



Dr. Meehan addresses the crowd at the homecoming pep rally.  
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## Meeting With Meehan: Part 3

# Budget crisis felt at JSU

*In part three of our interview with Dr. Meehan, he discusses what JSU is doing to cope with budget cuts and the possibility of a tuition increase*

**By Doran Smith**  
Arts & Features Editor

**Smith:** Thank you for meeting with me Dr. Meehan, my first question for you has to do with the university's economy outlook. How is the university dealing with proration in this tough economy?

**Meehan:** We have lost with proration over the last two years, (which is 3 budget cycles) about 25% of our state appropriations. That has been reduced a little by the stimulus funds. We should receive about 6.6 million of stimulus funds over the next two years. We will get 3.3 million each year. That reduces proration to about 18.5 percent. How have we dealt with that? First of all, we have held a lot of administrative positions open. For example, there are two vice presidencies now that are in acting positions. Physical plant positions and other positions have also been held open. We have replaced faculty members because we have to offer those courses for the students. Tuition

has increased, but we have made a pledge to our students that we will keep tuition at JSU at the median level of the 4-years schools in the state of Alabama. We have been able to stay there. We haven't increased as much as some of them.

**Smith:** Do you foresee tuition rising in the 2010-2011 school year and beyond?

**Meehan:** The 2-year colleges have already gone up 19%. Some of the other schools have announced increases, like the UA system. They have not announced how much, but they are going up. A lot depends on what we see in the future. We started this budget year a month ago, October 1, and immediately we got a 7.5% reduction. There could be more coming. It could be another 3 to 5 percent this year. We have to deal with that as a possibility. Right now we are hoping for the best.

**Smith:** Do you think the economy is affecting

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# History department collects toys for Guatemalan children

**By Kevin Brant**  
Staff Writer

Christmas is a time where friends and family are brought together in celebration. However, not every family has the same experiences with the holiday. For those who live in the poorest section of Guatemala, the holiday only reiterates poverty and the inability to give gifts to loved ones.

One man wanted to change that. Homer Wilson from Huntsville, Ala. was visiting Guatemala during Christmas one year. He saw kids in that area that he knew would not get Christmas presents that year. He personally went and bought them toys. The very next year, he came up with "The Shoebox Project."

This drive was done through a partnership called Alabama- Guatemala Partners in the Americas. Now, kids in Guatemala can have a Christmas, but they need your help.

of the Department of History and Foreign Languages, there is meaning in the project. "The purpose of this shoebox project is to get the very poorest children in Guatemala a box of essential supplies to help them throughout the next year."

The children need school supplies, toys and essential clothing items.

The items needed for the shoebox are as follows: Toys such as small cars, balls, dolls, and stuffed animals. School supplies such as pens, pencils, solar calculators and Colored Pencils are needed. The kids also need hygiene products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and washcloths. Other fun things that can be included are sunglasses, ball caps, socks, underwear, hair clips and small picture books.

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According to Dr. George Lauderbaugh

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A selection of some of the items that are going into the shoeboxes to be sent to Guatemala. Photo by Kevin Brant/ The Chanticleer

## Organization works to bring hope to afghan women

By MJ Ortiz  
News Editor

"Give us, Lord, our daily bread and forgive those who give us guns instead."

According to Women of Hope, that is how they believe Afghan people pray.

According to Paulette Neshiem, "putting people to work, having good food to feed their families, having the ability to send their children to school and having peace in their land" is their desire as an organization and is her daily quest to help restore peace to that land and its people.

Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. Neshiem, a retired naval commander from Bozeman Montana, will be sharing her experience working with the women of Kabul Afghanistan through the Women of Hope Project at the International House in JSU.

Hilda Hudson, the event's sponsor, heard a speech by

Neshiem and decided to do her part on spreading the word. She said her "interest in this was in raising awareness of the plight of these people in a war-torn country."

"We all hear reports on the evening news of Afghanistan, but listening to someone who is there several times a year was very educational and made the situation much more personal for me," she said.

The Women of Hope focuses on the restoration of hope and dignity to women who have been oppressed. By creating a sisterhood, the project helps the women recover from over 23 years of war in their country and the oppression they have had to endure because of the Taliban forces.

According to WOHP, this is accomplished by providing them with training resources that show them how to use their skills to support their families.

The embroidery and design

project is the most renowned project of the organization; according to WOHP. Through it, they have trained over 100 women who in turn have trained others, weaving a net of over 1000 women and their families. Living in a country that is currently close to being 80 percent illiterate, these women have managed to get all their children back to school by selling their craft.

Dr. John Ketterer, Director of the International House, said that "this is a project that definitely deserves a thorough inspection by us as we discover what it is to live in a multicultural society."

Ketterer, who was contacted by Hudson, said that he agreed to have the International House co-host to the speaker because he truly believes that "what happens to our neighbors across the ocean should matter to us; this is a project that empowers these women to move forward and spread the word through JSU. [It will] empower other people,

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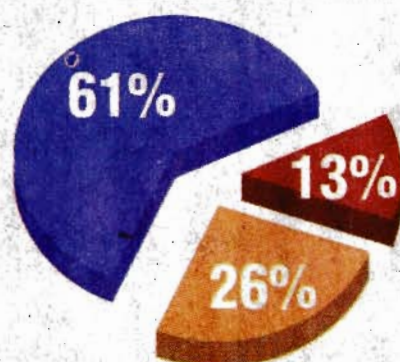
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## QUESTION of the WEEK

How will you spend your spare time this month?

Catch up on sleep- 61%

Drink! - 26%

Study more - 13%

No Question Next Week:

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# ON Campus

## Briefs

Tuesday December 8 at 7:00 p.m. Paulette Neshiem of Bozeman MT will be sharing her experience working with the women of Kabul Afghanistan through the Women of Hope Project at the International House. Handmade embroidered items by the WOHP will be on display and available for sale; everyone is welcome.

## Campus Crime

Tuesday November 17

- Drug paraphernalia was reported at Penn House Apartments. Found was a green and white glass bong.

Wednesday November 18

- Theft of property was reported in Self Hall (editing room 3). Stolen was a Sony DV cam tape deck.

Saturday November 21

- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle and the unauthorized use of a vehicle was reported in Dixon Hall parking lot. Stolen were 11 CDs.
- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported in Crow Hall parking lot. Stolen was a leather wallet, US currency and a speaker box with two 12 inch woofers and amplifier.
- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported in Crow Hall parking lot. Stolen was a Cadillac Deville Dash console lid, a middle arm rest lid and a rear back seat.
- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported in the Parking lot North side of Carlisle Art Building. Stolen was an AM/FM/CD system.
- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported at the Stephenson Gym parking lot. Stolen was a JCV CD player.
- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported at the Pannell Hall rear parking area. Stolen were prescription pills and a wallet with personal documents and US currency.
- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported at Pannell Hall parking lot. Stolen were V2 12 inch speakers, a Sony Explode amplifier and a speaker box.

Sunday November 22

- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported at Pannell parking lot. Stolen was a Sony stereo/

# Picture of the week



Members of the JSU ROTC gather for the fall awards ceremony. Story below. If you would like to submit your photo for "Photo of the week", email it to [chantyeditor@gmail.com](mailto:chantyeditor@gmail.com) Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer

## ROTC holds fall awards ceremony

By Kevin Brant  
Staff Writer

Thursday November 19, The JSU ROTC had their fall awards ceremony at Rowe hall. This awards ceremony was held in order to honor cadets with Scholarships, ROTC honors, Community Awards, and Cadet Scholar awards. There were also special awards and Physical fitness awards.

To start off the event, the colors were presented. After that, LTC Greg Pass welcomed everyone to the event. Next everyone stood and honored America while the National Anthem played. The invocation was delivered by Rev. Jay Robinson.

Cadet LTC Bobby Hill then addressed the cadets. "Your hard work and success is why you are here today," Hill said.

LTC Greg Pass did the

the seniors. Then awards were given to the juniors. Next, awards were given to sophomores. Finally awards were given to freshmen. These awards were based on performance and other factors during the summer and fall semesters at JSU.

After the awards were given out, JSU ROTC Alumni members gave out scholarships to worthy recipients. These scholarships were valued at \$1,000 each.

Fifteen seniors, sixteen juniors, five sophomores, and six freshmen received awards or scholarships.

Professor of Military Science LTC Richard White commented on his thoughts on the award ceremony. "In the interest of time, I cannot attest to the numerous accomplishments of our individual cadets," White said. "Collectively I can report that this year's class scored within the top ten

Leadership Development Accession Course." He went on to say: "As always they set the benchmark for peers to emulate."

After this, the cadets sang in unison "The Army Song." Rev. Jay Robinson then delivered the benediction. After the event was over with, a reception was held in the lounge area of Rowe hall.

While this reception was going on, Cadet LTC Bobby Hill spoke about his feelings after the ceremony was over with.

Hill was honored with being listed on the Deans list. He also received ROTC honors, Distinguished military student, leadership development assessment course (LDAC) graduate, LDAC Special award, LDAC recondo award, Airborne school graduate, Gold PT award, Army Physical Fitness Badge and recipient of Elite Letterman's Club

feels good to be recognized for something you worked hard for," Hill said. "This is especially the case when the criteria for the awards are demanding as is the case with most military awards."

The reception was a time for family members and friends of the cadets who won awards, to share in the happy moments that come from winning awards. At this reception, they had cake to eat and drank punch.

Cadet Christopher Persons who is in charge of Battalion S1 shared his thoughts after he won Cadet Honors, ROTC honors, Leadership Development Assessment Course graduate, CTLT, and the Dewey E. Tate Scholarship Award. "I felt it is a great honor and privilege to win these awards," Persons said. "We have worked very hard this year and it feels great to be

speaker box.

### Sunday November 22

- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported at Pannell parking lot. Stolen was a Sony stereo/CD player.
- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported at the Coliseum parking lot. Stolen was a GPS Navigator, personal bank cards and a GPS charger.

### Monday November 23

- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported in Stone Center. Stolen was a JSU silver decal.
- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported at the Carlisle Art building parking lot.

## What's Happening

**Does your club or organization have an upcoming event you would like publicized?**

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### Thursday December 3

- Madrigal Dinner, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:00 pm, admission: \$30-\$55.

### Friday December 4

- Madrigal Dinner, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:00 pm, admission: \$30-\$55.

### Saturday December 5

- Madrigal Dinner, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:00 pm, admission: \$30-\$55.
- Calhoun County Community Health Fair, the Bridge on Noble Street in Anniston, 9:00am - 2:00 pm.

### Sunday December 6

- Winter Concert, TMB Auditorium, 6:00 pm, admission \$5.00.

### Wednesday December 9

- Midnight Snack in the Café, Jack Hopper Dining Hall, 10:00 pm - 12:00 am

Robinson.

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## Shoebox: Deadline is December 15 for donations

do not include breakable items such as china or glass.

Each year, a goal is set on how many boxes will be collected. "Our goal this year is to collect 700 shoeboxes for the kids in Guatemala," said Lauderbaugh.

Sonia Argueta, President of the Guatemala Alabama Chapter Partners of the Americas, was on campus assisting in the shoebox project effort. She spoke on what her hopes were for the shoebox program. "I want to make the kids happy," said Argueta, "the kids love getting the

presents and it helps them to have an opportunity to actually be kids."

These shoeboxes do come at a small price, though. "We estimate it costs about \$5 a box to send these shoeboxes to Guatemala," said Lauderbaugh. "We do what we can to raise money for it, so it does not cost as much to send."

According to Lauderbaugh, they collected 467 shoeboxes last year. Out of the 467 collected, 100 were from JSU and the rest came from the community.

The shoeboxes will be collected

until December 15. If you can't put together a shoebox but want to donate money for the effort, you can send money donations to the Fort McClellan Credit Union. You can send your donations to the following address:

Att: Guatemala Christmas Fort McClellan Credit Union P.O. Box 5250 Fort McClellan, Ala. 36205.

For more information on the Guatemala shoe box project contact Dr. Lauderbaugh at (256) 782-8044 or online at glauderb@jsu.edu

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# Opinion

## Party crashers

### Presidential Party Crashers Perplex White House Security

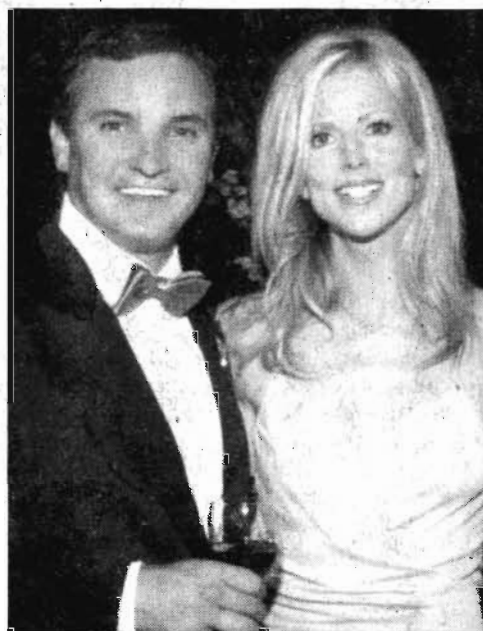
**Michael Bell**  
Columnist

It seems ever so common these days that anyone can just walk off the street and barge into the mansion located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. After all, the mansion was built and is maintained with taxpayer dollars. Now, this may sound a little confusing for those who aren't familiar with the resident of this national landmark. Well, he just happens to be the President of the United States.

Recently, President Obama held his first state dinner at the White House. Among the 300 invited guests were diplomats, Hollywood celebrities, and the Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh. Guest were

required to go through various security screenings at Secret Service checkpoints. However, the first security screening was nothing more than a simple guest list. The party crashers, Tareq and Michaela Salahi, were not listed on the official roster.

Secret Service special agent Edwin M. Donovan confirmed that "proper procedure" was not followed. It could be argued that proper procedure was not followed when President Kennedy became target practice for a deranged lunatic, named Lee Harvey Oswald. Donovan down played any threat of harm to President



Tareq and Michaela Salahi

Obama by stating, "It is important to note that these individuals went through magnetometers and other levels of security, as did all guests attending the dinner." Clearly, the levels of security weren't high enough if two people waltzed into the President's state dinner without being on the guest list.

Even more shocking is that the Secret Service didn't utilize the fundamentals of basic mathematics. The official guest list was comprised of 300 individuals. Now let's add the two party

crashers. With simple addition, that makes the number increase to 302 individuals. Maybe the Secret Service has its own special method of addition.

It is apparent that the Secret Service "dropped the ball" with this incident. Although President Obama was not harmed, this scenario sheds light on the overall performance and efficiency of the people who are sworn to protect him. One mistake like this could have drastic consequences. This blunder most be investigated and the individuals responsible should be reprimanded. President Obama is the most powerful man in the world. Surely, he deserves the most powerful security force in the world.

## All about the money

**By Haley Gregg**  
Sports Editor

I am a senior communications major here at JSU and this is my third year at the "friendliest campus in the south." There is so much that I love about this school. The teachers are great and are more than willing to help, and the student-teacher ratio is definitely a plus. I feel like I have had an amazing experience here until this fall semester, until I experienced two major drawbacks: parking and classes.

It started out with the new and "improved" parking system. I have received two parking tickets this semester: the only parking tickets I have received my entire JSU career. The first one I received happened in the parking lot of Merrill Hall. It was for not having a decal. I purchased a decal at the beginning of the semester, but I drove my mother's car to school that day because my car was in the shop. Unfortunately, I forgot to put my decal up in the rearview mirror. Even though I was upset, I realized that I had made a mistake and paid the \$25 ticket with no questions asked.

My second ticket is a different story. Self Hall is the building that I mainly inhabit during the

semester because of my major and I am the sports editor for the Chanticleer. There is absolutely no silver (commuter) parking around this building. The parking lot to the side of Self Hall is marked gold for faculty (which is never full), but the loop that goes behind Self Hall has no sign indicating who can park there. I parked on the loop the entire semester until I got a ticket for parking in the "wrong zone" in mid-November.

How can you ticket me when the area I parked in is not even on the parking map provided by the UPD?

I called the parking hotline to ask this question and the man told me the sign (which at the time had been stolen and has still not been replaced) that marks the main parking lot on the side of Self Hall stands for the entire area. I replied with the question that one sign that faces Self Hall marks the whole building? He told me to go online and appeal my case. So, I did. The next week I received an email that gave me the date of my appeals court. The email also stated that the date could not be rescheduled for any reason and that if I failed to appear it would count as a guilty plea, which would result an extra \$5 charged that would be added to the amount of my ticket.

To my dismay, the date that I was given happened to be on the day I was going to a concert in Atlanta that I had planned months in advance. Even though I was given no choice on the dates for my court case, I could not reschedule. It is almost as if they try to make appeals court as inconvenient as possible so you will have a great chance of not being able to attend.

The next unpleasant event happened while I was registering for my final spring semester classes. I had the choice of two electives, so I went through the handbook to find courses that I thought would benefit me in the future. After trying to sign up for two classes that were already full, I tried to enroll in five more classes. Every single one of them was not being offered the spring semester of 2010. I am now stuck in stage makeup and a photography class that focuses on how to use a darkroom. I am sorry, but these two classes are not going to assist me in my future career. I'm sure they would help someone, but not a print journalism student. The other photography class that would have been extremely helpful to me was shockingly full. I want to point out that being a senior I am one of the first to be able to register for classes. I got advised in a timely manner, but classes were already full just

days after senior registration opened. This not only frustrated me but my parents as well. My mother made the statement that she was not thrilled about paying \$1,200 for two classes that were going to be a waste of my time.

I hate throwing out accusations but this seems to me to be a way that the university gets students to stay an extra semester past their graduation date, and in turn they get more money. A friend of mine that is also a senior communication student has to come back the fall semester of 2010 for just one required class, because it is not being offered in the spring. I understand that no university is perfect, but to have such great teachers/faculty and student body it is a shame that these problems are changing my attitude towards the school. All of these problems have bombarded me in a matter of a few months. The constant effort of JSU trying to suck money out of their students in this poor economy is leaving a bad taste in my mouth. I have gone from loving this school to not being able to wait to graduate. I hope JSU does something in the near future to fix these problems. They need to start by making classes more available and get this parking situation straightened out. I will not be able to benefit from this, but I hope for future students sake that it doesn't take them long.

## Letters to the editor

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# Letters to the editor

## Parking problems

As a forward thinking University, JSU has decided to facilitate a bus system. This is probably a good idea if embraced by the student body. The reason for this idea was to cut down on campus traffic and ease the increasing need for additional parking. Designated parking spaces and lots have changed overnight.

At the same time, the Administration has cut off the community it claims to

embrace. It is no longer possible for someone to just pull into an empty visitor parking space. In order to visit campus, a person needs to go to the university police or the welcome center and get a pass before he can park. The penalty is a \$25 ticket. Friends of the Library, Alumni, Visual Arts Society members, persons wanting to use the Jack Hopper dining hall, those visiting the book store, or going to Stephenson

Gym or the Coliseum; anyone without a pass or parking permit will be ticketed, I hesitated to go hear Rick Bragg because I was afraid of getting a ticket.

A solution has to be found. A visitor's pass to alumni, and JSU supporters could be issued for at least a semester at a time. A warning for a community member parking without a permit would be appreciated. If the bus

system is for use of the community, it would be a good idea to publish the routes and designated stops.

I suggest the administration should maintain the motto "the Friendliest Campus in the South".

Sincerely,  
Esta Spector  
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## Gay is okay

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Brooke Murphy and I am the one submitting "homosexual" chicken scratches. This issue somewhat bothered me. Someone took my last chicken scratch,

"There is nothing wrong with being homosexual. So unless you are being bothered by a homosexual, do not hate on us. Please and thank you,"

and replaced "homosexual" with "heterosexual." To whoever did this, great job on originality.

Now to get on my soapbox. I have never heard of any heterosexual being "straight" bashed, hated, or beaten to death simply because they are straight. Plus, there is no such thing as "straight" bashed. I do not hate nor do I have anything against

heterosexuals. I am simply putting that message out there that it is okay to be gay. I have been though quite a bit since I came out of the closet. Even my mom lost friends because of my sexuality. I'm not trying to put a sob story out there. I have no sob story. I am extremely happy with my life. I just want everyone to understand that homosexuals are hated just because we are attracted to the same sex.

I have a question for all heterosexuals. Has a stranger ever come up to you and your partner and said, "You're straight! You're going to hell!"? I seriously doubt it. Listen to me. Hate equals ignorance. It's human nature to hate that which we do not understand.

It is my right as an American and as a student here at JSU to put what I want in the newspaper. If you feel it necessary to comment on this letter

and tell me how big of a sinner you think I am, then more power to you. Also, if you want to say God hates me, then skin your ignorance and go for it. God does not hate. God also knows me and I know Him. And yes there is such a thing as homosexual Christians. Better yet, Christians who just happen to be gay.

My name is Brook Murphy and I am homosexual. If you have a problem with me or gays in general then let's sit down and talk like grown ups about it. Maybe I can help you understand our (homosexuals) lifestyle. Maybe I could learn something from a sit down like why you hate us so. It's 2009, not 1909. Let's erase hate and live peacefully with one another.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,  
Brooke Murphy

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner  
Columnist

With the holiday season here, there's a lot of stress circulating. Buying presents, trying to find good deals and worrying about all the holiday parties coming up can be exhausting. This year, try to make just a few changes in your life that would make things easier. Don't focus so much on the petty things, but realize how fortunate you are to have what you do have. There's always someone out there who would give anything to live your life and have the things you have. Sometimes, we all tend to count our wishes before our blessings. I hope everyone has a safe and happy break from school! I also hope to see you all again next semester. Happy Holidays!

*Dear Julie,*

I have no idea what to get my girlfriend for Christmas. We have been together for three years, and each year I get her something that she never likes. She never comes right out and says that she doesn't like it, but I can just tell by the look on her face. I try to get her things that I think she would use, but I think I'm just not doing a good job. Can you help me?

*-Clueless4Christmas.*

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Buying Christmas presents for people is always a tricky thing, especially buying for people really close to you. I think it's nice that you are putting so much thought into your girlfriend's Christmas present. Since you don't feel like she is satisfied with these "practical" gifts you've bought

## Budget: Meehan discusses proration and the new homecoming king

the university's enrollment or academics?

**Meehan:** It is definitely affecting enrollment. However, we have held our own. Our decrease was less than 1 percent from year to year. Students are staying within close proximity to their homes. You are seeing growth at 2-year schools and major metropolitan schools. Schools in more rural areas have not increased enrollment—some have gone down in that regard. Yes, the economy affects people. Overall the economy is beginning to get better. You can see that in real-estate and the stock market. Fashion and finances are two waves that always come last in Alabama. It will get here eventually and we will survive until it does.

**Smith:** Do you think proration is affecting our academic offerings?

**Meehan:** We are offering more classes than we have over a number of years; more sections in classes. There are certainly more things we could do if financial times were better. For example, the building we just talked about. We would be making more solid plans if we had the money. We have made our academic programs number one.

We have continued to pursue additional accreditations in the last two years. We have added two more of our programs. We are still the most accredited of all the regional schools. So we have made the quality in our programs continue to be our number 1 priority.

**Smith:** The SGA recently had a student vote on a student activity fee. The fee seemed like it would have been beneficial to the college, but more expensive to students. Why do you think the student activity fee failed to pass?

**Meehan:** Obviously, students did not feel they wanted to tax themselves for that particular activity. The SGA wanted to try it and I salute them for bringing that question to the students and letting them make that decision. They came to me more than a year ago and asked if I would implement a student fee. Student fees are something that, when I began my administration 11 years ago, we did away with. There were a lot of individual fees, specific class fees and other fees that many schools still have. However, we did away with those and had a one-time tuition increase in Fall 1999. I was not personally

in favor of a fee like that but I would let the students decide. The SGA wanted to try and I think they got their answer.

**Smith:** Do you think administrators were hoping for the Student Activity Fee to pass?

**Meehan:** Those on the student affairs side of the house would certainly like to have it to be able to have a new facility. It does not mean that the need is not there. There is still a need for a student activity center and we want to increase the quality of what we have and we are still looking at plans to do that long range.

**Smith:** Along with the vote for the fee, the students also voted for the university's first homecoming king. Do you think it was good decision by SGA to create homecoming royalty?

**Meehan:** There were 5 men who participated in that and they were a class act; every single one. They answered questions, dressed appropriately and did a great job. That tells me this is something the student body wanted to participate in and that is fine—it's up to them.

## Ask Aunt Edna

### How to keep your bedroom from getting boring



are dwindling and it seems like his mind is someplace else. What

can I do to get him to start having sex again?

**Getting Bored**

**Dear Getting Bored,**

While men refusing to have sex is rare, it still happens. I've thought a lot about this question and I don't have one specific answer because we simply don't know what's going

to you.

Now, if you do find that those feelings exist and your just having a sexual "road bump" there are some things you can try.

First off, you have to understand how a man work. One of the biggest things men want is to feel wanted. Now that goes for all aspects of a relationship, but you have to make your man feel like you truly want him. Let him know that you don't want any other guy laying in that bed with you except for him.

Sex is also something that should be

...ing, especially buying for people really close to you. I think it's nice that you are putting so much thought into your girlfriend's Christmas present. Since you don't feel like she is satisfied with these "practical" gifts you've bought her in the past, maybe you should try another route. Girls often like presents that come from the heart. Try to put a lot of thought into something, so that it shows you are thinking about her. Many girls like jewelry as well, because it is something they can wear daily. My main advice would be to put a lot of heart into what you pick out for your girlfriend this year. Leave the practical gifts for someone else to buy her. Good luck finding the perfect gift!

**Dear Julie,**

I have been in my current relationship for over two years. I love my boyfriend; he is an amazing, sweet guy who is always there for me. However, I cannot stand his family. Each year when I go to family gatherings or parties, I just cringe because I know there will be an argument. I've tried to get along with them, but it's nearly impossible. It's causing some slight tension between my boyfriend and I, but I'm not sure how to make things better. Any help would be appreciated.

**- HolidayGirl.**

**HolidayGirl,**

I'm not sure how to help you with this situation, because I don't know what is causing the tension between you and your boyfriend's family or who is causing most of the arguing. However, I would try at all costs not to argue with your boyfriend's family. This creates an environment that's not fun for anyone, especially your boyfriend. I think the best thing to do would be to either avoid his family or make a big attempt to not argue with them while at their holiday gatherings. Personally, I don't think it's proper to argue with someone while at their home for some sort of celebration that they've invited me to. So, I think your two best options would be to either avoid his family completely or be the bigger person this year and avoid arguing no matter what.



**Dear Aunt Edna,**

My boyfriend and I used to have sex all the time and now we don't. I think his affections

**Dear Getting Bored,**

While men refusing to have sex is rare, it still happens. I've thought a lot about this question and I don't have one specific answer because we simply don't know what's going on in the mind of your boyfriend. However, I've come up with a couple different options you can utilize to try and get to the bottom of this situation.

Before you try anything to try and get him back in the bedroom, you need to consider a few things first. Sex in a relationship and casual sex are two different things.

When in a relationship there are usually emotions that are tagged onto the sex itself. When that happens, sex goes from being "just sex" to an outlet for the two of you to express your feelings for each other in the best and most intimate way.

No one wants boring sex. However, in a relationship no one wants empty sex. So before anything, I suggest doing a lot of thinking and deciding if those feelings are there or not. Also, talk to him. Make him talk

...want is to feel wanted. Now that goes for all aspects of a relationship, but you have to make your man feel like you truly want him. Let him know that you don't want any other guy laying in that bed with you except for him.

Sex is also something that should be explored and kept interesting. If you do any activity the same way, every day it's going to get boring, no matter how fun it was in the beginning. Try spicing things up a little bit. I can understand being a little nervous about trying new things in the bedroom but you have to have the intestinal fortitude to branch out and break any type of sexual routine.

Perhaps making sex a little more spontaneous would help.

Consider changing where you have sex, how you have and what you do during. I'm not telling you to go and rent a pornographic movie and follow the plot line, but variety is a good thing.

Once again, *talk to him*. Be honest with one another. I'm sure one of you has a type of fantasy or something you've wanted to try. Discuss those things with each other.

Communication can take you a long way.

## Chicken Scratch

A Merry Christmas to all and to all get some flipping sleep over the break.

week  
(Ed. Note: Sorry)

FYI to the person who intended to make a joke out of breast cancer, this disease can strike women, men, and children. It is not gender or race specific. Obviously, you have not been touched by this disease. It would then not be a joking matter!

While some idiots may have felt that the Southerners were "showing off" I felt that their pre-game performance was entirely appropriate and very well-done, as did my brother, who is in the Navy.

Enough already. Pull up your fucking pants guys. We are almost in 2010. Be a man.

Dear Edward and Jacob, I adore you both but I'm going to spend the weekend with Jace, sorry!

How nice it would be if the Chanticleer could correctly spell "spare" in the question of the

How bout them



Gamecocks!

until 4 or 5???

Death is like a vacuum, it sucks and stinks like a raccoon

The board of trustees reminds me of the NWA from the movie Hot Fuzz. Watch it if you haven't seen it.

Why is it that, on the weekends when students have more time to go to the library, it is only open

Holy Moly Me oh my! Homeless McGee is the bombdotcom!



# Chicken Scratch



Did you know there is a place behind Self Hall where you can wash your car? Me either, and I've been here for 4 years. Be sure not to park there or you'll get a ticket!

Dave's #6 Fan here, thanks for the cartoon! Tell him we need more!!!

**BREAKING NEWS:** NASCAR and JSU merge: Top 12 students in each class will make it to finals with equal GPA. Person with the highest grade gets a degree. Everyone else fails. Make sense? Nope, but its the only way either group could screw up any worse.

David Jennings, I don't know how to quit you.

You need to give Burton his own column, so he can be offensive yet helpful on two different mediums!

(Ed Note: Nice try, Burton.)

We can't stop here. This is bat country!

You know, the Klingon Empire collapsed after they got too full of themselves. Just keep that in mind...

Junior Recital, J. Nicole Lee, Percussion

Self Hall used to be a cafeteria. That's why there is no parking. That should have been dealt with **TWENTY YEARS AGO**. Good job.

I HATE algebra!

Why does the Communication Department have internet that's about as fast as two tin cans held together with a piece of string?

One No Parking sign. **SERIOUSLY?** Good job UPD. You've made Piedmont Police look more respectable.

Kappa Phi Wins Fraternity League Intramural Soccer for third straight year!

It's great that Zeta Tau Alpha raised money for Breast Cancer Awareness. Maybe now they'll raise money to

pay someone to pick up the pink bows that are littering up the city.

Good Luck JSU Volleyball team!!

What is up with the Mimosa?? The last yearbook was an embarrassment and I never see them in their office **D** do they get paid for doing nothing??

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity League Waterpolo Champions

The Orphanage is the greatest show that's ever been on 92J!!!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all JSU students and faculty! oh...and Cocky :)

What is the deal with Pi Kappa Phi and all these championships?

Ho, Ho, Ho!

1+1 does not equal cookie!

I'm a monkey!!!!!!

I think that the SGA is doing a great job and that they are really going to great things in 2010.

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The JSU volleyball team defeated Morehead State in the championship match of the 2009 OVC Volleyball Tournament, earning their third trip to the NCAA Tournament in the last five seasons. Caitling Vorbeck was named the Tournament's Most Valuable Player. Joining her on the All-Tourney Team were Brittney Whitten and Lauren Harkins. Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer

## JSU volleyball heads to NCAA Tallahassee Regional

By JSU Newswire

The Jacksonville State volleyball team will take on Florida A&M in Tallahassee, Fla., at 1 p.m. CT on Saturday in the first round of the 2009 NCAA Women's Volleyball Championship, the Gamecocks learned on Sunday.

The Ohio Valley Conference Champion Gamecocks (26-7) drew the Rattlers (17-9) on the first day of the four-team regional at Florida State University. The Seminoles, who earned the No. 3 National Seed, will face Alabama A&M at 4 p.m. on Saturday in the other match

at the site.

The winner of each match will play on Sunday to determine who advances to the Minneapolis Regional. Adult tickets can be purchased for \$6 for each session or for \$10 for the entire tournament. Student, youth and senior tickets can be purchased at discounted prices. Tickets can be purchased at the gates of Tully Gymnasium or online at [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

The Gamecocks will be making their third appearance in the NCAA's 64-team championship field in the past five seasons and are making their first appearance at a site other than Knox-

ville, Tenn. JSU fell to Tennessee in the 2005 tournament before losing to San Diego to start the 2006 championship, both on the campus of the University of Tennessee.

The Gamecocks and Rattlers have met twice before, with JSU winning both meetings. The last meeting came in the 1998 Ole Miss Invitational, while the two met first in the 1996 Stetson Invite. Both meetings were 3-0 wins by JSU. Of the remaining teams in the Tallahassee field, the Gamecocks are 1-0 against Alabama A&M and have never played Florida State.

## Intramural sports

Get involved next semester



An intramural beach volleyball game at JSU. Photo by Department of Recreational Sports/[www.jsu.edu](http://www.jsu.edu)

By Chelsea Pelletier  
Special to the Chanticleer

When choosing a university, many prospective students pay attention to what the school has to offer besides education. In Jacksonville State University's case, intramural sports provide a way for individuals to get involved and exercise in a competitive environment.

With 17 different sports offered for both men and women, there is a place for everyone. Badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, bowling, dodge ball, flag football, golf, indoor soccer, inner tube water-polo, ping pong, putt-putt golf, racquetball, softball, tennis, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball and whiffle ball are all options, according to the JSU Recreational Sports Web site.

"When I graduated high school I was not ready to be done playing basketball," said Kristin Dawson, intramural player and referee. "When I found out about intramurals, I was ecstatic that my love for playing sports did not have to be over."

Luckily, one doesn't have to have a team in advance to sign up for a team sport. The program is organized so individual participants can register and be placed on a team in their appropriate conference. Consequently, intramural sports are a great way to get involved on campus and make new friends.

vantage because of their age, but it is still fun getting back out and playing."

To allow participants to compete in more than one sport, the seasons are staggered throughout the fall and spring semesters. But no matter how many sports one chooses to play, intramural sports are a great way to get exercise.

"The primary goal of a quality comprehensive intramural sports program is to provide the students with a fitness type of activity that enhances the college experience," said Allen Gilbert, director of intramural sports and facilities.

For some competitors, intramural sports aren't all about fun and games — there are high stakes. Each year, the All Sports Trophy is given to one men's team and one women's team. Fraternities and sororities also are eligible for their own All Sports Trophy. The trophy goes to one team in each of the four divisions that wins the majority of the conference championships throughout the year.

In addition, individual players are honored in each of the four conferences as the sportsman or sportswoman of the year. This award is given to the participant that stands out the most in the sports they play.

In Gilbert's opinion, intramural sports also play a central role in maintaining the retention rates at JSU.

"Students who actively participate in programs on campus are

## Sports movie review:

## The Blind Side



# Sports movie review: The Blind Side

By Austin Faulkner  
Sports Staff Writer

Who is Michael Oher? Well, that is the very question that the new movie, *The Blind Side* tries to convey to the public. Based on the true story and best selling book about the life of the former Ole Miss and current Baltimore Ravens rookie left tackle, the movie delves into the memories, life and family of Michael Oher.

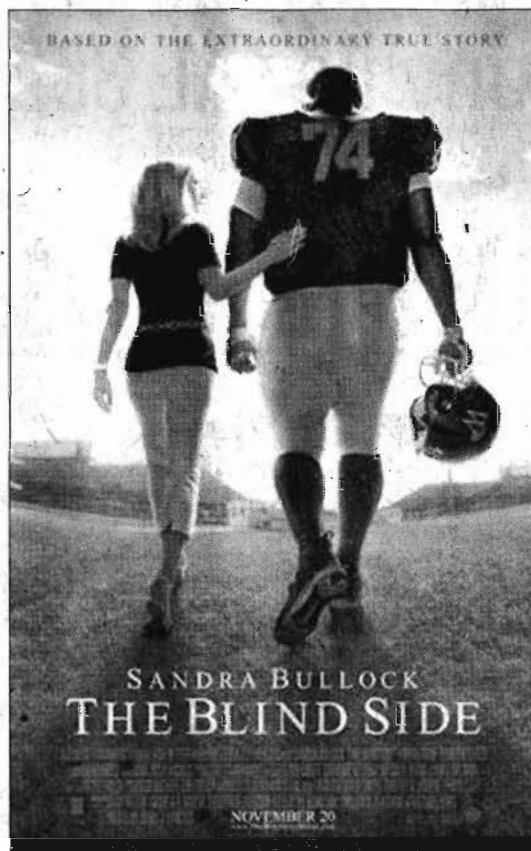
The movie is about two things: the first being what the compassion of one person can do to change another's life and second thing being football. Leigh Anne Tuohy, portrayed brilliantly by Sandra Bullock (*Miss Congeniality*), is an outspoken matriarch of a rich, white, evangelical mother living in Memphis, Tenn. She makes a split second decision to take in a homeless, sixteen-year-old boy. The 6-foot 5-inch, 309-pound inner-city teen was born to a mother addicted to crack cocaine and had lived in numerous foster homes throughout his life. The main focus of the movie is the relationship between the two and how they become closer and their ability to bond as he slowly reveals the truth about his past.

Football is not the main focus of the movie, though it provides, in my opinion, enough action to be called a "football film." The "football" of the movie focuses on the God-given physical gifts, raw talent and hard work that

Oher put in to make himself the master of his profession, which is protecting the quarterback's blind side. The minute details of the game are presented in such a way that allows even those who are stumped by football jargon to grasp what is being said. This allows for better enjoyment of the movie by not having to wonder what was meant by the terminology that was used to describe the evolution of the left tackle position.

Several college coaches appear during the movie playing the role of themselves, most notably Nick Saban and Tommy Tuberville. All the coaches are representing the programs that they were with while recruiting Oher, so Saban dons the LSU purple and gold and Tuberville is similarly garbed in the burnt orange and navy of Auburn.

The movie differs from the book as all movies tend to do,



though this one stuck to the details rather well. I highly recommend reading the book either before or after viewing the movie to get a better understanding of what Leigh Anne Tuohy really did to better Michael Oher's life. So, if you are in the mood for a feel good picture consider *The Blind Side* as your next movie.

gram is organized so individual participants can register and be placed on a team in their appropriate conference. Consequently, intramural sports are a great way to get involved on campus and make new friends.

"Intramurals are important on any college campus, but I feel it is very important at JSU," said Kayla McCay, intramural player and referee. "We have such a small campus and the program gets students involved with other things besides just going to class."

There are two main divisions of intramural sports: Greek and open. The Greek conferences in each sport are limited to sororities and fraternities on campus.

"It's a highly competitive program, especially when it comes to the Greeks," McCay said. "If you are No.1 in intramurals it's something to brag about."

On the other hand, the open division lets students, faculty and staff members compete on an equal playing field. This division encourages fun and friendly competition across all levels of involvement at JSU.

"I enjoy playing intramurals," said Christy McSpadden, facilities and game day management staff member. "I think the younger students probably have an ad-

that stands out the most in the sports they play.

In Gilbert's opinion, intramural sports also play a central role in maintaining the retention rates at JSU.

"Students who actively participate in programs on campus are more likely to stay in school and eventually obtain a degree," Gilbert said.

JSU students are also involved in intramurals through officiating. Most referees and officials for intramural games are students in the intramural sports course taught by Gilbert.

"When I was a referee I learned so much about each sport and it gave me a different perspective on the game," Dawson said.

In addition, Gilbert sees intramural sports as having a long-term impact other than just campus involvement and retention.

"One of the things that I like about a quality comprehensive intramural sports program is the chance for our students to be exposed to a new sport that they have never tried before," Gilbert said. "Lifetime sports, like tennis and racquetball, are sports that they can be exposed to during their college years, and then in turn continue after they have finished school."

## Chicken Scratch

Always the man, always a fan of the legend...  
Tyler Worley.

I realize the pink ribbons are for a good cause, but, they look extremely tacky. :( (Ed Note: Whatever, real men where pink... and, I guess, so do fake men???)

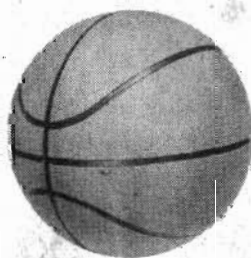
The UPD should be riding around in Mercedes. Seriously, with all the tickets they write, they can afford it.

Why are the cash to card machines always "OUT OF ORDER"?

Young ladies, if you continue throughout your life to show so much T&A, you will never know what you truly can accomplish on your own merits.

## Support the Gamecocks at home this holiday season

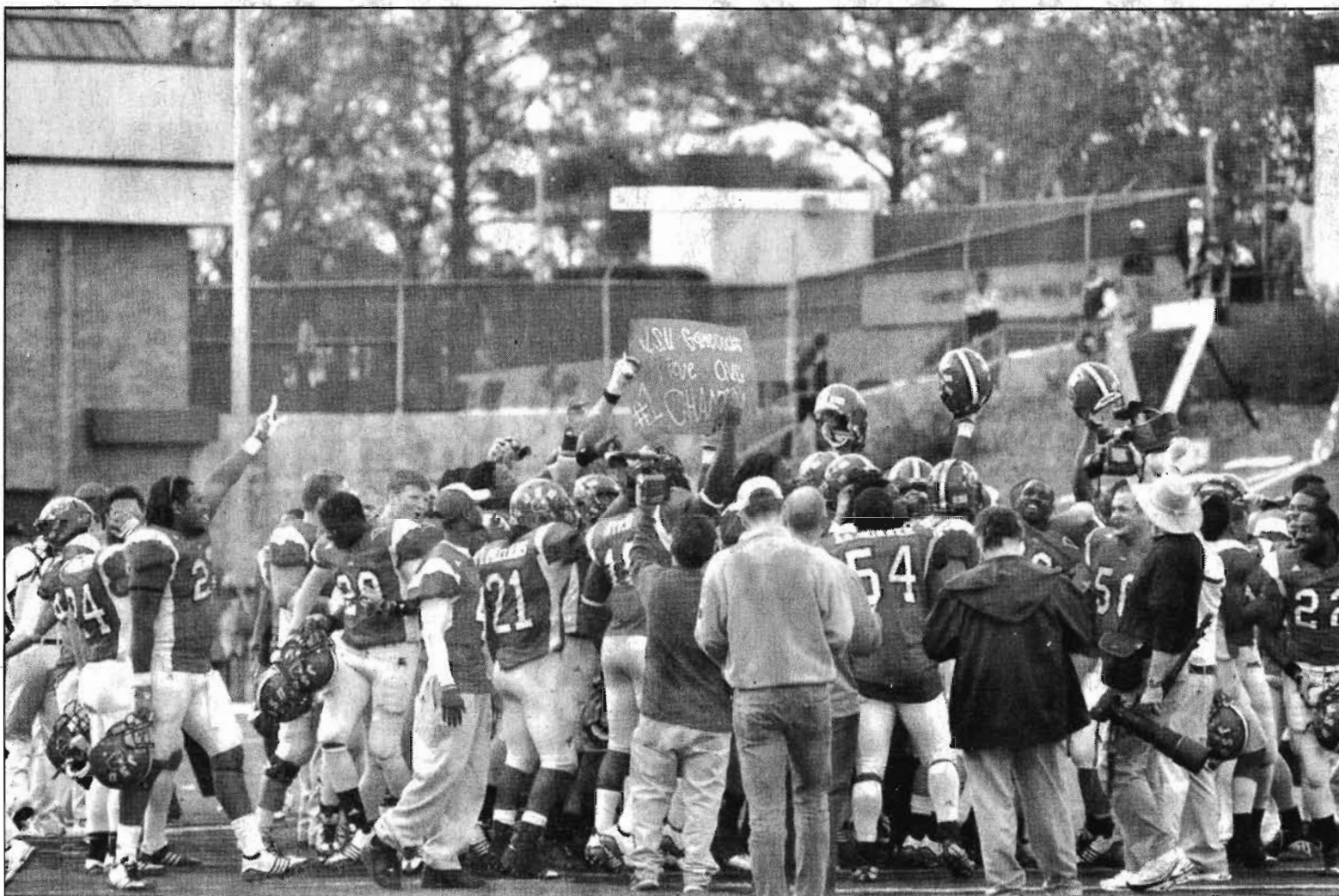
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# Sports

## JSU places 14 on All-OVC football teams



JSU football team celebrating after their victory (34-26) against Eastern Kentucky on senior day. Photo by jsufan.com

### From the JSU Newswire

Jacksonville State's Ryan Perrilloux was named the Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year and the Gamecocks had a school-record 14 players named to the All-Conference teams, which were released by the conference office on Tuesday.

Perrilloux, a finalist for the Walter Payton Award, becomes the sixth Gamecock to win conference Offensive Player of the Year and the first since Montressa Kirby garnered the award in 1998 in the Southland Football League. The senior signal caller won Offensive Player of the Week honors seven times in 2009, which is an OVC record, and he claimed the honor nine times during his two-year career to tie for the most-ever in the league's 61-year history.

(31), total offense per game (279.3) and total offense per play (8.36). He finished his two-year career as Jax State's career leader in passing yards per game (222.3) and total offense per game (260.9) and had a career passing efficiency of 154.9.

The LaPlace, La., native finished the season with 2,350 yards, which was the third best in school history, and his 42 career passing touchdowns is third, while his 61.0 completion percentage is also third in school history. He was a second-team All-OVC honoree in 2008.

Wilkerson, from Crestview, Fla., led the Gamecock receivers with 716 yards and six touchdowns and was ranked second in the OVC. He averaged 65.1 yards per game and 19.9 yards per reception. He finished third on JSU's career pass receiving

loss and eight sacks during his four-year career.

Henderson, a native of Mobile, led the Ohio Valley Conference with 115 tackles. He recorded double-digit tackles in every OVC game this season and earned Defensive Player of the Week honors for each of the final three weeks. The senior linebacker finished with more than seven tackles for loss, one sack, and tied a school record by recovering three fumbles versus Eastern Kentucky. He finished his career with 289 tackles, which ranks third on the Gamecocks' Division I career list.

Heath led the OVC in passes defended from his defensive back position and led the Gamecocks with six interceptions, including returning two for touchdowns against UT Martin earlier this season. He led the team with 10 pass break-ups and also forced a fumble and blocked a kick

rank among the national leaders.

Porter, a native of Fayette, started all 11 games and graded out better than 91 percent on the season. He led the offensive line with 315 bonus points after recording 93 knockdowns with 55 pancake blocks after playing a total of 711 snaps. He was instrumental in the Gamecocks leading the OVC rushing offense and passing efficiency, among several other offensive categories.

Clark, from Parker High School in Birmingham, earns his second-straight OVC honor after being named to the first-team in 2008. Despite suffering a quad injury and missing two games in conference play, Clark recorded 36 tackles, including 20 solo stops, and also added a pair of pass breakups as most of the opponents threw opposite the defensive back.

Bonner, from Newnan, Ga., led the Ohio Valley Conference in punt returns and was ranked ninth nationally with a 13.89 yard average. He also finished the season with 300 yards on 14 catches and four touchdowns.

The freshman was also named OVC Special Teams Player of the Week after returning a punt 64 yards for a touchdown at Alabama A&M.

Davis, a transfer from Florida, played in all 11 games and finished the season with 16 tackles, including nine solo. He added 2.5 sacks with one pass breakup and recovered one fumble.

Smith transferred to JSU from Georgia Tech and finished second on the team with 485 receiving yards and four touchdowns. He averaged 16.2 yards per catch and 44.1 yards per game and was named the OVC Newcomer of the Week vs Tennessee Tech.

Young, a junior from Jackson, Miss., was second on the team with 523 rushing yards and four touchdowns. He added 147 yards on 15 catches and two more touchdowns



caller won Offensive Player of the Week honors seven times in 2009, which is an OVC record, and he claimed the honor nine times during his two-year career to tie for the most-ever in the league's 61-year history.

Six players were named to the All-OVC first-team, including Perrilloux (QB), James Wilkerson (WR), Tylor Chambers (OG), Brandt Thomas (DL), Alexander Henderson (LB) and T.J. Heath (DB). Four more Gamecocks earned second-team honors, including Cory Freeman (TE), Reggie Wade (C), Curt Porter (OT) and Carnell Clark (DB). Additionally, Alan Bonner, Torrey Davis, Greg Smith and Jamal Young were each named to the OVC All-Newcomer squad.

Perrilloux ranks first nationally in passing efficiency (172.58) and fourth nationally in points responsible for (18.6 points/game). The senior quarterback also set several other single-season school records, including touchdowns responsible for

Wilkerson, from Crestview, Fla., led the Gamecock receivers with 716 yards and six touchdowns and was ranked second in the OVC. He averaged 65.1 yards per game and 19.9 yards per reception. He finished third on JSU's career pass receiving list with 1,780 yards and his 100 career receptions is tied for fifth all-time.

Chambers, from Hixson, Tenn., graded better than 88 percent for the season at his offensive guard position. The sophomore finished with 103 knockdowns, 42 pancake blocks and more than 210 bonus points for the Gamecocks after playing 586 snaps this season.

Thomas earns All-OVC honors in back-to-back years after being named to the second-team in 2008. The Wellborn High School product started all 11 games and finished with 38 tackles, including seven for loss, 2.5 sacks and a pair of pass break-ups. He played in 47 career games for the Gamecocks, the most of any other current player and finished with 21 tackles for

from his defensive back position and led the Gamecocks with six interceptions, including returning two for touchdowns against UT Martin earlier this season. He led the team with 10 pass break-ups and also forced a fumble and blocked a kick. The Alexandria, Ala., native recorded 34 total tackles on the season, including 20 solo stops.

Freeman, from Brewton, played in all 11 games with 10 starts on the season. He helped the Gamecocks lead the Ohio Valley Conference in rushing offense (188.82), total offense (431.09), passing efficiency (161.19) and scoring offense (35.0), while recording six catches for 42 yards.

Wade, from Tusculumbia, started all 11 games and graded out better than 88 percent this season. He played more than 650 snaps and did not allow a sack, while record 38 pancake blocks and finishing second on the offensive line with 283 bonus points. He helped the Gamecocks lead the OVC in many offensive categories and

OVC Newcomer of the Week vs Tennessee Tech.

Young, a junior from Jackson, Miss., was second on the team with 523 rushing yards and four touchdowns. He added 147 yards on 15 catches and two more touchdowns and was named the OVC Newcomer of the Week vs Nicholls State after returning a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown.

Jacksonville State led the way with 14 selections (including six first-team) combined on the first-team, second-team and All-Newcomer squads. OVC Champion Eastern Illinois was second with 12 selections, while Austin Peay had seven picks, including five first-team players. The All-OVC first-team included 13 seniors, seven juniors and five sophomores while the second-team had 15 seniors, six juniors, three sophomores and one freshman.

Jacksonville State finished the season with the best record in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 6-1 conference mark after posting an 8-3 overall record for the second straight year.

# Profile: Jolie Efezokhae

By Haley Gregg  
Sports Editor

Jolie Efezokhae (yes, that is how her last name is spelled) is a senior on the Jacksonville State University basketball team. She hales from Buford, Ga., and is an alumnus of North Gwinnett High School.

Efezokhae grew up playing basketball with her brother. They didn't have a basketball goal so they made one by cutting out the bottom of a milk crate and nailing it to the porch.

She chose JSU as her school because the coaches made her feel wanted.

"I really liked the atmosphere, and everybody here was really friendly," said Efezokhae.

She has a crazy superstition. She has worn the same pair of Spiderman boxers over her spandex; underneath her basketball shorts every game since high school.

"Basketball is my husband. I feel like I am married to it, because there are some days when I hate it, then other days I can't

get enough of it," said Efezokhae.

It is a true love/hate relationship. She models her defensive game after Ben Wallace of the Phoenix Suns and her offensive game from the recently retired Lisa Leslie of the Los Angeles Sparks.

Efezokhae has made her mark here at JSU by earning OVC All-Newcomer Team during her freshman season (06-07). She became the ninth member of the JSU 1,000 points club, and was voted OVC player of the week numerous times. She was recently voted Preseason All-OVC.

When she isn't playing basketball one can find her studying criminal justice. She plans on working in forensics. If not studying or playing ball, she might be watching her favorite movie *Coming to America* or listening to some of her favorite musical artists like T.I. or Drake. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

Efezokhae will pursue basketball professionally overseas when she graduates.

"I don't feel like my time is up," said Efezokhae.

She encourages her fellow JSU students to come watch the basketball team, and if you see her around campus, stop and talk to her.

"I'm not as mean as I look," Efezokhae promises.



Jolie Efezokhae

## Chicken Scratch

Cocky is such a cute bird!

Shawdy are we running during Christmas break?

chewbaca is a wookie.... revolution

Perhaps those selling ribbons could have suggested that you are supporting breast cancer research.

Don't run...I see you

What's up with all of the dirt and mud in the student section of the stadium?

Go buy Lady Gaga's new CD - The Fame Monster!

Alabama vs. Florida - I can hardly wait!

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