounting Department announced finance major **Amy Anderson** is the winner of the 2008 Wall Street Journal Student Achievement award. Anderson will receive a medallion, a one-year subscription to the *Wall Street Journal* and a mention in the *Journal*.

- **Betty Green-Wilson**, who taught in the English department at JSU, passed away on March 7 at her home. Her funeral was held March 11 at Lincoln Hill Memorial Park. Mrs. Green-Wilson also taught at Attalla City Schools.

- The physical plant closed **Cole Drive** on Tuesday March 25 due to drilling being done on campus by a testing firm. The road was closed from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m.

- On March 15, a ceremony was held at Cheaha celebrating the opening of the **Pinhoti Trail**. The trail connects Jacksonville with the Appalachian Trail which extends to Maine.

- On March 14, the members of the JSU Model Arab League debate team attended the Model Arab League in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Two JSU delegates, **Jeff Martin**

ported theft of property at Campus Inn Apartments. Stolen property included a laptop and was valued at approximately \$1,500.00.

Justin D. Managan reported theft of lost property from Crow Hall. Stolen property included an intermediate algebra book.

Information in the campus crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-4704, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

The Week in Events

Thursday, March 27

- CBASE, TMB Auditorium
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Greek Week: Penny Wars,
4th floor lobby TMB,
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 28

- Alpha Xi Delta 40th Anniversary Banquet, Leone Cole Auditorium, 10:00 a.m.

- Greek Week: Penny Wars,
4th floor lobby TMB,
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 30

- Zeta Tau Alpha Recruitment Workshop, TMB Auditorium
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 31

- SGA Senate Meeting,
TMB Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m.

- Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues", JSU McClellan Center, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1

- Movie Night, *The Great Debaters* TMB Auditorium,
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

- Holocaust Remembrance,
Stone Center, 7:30 p.m.

- Annual Greek Awards Ceremony, Leone Cole Auditorium, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

there's a beach and a liquor store. There is one on-campus group, though, only embodies three of the aforementioned characteristics of Spring Break. That group comes from the Baptist Campus Ministries of JSU, and during March 16-24, about 20 of them traveled to Orange Beach, Ala.

The BCM kids had the beach, they had the golf and they had the good time — but instead of parties, they were there for missions.

"One day we washed RV's for free and talked to folks about the Word of God, always did that," said Jenna Early, a student who went on the trip. "We turned down several donations."

The group spent another day doing "Beach Reach," which, as Early explained, consisted of walking the beach and talking to strangers about Christianity.

"It was a little awkward, a little scary, but everyone was nice," Early said.

Students agreed it was hard to talk to folks on the beach about Christ, especially since they knew people were there to relax.

The trip, called SPOTS (Special Projects Other Than Summer), is a mission trip carried out every year during Christmas and Spring breaks by the BCM. Each trip is unique, but the goal remains the same.



Bryan Ayres works to scrub this RV squeaky clean over Spring break. Photo by Kenny Boulahanis

This year, students washed RVs, helped with the construction of Romar Beach Baptist Church and spoke with beach-goers.

"The main point of the trip was show people the love of Jesus," said Justin Whisante, another student involved.

He said the students were reminded that talking to folks about Jesus was the number-one priority of the trip. Students were encouraged not to be too hasty with the jobs themselves and to really take the time to talk to folks, and, more importantly, listen to them.

"It was incredible, the things we saw and the people we met," said Bryan Ayres, a five-year veteran of SPOTS trips.

Penny Wars off to weak start

By Donovan Marsh
Staff Reporter

This Monday, March 24, marked the kick-off of Greek Week at Jacksonville State University. Among the scheduled activities was the Greek Week Penny Wars, which is a competition between 19 Greek organizations that revolves around the campus population dropping spare change into empty water jugs on the fourth floor of the TMB.

The jugs were labeled with the corresponding organization's symbol, and the type of coin deposited signified either support (silver coins) or disapproval (pennies) of the group. At press time, the Pi Kappa Phi jug appeared to contain the most silver coinage, Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Sigma Theta shared the greatest penny amounts and Zeta Phi Beta's jug contained a single dollar bill.

Most of the other jugs held either an insignificant amount of change or none at all. The majority of people who passed by the display seemed oblivious to the ongoing "Battle for Mount Olympus."

The few who did look to the odd collection of materials often responded, "Oh, did Greek Week start yet?"

Sulzberger: New York Times expanding and evolving

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"What's making the traditional media's challenge even more complicated is our new competitors — Google and Yahoo News, for example, which do not even create journalism," Sulzberger said. "They are taking advantage of a digital supernova that is exponentially increasing content creation."

To compete with these Web sites, the *New York Times*, along with most newspapers, has created online news pages.

NYTimes.com is the number-one newspaper-owned Web site in the world.

"Eventually, *The New York Times Company* was able to come together, embrace the new digital environment and chart a course for the future," Sulzberger said. "In our heart of hearts, we strongly believe that being able to provide world-class journalism to an exponentially larger audience was a winning proposi-

tion. And for the record, we still believe that."

He wrapped up his speech with more ways to prepare for digital advancement and asking for a few questions.

The first question generated a response that roused laughter and applause.

A man asked Sulzberger about the liberal context of the *New York Times* and why many papers, such as *The Anniston Star*, choose to include some of these stories in their own papers.

Sulzberger's response?

"Because we're just that damn good."

After a few more questions, Sulzberger thanked the crowd for having him, explaining he had to fly back to New York.

Sulzberger holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Tufts University and also graduated from Harvard Business School's Program for Management Development.

series what they call "living and learning communities" on campus.

Sixteen female upperclassmen will be chosen to reside in the house, which is in Paul Carpenter Village. They will be required to participate in 30 hours of community service per semester and a monthly discussion group.

According to Rochelle Smith of University Housing, the monthly discussion sessions are currently slated to involve a dinner and a guest speaker. She named female faculty members or community leaders as possible guest speakers.

"The house will provide support that goes beyond the traditional avenues," Smith said.

Women who are actively involved in campus organizations, maintain a 2.5 GPA and have lived on campus for at least one semester are eligible to apply.

The current cost to Panhellenic House residents is \$1400 per semester, a price Smith says is subject to increase. Each woman will have a private room. The rent, though not set in stone, will include all utilities. Applications are available in University Housing on the first floor of Bibb Graves Hall, and more information may be obtained by calling the housing office at (256) 782-5122. Deadline to apply is April 5.

Smith said University Housing's next living and learning community will likely concentrate on providing a community for freshmen, creating a way for them to connect with and receive mentoring from faculty.

On March 14, the members of the JSU Model Arab League debate team attended the Model Arab League in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Two JSU delegates, **Jeff Martin and Marcus O'Dell**, were awarded honorary delegation awards for their performance on the Model Arab League Heads of State committee. The members from JSU included the following: **Alex Davis, Moody Duff, Charlie Langham, Latricia Rosser, Drake Russell, Antonio Solomon, Nakia Cox, Jeff Martin, Omar Saad, Lauren Ledbetter, Chris Carden, Eric Shultz, Marcus O'Dell, Tiffany Roberts and Cedrick Farrior**

- From wire, staff reports

SENATE MINUTES

Rundown of the Monday, March 24, Student Government Association meeting:

- Neither any old business nor new business was brought forth by those present.

- Two bills, authored by Jason Sumner, pertaining to the policies and procedures of the Organizational Council, were discussed.

- The recently elected SGA senators and officers have begun the process of shadowing the currently serving members of the SGA to prepare for their new terms, which are set to begin on April 17.

Security: SGA resolutions propose lighting, cameras

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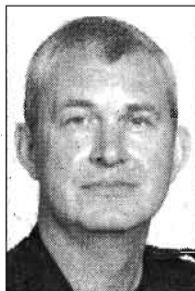
nothing bad would ever happen and no one would ever try to break into the apartments since they are so close," Lombardo said. "That changed this semester."

Though Lombardo's experience cast a shadow on her conception of safety at JSU, as a Memphis, Tenn., native, she said that though Jacksonville is imperfect, it is still a safe place to live.

And Paul Wilson, SGA senator and campus safety committee head, agrees. The SGA has passed two recent resolutions relating to campus safety, one recommending better lighting and the other recommending security campuses in strategic places.

"In those areas, we're good but not great," Wilson said.

SGA Senator Terrence Windham, the author of the bill involving security cameras, said he was inspired by his experiences as an RA at Dauguet Hall, where he says there have been a few break-ins



Chief Giddy

in recent months.

"We wanted to show the administration that students are concerned about their safety," Windham said.

Giddy and Schaffer explained that the University Police Department provides many services that extend

beyond policing and arresting. One such service allows students to call UPD if they would like to be escorted from one on-campus location to another. But the requests for the service are few — on average, less than one per day. And, according to Schaffer, that one call per day normally comes from the same individual.

"This is not being taken advantage of," Schaffer said of the service.

In addition to recommending that students call UPD when they feel unsafe,

Schaffer and Giddy also emphasized the fact that individuals from across campus work together behind the scenes to make JSU a safer place.

"This is not just a police matter—it's everybody," Giddy said. "Safety and security are everybody's responsibilities. UPD is just a part of that circle."

David Jennings, the 2007-2008 SGA president, has served on a task force alongside such individuals and acknowledged that though JSU could be safer, the university is in good hands.

"Everyone's looking at safety from their own angles," Jennings said. "There are so many little things that it is very easy for things to fall through the cracks, but with so many people looking and thinking about the best solutions, I really think we have most of the possibilities covered."

For Lombardo, her recent experience was enough to convince her to take the matter of her safety into her own hands.

"You just don't know who to trust anymore," Lombardo said.

Library: Online services key

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said that if you find yourself needing the library late at night, you can use the library's resources online.

"Everything you can do here you can do online from the comfort of your own home," Graham said.

Still, Graham does want students to use the library for research and even working on group projects. He said one of his goals as dean is to create more study space for students to work together on group projects.

Graham said most students are not aware of all the services that the library offers. For instance, most students do not know the library offers laptop computers for checkout and use in the library.

"You can use the wireless network," Graham said. "You can take the laptop and go wherever you want to in the building and do what you have to do."

Graham said the library should be making sure the students know about all it has to offer.

"It's our fault (that students don't know)," Graham said. "Because we have to communicate that to the students. That's what we're here for and that's what we should be doing is providing for them."

Graham also doesn't want the students to be intimidated by the library and laughs at the mention of the stereotypical bun-haired librarian. "For the record, I've never shushed anyone," he said.

Trees: Kinney's attorney compares facing Alabama Power Company in court to story of David and Goliath

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versity's Cumberland Law School, took the case free of charge.

"He took it pro bono because we do not have a lot of money, but he took it anyway, and we paid him a little bit, but mostly he did it out of the goodness of his heart," Kinney explained.

Martin, when contacted last summer by Barbara Wilson, felt that she was a sweet lady with a compelling situation.

"Her husband suffers from Parkinson disease so she stays at home and takes care of him," Martin said. "The trees in the front of their house help shade their front porch in the summertime."

Martin said the judge believed the fact the trees existed before the power lines was important.

"The power company was

trimming the trees for all these years without cutting them down, then why now?" Martin said. "The trees do not even touch the lines. They are closer to the cable and phone lines than the power lines."

Martin explained the power companies' usual arguments for cases like Kinney's and Wilson's are that the trees might fall into the line.

"Not in this case," Martin said. "The lines might fall into the trees and then charge the trees making them a hazard. The expert for the power company showed no other state with a policy such as Alabama Power Company's to cut trees down."

Kinney feels this is a larger victory for the citizens of Jacksonville.

"People have spoken to me since I got to school today," Kinney said. "So many people

have said so many nice things to me about how happy they are for me. Yes, it is a moral victory for the people."

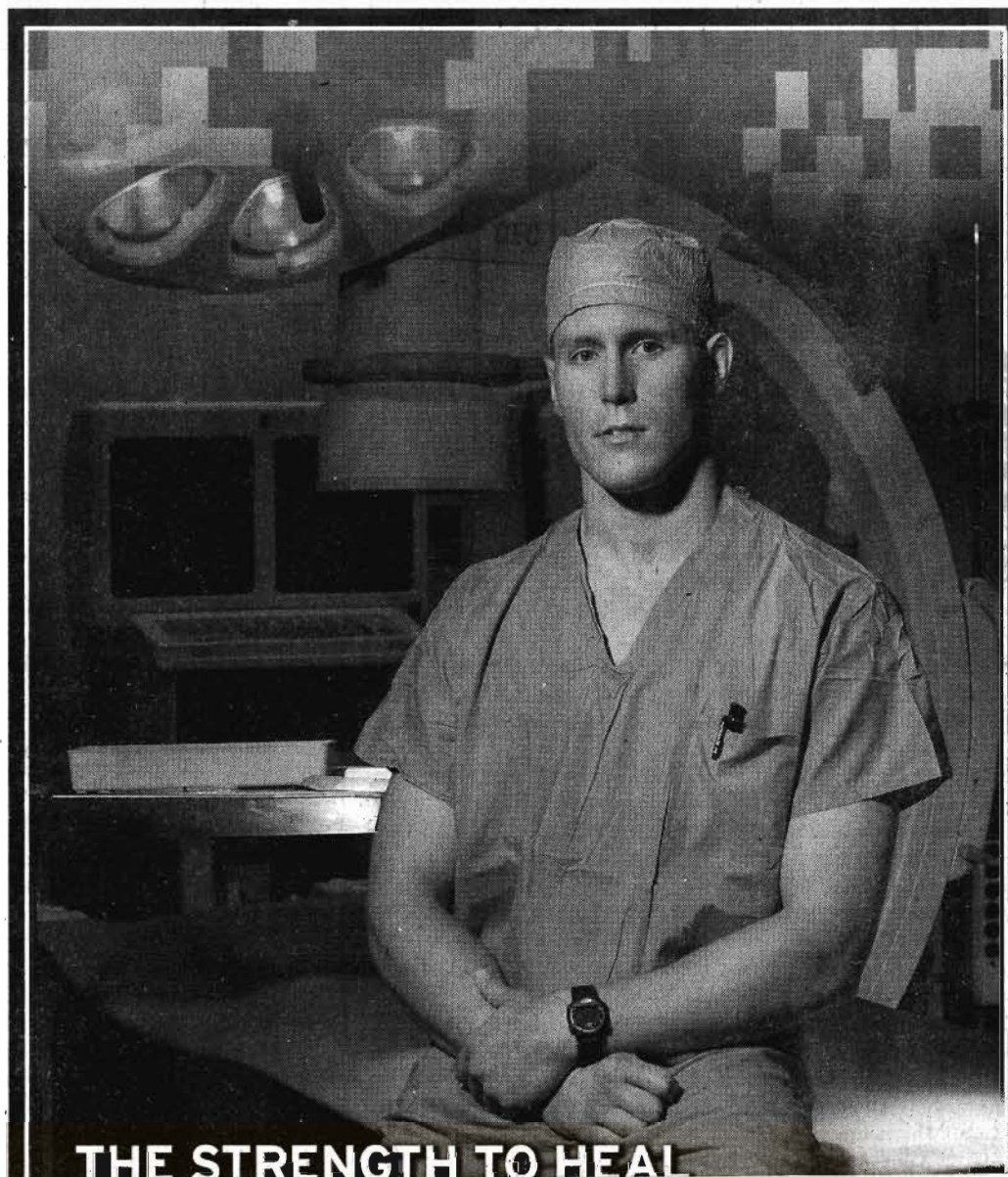
As confident as Martin was that Kinney and Wilson had a case, he was not without his doubts.

"At times I felt like David against Goliath," Martin said. "They had three attorneys against me."

Martin feels that more people should stand up for their rights, offering this case, one that began with a simple act of defiance and came out with victory, as an example.

Though pleased with the victory, Martin says his work is not complete.

"Sure it is the crusader in me — I'm attracted to this. There are others with problems with corporate bullies, and they are fighting Goliath."



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Kinney said. "So many people fighting Goliath."

Presidents: Nix says new stadium will profit all, students disagree

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empty stadium but on the new stadium and what it will bring to the university.

"We're gaining money and residence halls," said Nix. "You've got to give a little to get a little."

Stark believes most students do not want the stadium and feels the Nix administration is out of touch with students before it begins.

"It's her job to listen to the students," Stark said. "Maybe she should listen more."

Stark created a discussion group on the social networking Web site Facebook, that deals with the issue. The group, which has more than 200 members, is discussing a peaceful sit-in at the April 14 Board of Trustees meeting.

Even with the issues to face in the coming year, Nix said she hasn't lost any passion for the organization.

"I love the SGA," she said. "I've gotten a lot of my friends involved in the SGA because I'm so excited about it."

Amid all of the controversy and the start of the new administration, David Jennings has started packing his personal items from the SGA president's office and plans to focus on other aspects of college life outside the SGA.

"I am getting out of the SGA to work on my major, communications," said Jennings.

Jennings will also be devoting more time to the Baptist Campus Ministries, which, for him, will mean moving one presidency to the next, as he assumes new responsibilities as BCM president.

"I have been in the JSU SGA starting when I was a freshman and I have enjoyed every second of it. I hope that I have helped students and JSU out in my time in office."

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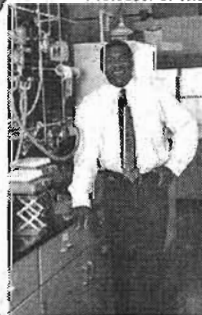


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OUR VOICE

Shouldn't ignore milestones

In the last week, the nation marked two grim milestones: the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq and the 4,000th American troop fatality in that war. Both served as bitter reminders of the human impact of war, away from the sterile numbers and graphs through which the conflict has been measured in the media.

The fourth anniversary of the Iraq war, in the spring of 2007, sparked massive protests across the country.

The fifth anniversary, on March 19, saw no such activity.

In Washington, an estimated 250 protestors demonstrated outside the White House, a far cry from the tens of thousands estimated to have been on the Capitol lawn in a January 2007 protest. Some coverage cropped up on the broadcast networks, and National Public Radio devoted large portions of its daily news programs to the subject.

The most widespread reaction around the nation, however, was apathy. The anemic crowds of protestors indicates an American public growing not just weary, but bored, with the war.

It's a shame. For a war that has cost the United States tremendously in money, prestige, credibility and lives, we would hope more people were paying attention.

We do not yet know his or her name, but one American soldier now holds a place in history as the 4,000th servicemember killed in the war. We awoke to the news early on Monday morning, less than five days after the fifth anniversary.

News of the 4,000 mark passed with little fanfare, much like the anniversary itself. Save for a passing remark on the network evening newscasts and sparse coverage on the morning shows, little attempt was made to infuse meaning into the event.

The Thursday, March 20, edition of *USA Today* made some effort to connect the names and numbers with faces and life stories. But it was the only such attempt we saw to do so.

Is it that we have become that numb to the war? Is it that 4,000 really matters that little?

We don't think so, but we do believe the American public has become war-fatigued. We're confronted each evening with the newest casualty figures on the nightly news, or hit with snippets of a bomb blast in Anbar, and we change the channel and tend to forget until the next night when we see the same thing.

In that way — that we cease to mark the days gone and the lives

DAVE DILLON

Political Cartoonist



Just another Alabama morning.

Open minds to older generation

Each time I tell someone the topic of my first feature story for my Media Features course, without fail, they wrinkle their nose, look at me quizzically and ask me why.

They assume, of course, my topic was one that was forced upon me, and they automatically suppose it is one I would never choose for myself. It isn't that it is a topic with few possibilities or even one with a high degree of difficulty — that is not their issue.

My topic? World War II veterans and the ways they tell their stories.

People's response? A rolled eye and a feigned snore.

Their issue is, I believe, not the subject itself but the age of my interviewees — the same factor, ironically, that drew me toward the idea.

At the risk of generalizing, I would say my generation, the generation who is preparing to soon take over the reins and control the world, possesses a serious misconception about the generations that have preceded us. The assumption seems to be that as people age, they become more and more boring and less and less relevant.



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tell, as I discovered in my research for my story, the most fascinating of stories — stories filled with romance and terror and mystery. Yet because their tales' action occurred so many years ago, so many my age turn a deaf, disinterested ear.

Before losing my Granddaddy last May, I too failed to truly recognize the value of what the older generation has to say. Before that moment, I also did not quite comprehend how quickly time can slip away.

But slip away it did and slip away it does.

All of our days are numbered, but with a generation who is dying by the thousands every day, the moments we all have to invest in them are rapidly dwindling.

I am not recommending my peers immerse themselves knee-deep in history

But what I am calling for, from the members of my generation, is a changing of attitudes and an opening of minds.

And I invite us all, myself included, to take note of the people who surround us. As I interviewed World War II veterans for my story, I found many who were eager to sit with me, reflect upon their life and tell me their story. And once we began, they were flooded with memories, quickly filling my recorder and my notebook with their tales.

Consider your grandparents. I lost one of mine, but I am so thankful to call three others — all of whom possess incredible integrity, strength and yes, fascinating stories — my own as well. And even beyond those three individuals, who have always been steadfast figures in my life, through family and friends and fellow church members, the possibilities are endless.

If your grandparents are gone or absent, and even if they are not, "adopt" another. Or two or three.

Not only will you gain greater insight into the past, but the stories of these veterans of life are relevant for today's world as well.

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In that way — that we cease to mark the days gone and the lives lost — perhaps yes, it can be understood when we react with a shrug to a war that has lasted longer than all but Vietnam. And yes, it can be understood if we don't take a second glance when we see the figure 4,000 flashed across a TV screen.

But that doesn't make it excusable.

We're not arguing for or against the war. That's a debate for a different time. What we are saying is we needn't ignore milestones. After a while, they may all begin to look the same, but each has its own story, its own tragedy to tell.

All history asks of us is to listen and to learn.

BRIEF THOUGHT

A modest proposal

A contentious issue still before the state legislature this term is funding for public education in the next fiscal year. Thanks to lower state tax revenues, early estimates project an education budget shortfall of half-a-billion dollars for fiscal year 2009, which begins in October.

Governor Riley is proposing a 14 percent funding reduction for higher education as part of his budget plan, which could translate into a multi-million-dollar blow to the state's higher education system.

What it means for Alabama's 14 public universities is not pleasant. Effects could include loss of faculty, fewer class offerings and 25 to 30 percent increases in tuition.

So we here at the *Chanticleer* dusted off the slide rules and did the math. The governor's proposing a 14 percent cut in funding. Why don't we just attend classes 14 percent fewer days?

To the nearest of our estimation, JSU students had 145 class days in the 2007-08 school year. 14 percent of that is 20.3, which we'll round down to an even 20. That translates into four weeks off. I think we can live with that.

We save money, we save jobs and we save classes. And for not a penny more than we're allotted. The legislature wins, Governor Riley wins and teachers and students *definitely* win.

So get out those laptops and let's write our representatives down in Montgomery. Tell them we've been doing some thinking, and if they'd like to cut our budget, we'd be more than happy to take the appropriate break.

It's the least we can do to thank them.

say my generation, the generation who is preparing to soon take over the reins and control the world, possesses a serious misconception about the generations that have preceded us. The assumption seems to be that as people age, they become more and more boring and less and less relevant.

I wholeheartedly disagree.

The men and women who served in and lived through World War II can

does.

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I am not recommending my peers immerse themselves knee-deep in history books or all embark upon a series of in-depth interviews with the elderly. That isn't realistic.

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And by simply stopping to listen, you'll bless and brighten their hearts — and yours as well.

Tanning trends teach women to hide true colors

By Julie Skinner
Senior Writer

Ah, it's springtime.

Time for the world to turn vibrant green and for sheltered toes to see the light of day. Time for itchy sweaters to move to the back of the closet while moving funky-colored tanks, skirts and capris to the front of the line.

This is also the time of year when tanning salons make an absolute killing.

Since high school, I've noticed a trend in girls and springtime — the obsession with looking tan before summer arrives. Back then, it was because of prom and needing just a little "color" to play up their backless dresses. Now, it's to have a base tan for the beach or to not look so sickly after the winter months.

I, myself, was guilty of this trend, paying monthly or by visit to lay in an artificially sunlit box with crackling bulbs above my head, wearing goggles and smearing tanning lotion that smelled like burnt pineapple on my skin.

I did this weekly even though my mother had multiple skin cancers removed from her body over the years. I did this, even though my dates to prom never commented on my nearly burnt complexion — or even noticed for that matter. I did this, even though I felt ashamed to be following a trend that was an unhealthy habit and, in some cases, an addiction.

Truth commercials are blaring on

MTV every time you turn on the tube. They drill it into your skull that smoking is deadly, that nicotine is addicting and that it is no longer "cool" or "rugged" to smoke. Commercials about meth are playing constantly as well to show the physical decay meth addicts will endure using the drug.

They take intelligent, edgy kids and put them on commercials speaking out against these addictions to show that you can be trendy, new age and smart without being influenced. They've made health-conscious teens and young adults the new trend and have done away with the rebellious image of the constant partier always up for a buzz.

They're awesome, don't get me wrong.

But when was the last time you saw an ad about the dangers of skin cancer?

I've seen a couple here and there, but they don't bombard you. I know comparing sun exposure to meth is a bit extreme, but they both harm you. One is illegal and works much quicker, while the other in moderation may be OK, but if abused, can be deadly.

There are more advertisements these days for fake tanners and bronzers than ever before, promising that sun-kissed, non-streak glow for beautiful, healthy skin.

I'm torn between being grateful for self-tanners and cringing at them, because while they are offering a healthy alternative to climbing into a tanning

bed weekly or daily, they are also encouraging young girls and women alike that tanned skin is beautiful and necessary.

It's hard to be young and imagine yourself in 20 years. It's hard to eat healthy to avoid heart problems, wear sunscreen to prevent wrinkles, avoid teeth whiteners to uphold strong enamel and not straighten your hair to keep it from being damaged. These trends make women feel beautiful and play a big role in some women's self-esteem.

But these trends aren't permanent. They aren't necessary. We as women are the ones who create these trends. Some of them are a little odd and painful, like lip-plumping gloss that tingles and stings a bit, while other trends, such as cooking yourself in a tanning bed or dieting like crazy to fit into a size zero, are just downright ridiculous.

So I encourage you to take a stand this summer with me and flaunt your natural skin. I'll admit that it will be a struggle for me.

But let's save those bucks normally spent on tanning and buy that expensive purse we've always swooned over or spend that money on a spray tan. At least it's safe and won't take years off our skin.

We all indulge in guilty pleasures, and many aren't good for us. But don't feel like you have to transform yourself to be beautiful.

You're beautiful just the way you are.

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Sports

Off and running

Fleming returning to form of yesteryear

By **Jered Staubs**
Sports Editor

After a slow start to her season, Rachel Fleming is picking up the pace.

Literally.

After being the team's primary threat to steal bases a year ago, Fleming has started to show signs of regaining the form that left OVC managers scratching their collective heads a year ago.

The senior left fielder dealt with several problems that kept her from duplicating that success, most notably a broken bone in her face after being struck in the cheek with a ball against Alabama earlier this year.

As a result, Fleming had been forced to wear a mask both in the field and while batting.

She struggled to find consistency, but appears to have righted that ship after a stellar series against Tennessee-Martin this past weekend.

Despite the lingering effects of the broken facial bone and battling sickness the week before, Fleming put forth three games that led to her being named OVC Player of the Week.

"This season, so far, she had kind of been struggling because she had been sick, been injured," coach Jana McGinnis said. "She just hadn't been able to get into her groove. This weekend was her breakout weekend, and it was something that we needed to see."

"That's the way we know Rachel Fleming can play. She is one of the elite in this league and she proved it."

In the three-game sweep, JSU was sparked by Fleming's 8-for-11 batting, six RBI, five runs and — most exciting for Fleming — two stolen bases.

"I just want to get on base so I can

steal because it makes the other team mad," she said. "I honestly think they get frustrated when I get on base because I think they know I'm going to steal. Everybody should know that I'm going to."

It would seem that while other players and coaches would know Fleming is going to steal, they are powerless to do anything about it.

Last season, as a junior, Fleming was a perfect 21-for-21 on stolen bases. This season she has been successful in all six attempts to steal, which moves her into fourth all-time on the JSU career stolen base list.

"I've already got it in my head that if I get on base and she gives me the steal sign I'm going to be safe," Fleming said. "That's just what I automatically tell myself."

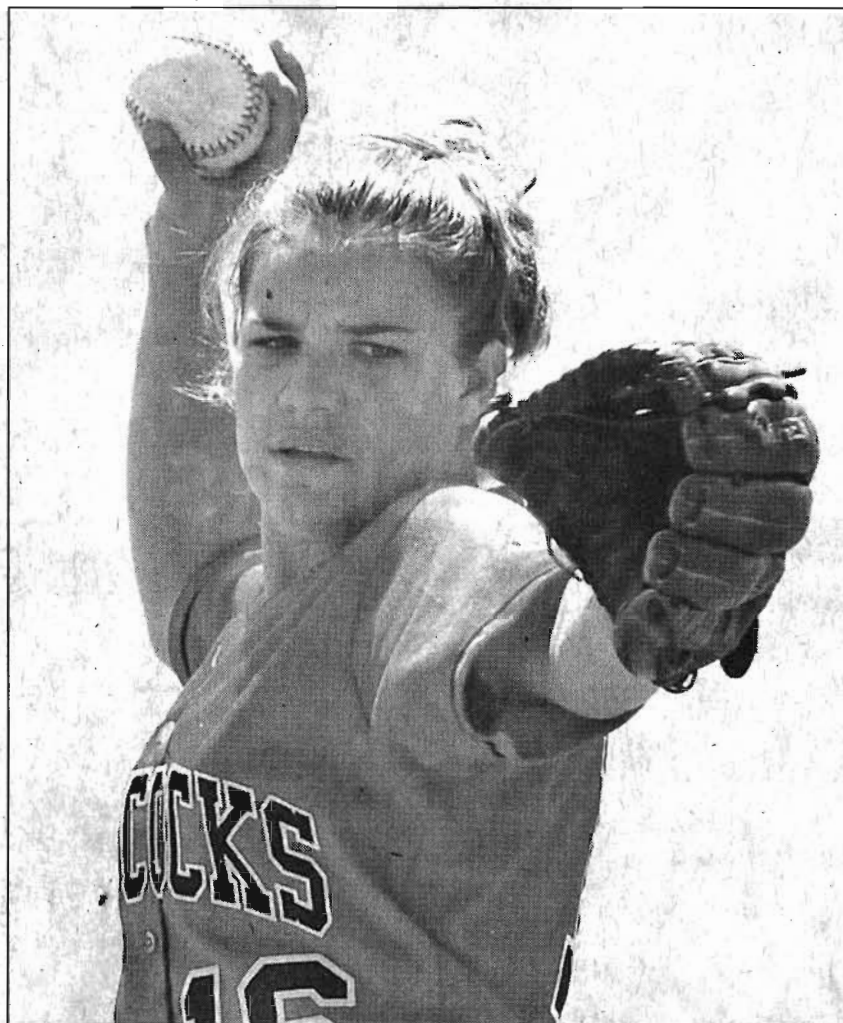
After the UT-Martin series, she has taken back the team lead in stolen bases, and also raised her average to .323, good for second on the team.

Because Fleming has speed and a bit of power — she homered for the second time this season and added a triple and a double this weekend — McGinnis has been using her in the number two spot in the order.

"Rachel is one of those that can put a defense back on their heels because they don't know if she is going to bunt, if she is going to slap or if she is going to hit for power," McGinnis said. "She can just be a big spark plug for us, and we need her on base because she is one of our fastest players and she can make big things happen."

In turn, Fleming expects big things to happen with the JSU softball team this season. The team started out 4-1 in OVC play, including a split with predicted conference champion Tennessee Tech.

Fleming felt that complacency



Rachel Fleming throws a ball from her position in left field in the series against Tennessee-Martin. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com.

may have affected JSU after the Gamecocks won the first game against Tech, saying that some of the at-bats the team put together were not of the required level.

"I feel like my role as a senior is to get the younger ones in that mental

focus of we're a D-I and we need to be number one," Fleming said.

"I think a lot of the younger ones already have that mentality. We have four seniors that really push that, and they are respecting us so much for that. That's what I feel like my role is."

GAMECOCK BRIEFS

- Jacksonville State sophomore **Ben Tootle** was named Ohio Valley Conference Co-Pitcher of the Week for his performance against Murray State on Friday. Tootle, a native of Oxford, Ala., tied his career high with 10 strikeouts against the Racers, picking up his third win of the season.

- Jacksonville State golfers **Gonzalo Berlin** and **Mercedes Huarte** were named Ohio Valley Conference Golfers of the Week during spring break. Berlin, a native of Ponferrado Leon, Spain, shot an even-par 216 to win his first career tournament title at the Grub Mart-Young Oil Intercollegiate. Huarte, a native of Cacabuco, Argentina, recorded her third top 10 finish of the year after tying for 10th at the Samford Women's Intercollegiate.

- The **Jacksonville State track and field team** had 17 top-five finishes, including four wins, as it opened its 2008 outdoor season with a win at the Emory Invitational.

- Junior **Nolinda Garner** put together the best performance of the day in the 400-meter hurdles. Garner finished with a time of 1:00.26, breaking her own school record by more than a second. Her time was also fast enough to qualify for the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships and was the fastest time recorded this year in the OVC.

- Freshman **Veronica**

Softball off to 4-1 conference start

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By Jared Gravette
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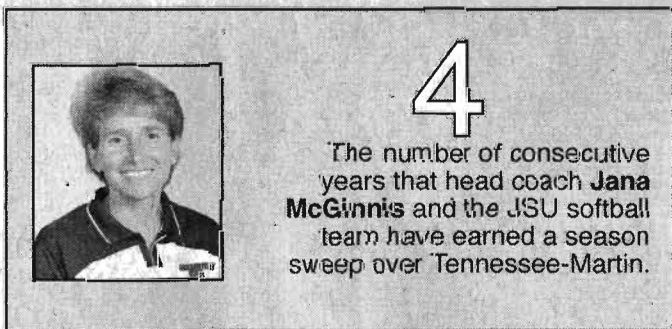
The Jacksonville State softball team opened Ohio Valley Conference play over spring break in impressive fashion.

The Gamecocks (15-8, 4-1 OVC) split a doubleheader with two-time defending OVC champion Tennessee Tech and followed that performance with a sweep of Tennessee-Martin.

JSU and TTU have battled for OVC supremacy over the last several years.

In the first game of their doubleheader, Melissa Dowling and Sarah Street dominated the game from the circle through the first four innings.

In the top of the fifth, sophomore Chrissy O'Neal blasted a two-run homer to give the Gamecocks a 2-0



lead.

That lead held up through the remainder of the contest, as JSU won 2-1. Dowling pitched all seven innings, allowing only one run on five hits.

"I was proud of Doc (Dowling). I think she raised herself to another level," JSU coach Jana McGinnis said. "When we left down there from the conference tournament, Doc left with a bad taste in her mouth. They

beat her on a walk-off home run."

"For her to go out and finish a 2-1 ball game and not even allow a runner to get on in the seventh, that was big for her. I saw her raise herself to another level."

In the second game of the day, the Gamecocks mustered only two hits, falling to the Golden Eagles 4-2.

JSU was held hitless through the first four innings and found themselves behind 4-0 going

into the seventh inning. The Gamecocks scored two runs in the final frame, but it was too little too late.

"In the second game, I thought it took our hitters too long to get going," McGinnis said. "We started to relax a little bit with our intensity. We started watching too many strikes go by instead of staying aggressive at the plate, and I thought that was the difference in our run production in the second game."

Against UT-Martin, JSU's bats came to life, as the Gamecocks outscored the Skyhawks 19-5 during the three-game sweep.

"It was a good weekend," McGinnis said. "After we got through the first four innings of the weekend, I thought our hitters loosened up."

Senior Rachel Fleming did the majority of the damage over the weekend, going 8-

for-11 from the plate with six RBI and five runs scored.

Pitching and defense were also pivotal in the three-game sweep. In the doubleheader on Friday, Dowling pitched game one, allowing only one earned run through seven innings.

The second game of the day saw an even better pitching performance from freshman Ashley Eliasson, as she pitched a two-hit shutout.

"We only had one error for the weekend. I thought our defense raised itself to another level," McGinnis said. "I thought our pitching was good on Friday in the doubleheader. I thought Ashley Eliasson did a very good job."

The Gamecocks are scheduled to take on Tennessee State in a three-game series this weekend at University Field.

enough to qualify for the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships and was the fastest time recorded this year in the OVC.

• Freshman **Veronica Citireag** placed first in the 800-meter run, posting a time of 2:14.84. Citireag's time was also the fastest in the OVC this season.

• **Asha Gibson, Nolinda Garner, Takisha Parham and Cle'Asha Burks** combined to win first place in the 4x100 meter relay. The group finished with a time of 47.70.

• **Takisha Parham and Ebony Brisky** finished first and second, respectively, in the long jump competition. Parham jumped 18'4.5" to win the event.

— From staff reports

Baseball wins opening OVC series

By Jered Staubs
Sports Editor

The JSU baseball team took two of three games against conference foe Murray State over the weekend.

The games were the Gamecocks' (9-12, 2-1 OVC) first against an OVC opponent and were a successful start to the season though manager Jim Case was hoping for more.

"We got off to a good start, and I'm happy about that," Case said, "but you get greedy and want to sweep the series."

The Gamecocks have prepared for the conference season by playing a difficult non-conference schedule, and some members of the team had been struggling at the plate.

The past few weeks have seen that turn around, especially preseason OVC Player of the Year Clay Whittemore and Steven Leach. Leach (.351) and Whittemore (.341) have both been hot lately, and are the only members of the team hitting over .300.

Leach, a sophomore, went 4-for-5 and drove in three runs — including two in the bottom of the ninth — as JSU won its conference opener 4-3.

Murray State led 3-1 going to the bottom of the ninth, but JSU rallied to win in its final at-bat for the third time this season. Murray's Jake Donze loaded the bases without JSU getting a hit, and then pinch-hitter Matt

McLaughlin singled to pull JSU within a run and set the stage for Leach.

Leach ran the count full and singled to the right side, scoring Bert Smith and John David Smelser.

Brian Booth got the win in relief of Mitch Miller, who had a career-high 11 strikeouts.

The second game of the Saturday doubleheader saw a brilliant pitching performance from Ben Tootle.

Tootle was named Co-OVC Pitcher of the Week after striking out ten in 6 1/3 innings of JSU's 2-1 victory over Murray.

The sophomore pitcher carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning and left after allowing only five hits and the one run.

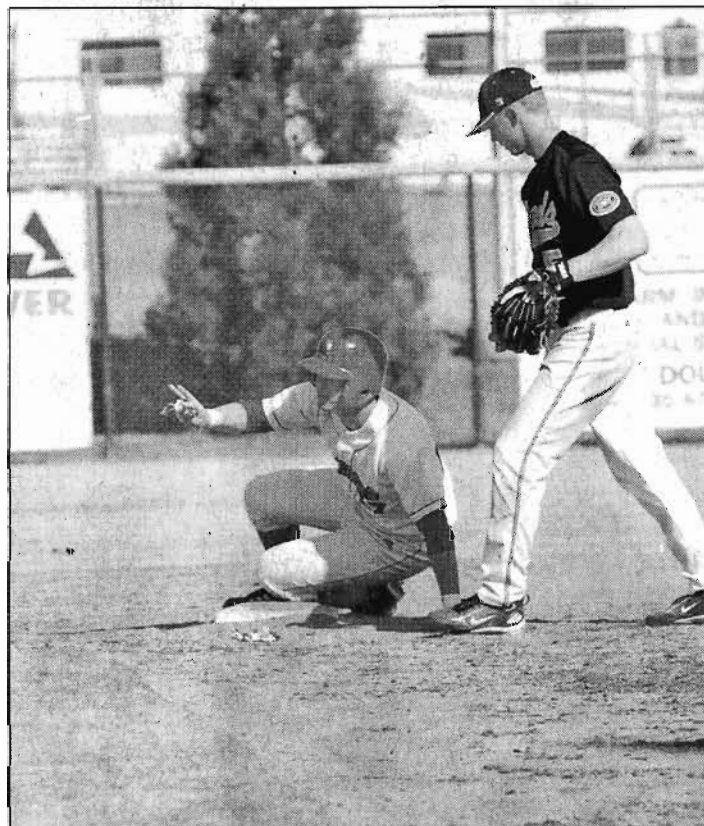
"We did some things better, there were some good signs, and I was really pleased with Ben Tootle," Case said. "But we still have some things we need to improve."

Those were made evident in the final game of the series, an 8-6 Murray State win.

JSU made two crucial errors that allowed Murray to turn a slender 3-1 lead into a comfortable 8-1 lead.

JSU rallied to within 8-6 through a Bert Smith two-run triple and an RBI single by Kyle McCreary, but got no closer.

The Gamecocks return to non-conference play with a midweek home-and-home series against Alabama before returning to OVC play by traveling to Austin Peay.



Matt McLaughlin slides into second base against Murray State. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com

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