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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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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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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-

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY / PART 1 OF 3
Recent violence on college campuses across the nation is leaving some JSU students searching for a ...

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.”

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“I 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.”

All of the newly elected senators and officers are spending a month shadowing their predecessors to learn the ins and outs of SGA responsibilities.

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 brin...
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 place 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.

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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**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 Boulanakis

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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 Connection Job Fair will be held April 9, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the front lawn of the Theron Montgomery Building.

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**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

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**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

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**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.

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**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 "living and learning" environment 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, head of University Housing.

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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 108, Self Hall, or e-mailed to chanticleer@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.
Two bills, authored by Student Government Association members from the Wire, staff reports.

Model Arab League

Lauren Ledbetter, Marcus O'Dell, members of the JSU Duff, Charlie Langham, Latricia Rosser, Nakia Cox, Jeff Martin, included the following:

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, Laticia Rosser, Drake Russell, Antonio Solomon, Naka Cox, Jeff Martin, Omar Saad, Lauren Ledbetter, Chris Carden, Eric Shultz, Marcus O'Dell, Tiffany Roberts and Cedrick Farrow.

Penny Wars off to weak start

By Donavan Marsh

This Monday, March 24, marked the kickoff 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.

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“Because we’re just that damn good.”

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 his belief in a liberal press. Sulzberger said, “That’s the way I feel.”

After a few more questions, Sulzberger thanked the crowd for having him and explained 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.
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 cameras 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 Daugette Hall, where he says there have been a few break-ins 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 a 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.

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

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University'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 were 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."

Presidents: Nix says

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Library: Online services key

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"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.
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.”
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.

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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 back to 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 obession 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 suntan box with crackling bulbs above my head, wearing goggles and smearing tanning lotion that smelled like burnt pineapple on my skin.

I did this, 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 near burnt complexion — or even noticed 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. Commercial about mouthwash in the air their influence, they've made health-conscious teens and young adults 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 ad about the dangers of skin cancer? I've seen a couple here and there. I, myself, was guilty of this trend; paying monthly or by visit to lay in an artificially suntan box with crackling bulbs above my head, wearing goggles and smearing tanning lotion that smelled like burnt pineapple on my skin.

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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 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.

“Rachel is one of those that can put a defense back on their heels because she has been sick, been injured,” coach Jana Martin this past weekend.

She just hasn’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 first 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 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.”

Softball off to 4-1 conference start

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 Ponferrada 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.

- Freshmen Veronica
Softball off to 4-1 conference start

By Jared Gravette
Assistant Sports Editor

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 both the game and 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," Fleming felt that complacency got the younger ones in that mental state.

"That's what I feel like my role is."