

## SGA prepares for transition of power

By MJ Ortiz  
Staff Writer

After a close race on March 4, President and Vice Presidents for the Student Government Association were finally announced on Tuesday, March 10, at 5:15 p.m.

Jacksonville State students voted and elected the new president on a run off between Rafael Ferrell and Bryant Whaley that resulted in 46.46% votes for Ferrell and 53.54% in favor of Whaley.

Whaley, who is a Political Science Sophomore from Roanoke, AL said he felt fantastic after hearing the election results. "It's the best I've felt in a long time," he said.

On his platform, the president elected said that he would strive not to waste JSU's potential to be a great University.

He stated Tuesday night that his first project will be to make sure that Gamecock Orientation runs smoothly.

The new president says that his biggest project is to make people proud to go to JSU.

"I hope to get JSU from the best kept secret in Alabama to the next best thing in Alabama" he said.

On the race for the title of vice President of the Student Senate, voters elected Terrence E. Windham with 54.9% of the votes against Kelsey Buttler who followed close behind with 45.1% of the votes.

Windham is a Pre-Health/Biology Junior from Aliceville, AL.

He said he was on his chemistry class when he got news of the result via text message from a friend.

"I'm glad students have spoken and elected me" he said, adding that his major goal is to enhance communications throughout the University and to ensure that participation on the student senate is as it is "supposed to be."

Windham is currently the Committee Head for Academic Affairs at JSU.

His platform was to promote proactivity, accountability and most importantly commu

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Bryant Whaley is congratulated by SGA advisor Debbie Taylor. Photo by Mandy Pearson/ The Chanticleer

## Communication department head visits Oxford University

From Newswire

The University of Oxford in England has invited Dr. Kingsley O. Harbor, head of the Department of Communication at JSU, to serve as a member of its 2009 Oxford Round Table with the option of presenting a paper. Dr. Harbor's paper is titled, "Postmodernism and the Decline of Ethics: Proposing a Model for Moral Restoration in the Mass Media."

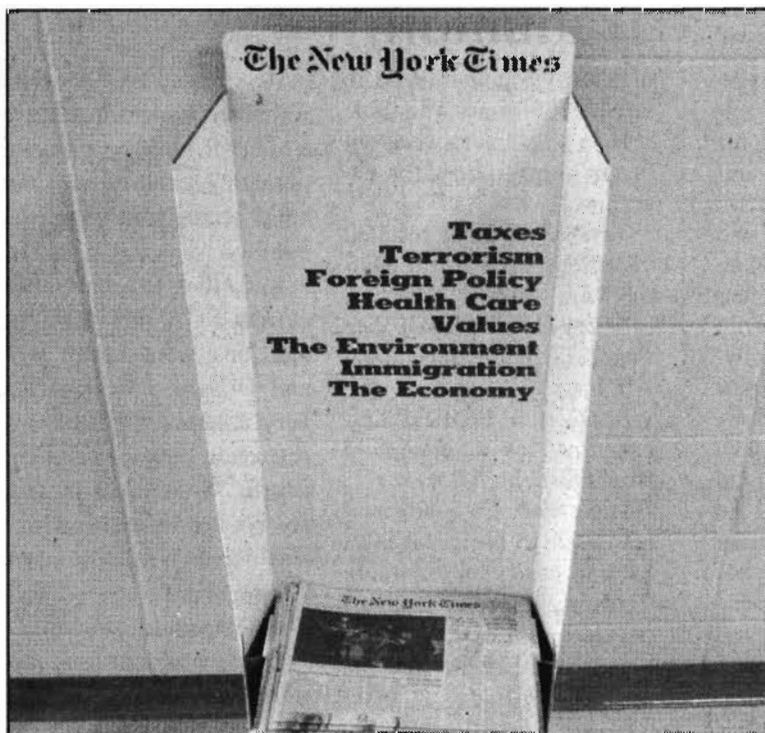


Dr. Harbor

Each year, the University of Oxford selects a group of professors, scholars, government officials, lawyers, physicians, clergy, and other professionals from across the world to assemble on its campus to discuss issues of global import. The general theme for this year's Round Table is, "Ethics: The Convolution of Contemporary Values." The papers presented at the meeting are eventually peer-reviewed for possible publication in the Forum on Public Policy, a journal of the Oxford Round Table. Membership on the Round Table is selected through several screening processes-- nomination from previous participants in the Round Table, recommendations to the Round Table directors, recognized presentations and awards by state and national organizations, and by invitation to individuals from a successful organization, university or school district. Shenette McCandless, coordinator of the Round Table, USA branch, explains: "The foundation of the Round Table's success is the assurance that this academic forum will be composed of outstanding leaders."

Dr. Harbor, who currently teaches media ethics, plans to integrate the knowledge and materials he gains from the Round Table into his teaching, and to seize the opportunity at the Round Table to network with other scholars at the meeting. Past JSU alumnae of the Round Table include Dr. Rebecca Turner, the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, and Dr. Cynthia Harper, retired dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

## New York Times begins distributing at JSU



One of the eight New York Times racks around campus at JSU. Photo by Zach Childree/ The Chanticleer

By Julie Skinner  
News Editor

The New York Times is now at Jacksonville State University.

Around the campus, eight New York Times newsstands are scattered with free newspapers. According to Greg Mitchell, education manager for the New York Times, they serve as a test-run to see if JSU would be interested in incorporating the Times into their academics. The papers will be available for a four-week period.

During this Pilot Readership Program, the faculty can judge how many copies are being picked up and if it would be useful to incorporate the paper into their curriculum for students.

"I think it creates a global perspective for students," Mitchell says. "The classroom should be an open door to the world."

Mitchell gives one example of using the papers in an English

class, where students read opinion editorials and respond with contradictory opinion editorials.

"It [the New York Times] is a wonderful tool to help improve students' critical thinking skills in schools," Mitchell says.

According to Mitchell, if the New York Times becomes a funded project at JSU, other resources will also be available to the classroom, such as: online resources, curriculum guides, possibly have reporters from the NYT to come speak to classrooms and support student essay contests.

This program is currently being tested at many states in the Southeast, and the University of Alabama has already begun participating along with several other college campuses.

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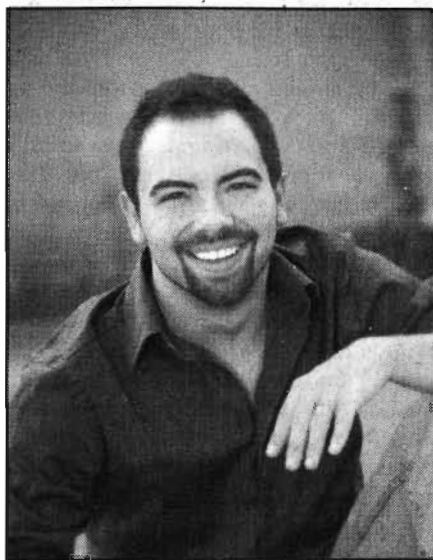
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# Drama student accepted to New York acting school

By Matt Tyson  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 18, Jacob Phillips, a drama student and soon to be graduate of Jacksonville State University, received a very important phone call. The call came from the New School, a world-renowned liberal arts academy based in New York City and Jacob's first choice for grad school. Out of hundreds of students that audition, four are accepted each year. The voice on the other end of the phone was the director of acting telling Jacob that he was one of those four students accepted to continue his education in acting.

Jacob's acting career began when he was very young. Phillips says, "I started acting because I thought it was fun and I liked the attention. I used to act at my house with my sister. We would put on our mom and dad's clothes and do plays on the balcony of our staircase. That's when I first understood what acting was. What we were doing was



Jacob Phillips

different. It was more than playing. We were trying our hardest to embody something that was not us."

Phillips says that he didn't really start to look at acting as a serious career until he got to college.

"I took some acting lessons before college, but at the time I was doing swimming. When I came to JSU, I took Mrs. McCain's acting class and started taking private acting lessons

with Mrs. McCain and that's when I dove into it hardcore."

Since then, Phillips has devoted his life to acting and gaining an education within the field. In the summer of 2007 he attended the summer term at Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute in Los Angeles, prestigious acting school that has been attended by many big stars of stage, film and television today.

When it came time to apply to grad school, Phillips looked at many different schools and even considered to return to Strasberg. However, he had a desire to see the other side of the country and through that found the New School.

"What I liked about the New School is that it is unlike any other university. It's more like a conservatory. Instead of being told to take certain classes and you get your degree, you gain your degree through ex-

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# JSU receives federal funds

From Newswire

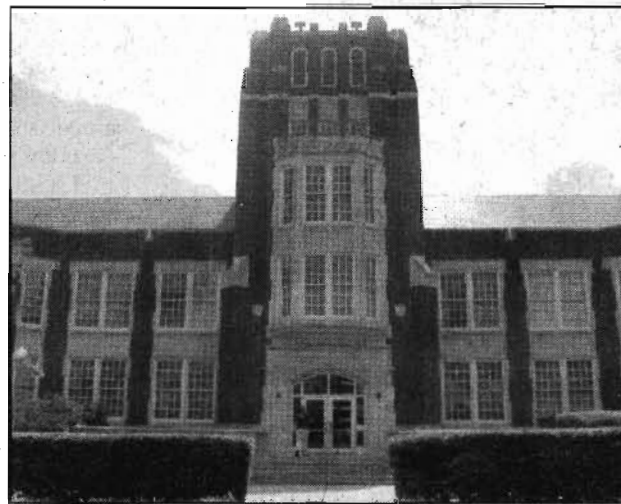
The federal omnibus spending bill President Obama approved Wednesday includes over \$500,000 to improve student achievement and campus safety at Jacksonville State University.

JSU's "Beyond Boundaries Initiative" will receive \$200,000 in federal support to provide a comprehensive set of resources and services available through interactive web-based technology. This initiative is aimed at increasing the success of those students -- including at-risk and non-traditional students -- who are uncertain about their major or career goals, have families, and/or are taking distance education courses.

"All of our students are important to JSU and I'm so glad we can increase the resources available to distance education and non-traditional students," said Dr. William Meehan, President of JSU. "This project is just one example of how JSU is constantly trying to meet the needs of our diverse student population."

The safety of the over 5,000 students moving from class to class during peak times will be greatly enhanced with \$237,500 awarded for the design and construction of a pedestrian overpass

system across State Highway 21. The overpass will improve and ensure student safety and is an integral part of Jacksonville State University's Master Campus Plan.



"Pedestrian safety is paramount on a university campus," said Meehan. "The pedestrian overpass system will both protect students and improve traffic flow through the city of Jacksonville."

JSU's Little River Canyon Center Science Education Initiative (SEI)

will receive \$95,000 for development of K-12 science curriculum. The Canyon Center SEI integrates hands-on, participatory experiences with the Alabama state science curriculum. As students see practical applications of science and science education, they become more committed to the academic pursuit of science-related course work and degrees from higher education.

The steadfast commitment of Congressman Mike Rogers, JSU alumnus, was critical to the securing of these funds. "JSU is most fortunate to have such a supreme advocate in Washington, DC," said Meehan. "We are also indebted to Congressman Robert Aderholt for his unwavering support of the JSU Little River Canyon Center and his many efforts on JSU's behalf these past few years during the building of the Center."

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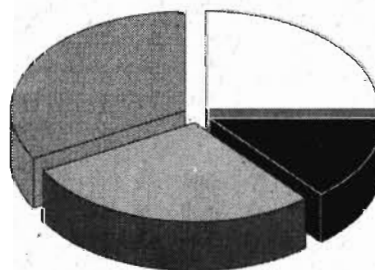
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## QUESTION of the WEEK

What are you doing for Spring Break?

- Beach Party! - 25%
- A lot of sleeping - 28%
- Getting ready for the end of the semester - 33%
- Home to the family - 14%



Next week's question:

Which informs you most

The New York Times or The Chanticleer?

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# ON Campus

## Campus Crime

### March 3

- A burglary was reported at Stephenson Gym. Items stolen include a cell phone valued at \$500.
- Chad Timothy Glass was arrested for possession of marijuana.
- Domestic violence was reported at Jax Apartments.

### March 4

- Harassing communications was reported at Patterson Hall.

### March 10

- Obstructing government operations was reported when a boot was removed from a car.

### March 13

- A burglary was reported stolen at Crow Hall. Items stolen include a Toshiba laptop.

### March 17

- Burglary was reported at Campus Inn Apartments. Items stolen include a Dell Laptop Notebook valued at \$700.

## What's Happening

### Thursday, March 26

° JSU Students for Equality  
Weekly Meeting  
Room 302 @ the TMB

- The Vagina Monologues  
JSU - McClellan Theater.  
7:00 p.m.  
Admission: \$10

\*Tickets may be purchased at the door or on the third floor of Brewer Hall.

### Friday, March 27

## Picture of the week



The space shuttle Discovery launch from 60 miles away at Space Mountain in Walt Disney World. If you would like to see your photo as 'Photo of the week', email it to [chantyeditor@gmail.com](mailto:chantyeditor@gmail.com). Photo by Zach Childree/ The Chanticleer

### Phillips:

perience. It's not a regular, cut in stone four maths, four sciences, etc, type of school. I looked at other schools, like Yale, but none of them were saying what I wanted to hear. Plus they work so closely with places like the Met and many different casting agencies."

Phillips was relieved to hear that he had been accepted into the school. Especially after days of 8 to 12 hour auditions.

"I was at the beach in my friend's car when I got the call. I freaked out and screamed and I was happy and then immediately I got scared because the next three years of my life will be nothing but eight-hour days of acting."

When asked about what he

was looking to accomplish Phillips says, "I have no ambition to be famous or be the next Brad Pitt. My only ambition is to be the best actor possible. Hopefully that will spring a career but I would be perfectly ok going to bed in a one bedroom apartment with no money or a job, but knowing that I was one of the best actors out there. Ideally, however, I'd love to get into film"

"I'm looking forward to starting over the most," he says. "It's a clean slate for me. A close second would be being humbled by the massive amount of talent, need and drive of the teachers and other students."

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nication. "Students need to be better informed" he said.

He also plans to work out better library hours for everyone.

Timothy K. Long resulted victorious over Justin Martin with 50.68% -49.32% of votes for the post of Vice President of Organizational Affairs.

Long is a Political Science/Pre-Law Sophomore from Fairfield, Al.

His Platform indicated his desire to bring the SGA back to basics by enforcing fundamentals that are essential in providing adequate presentation for the students of JSU.

He stressed on his desire for every student to receive a S.T.A.R. treatment by emphasizing stability, transparency, accountability and reliability.

According to Jennifer Nix current SGA president, the elections went really well and all new officers are a very diverse groups of well deserving people. As a last advice, she reminds them to always keep they head high and not to be discouraged. "Remember to always walk with the people" she said.

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• The Vagina Monologues  
JSU – McClellan Theater  
7:00 p.m.

• Spring Ballerina Auditions  
TMB, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Monday, March 30

• SGA Student Senate Meeting  
TMB Auditorium, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

• Auction Sign Up  
TMB lobby 2nd floor  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, April 1

• Tips for Getting Restful Sleep  
Houston Cole Library, 10th Floor  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

• Leadership House Applications Due  
103 Bibb Graves  
4:30 p.m.

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By Andy Kroll  
Uwire

I thought the ingredients in a box of cereal were obscure. Then, after reading about the dangers of store-bought cleaners in the book “Ready, Set, Green: Eight Weeks to Modern Eco-living,” I did a little research on the bottle of 409 All-Purpose Cleaner sitting underneath our kitchen sink. Ingredients include “2-Butoxyethanol” and “Alkyl(C12-16)dimethylbenzylammonium chloride,” the latter of which I can’t even begin to try to pronounce. That alone is reason enough to green up my cleaning products.

Despite our best intentions, commonly used store-brand cleaning products can be quite dangerous and damaging to our health, not to mention harmful to the environment. “Many historically accepted practice, products, and ingredients are now known to be extremely dangerous,” said Jeffrey Hollender of Seventh Generation in “Ready, Set, Green.” “Household chemicals may not be much different than cigarettes—many are carcinogenic, likely to disrupt our hormonal system, and likely to have adverse effects on children.”

Fortunately, the problem of finding eco-friendly, harmless cleaning products is easy and instructive. A simple and easy way to get rid of dangerous glass-cleaning sprays or grease cutters is to make your own cleaning mixture, which I recently did using the old 409 bottle mentioned

above.

First, I went to the grocery store and purchased a bottle of white distilled vinegar—32 fl. oz. of nature’s own grease-cutting disinfectant for only \$1.50. Next, I looked up a few recipes for making your own cleaning solution, which led me to a number of different sites. The constant answer I found on each site involved some simple mixture of the vinegar I’d bought and water. Easy enough, right?

The only discrepancy among all these different green cleaning sites was how much vinegar I should mix with water. One site said 1 part water for every 1 part vinegar; “Ready, Set, Green” suggested 1 part vinegar for every 5 parts water; and many others. So I decided to go with the safe, happy middle ground—a 3:1 water to vinegar ratio.

Mixing the solution was easy; then it was time to test my new concoction. Much to my excitement, my new water-and-vinegar solution proved effective on some nasty, sticky stains on our Formica kitchen countertop. A couple of sprays, a wipe of the washcloth—problem solved.

Before reusing an emptied 409 or Windex bottle to mix your own all-purpose cleaner, be sure to thoroughly clean the bottle first. I haven’t read anywhere saying it’s dangerous to use an old bottle after cleaning it, so I think it’s safe. Also be sure to understand all of the ingredients you’re using, and don’t haphazardly throw things together—safety first, always. I’d also recommend labeling a clear, reused Windex bottle with the words “CLEANING SPRAY” so your roommates, girlfriend/boyfriend, etc., don’t try to water the plants or anything with your new cleaner.

Unlike some store-brand solutions, this homemade spray doesn’t have much of a smell, other than that of vinegar. My guess is that if you really want a scent of some kind, you could probably mix it into your solution. But I’d do a bit of Google searching before throwing some scents blindly into the mix.

Now, if you don’t feel like going through the effort of making your own homemade all-purpose cleaner, you can always buy one of the more “green” products at the store. They’ll be more expensive, and you should also read the label of these kinds of products closely—sometimes green is nothing more than a gimmick and a reason to hike the price.

When it comes to products like dish soaps—Dawn, Dial, etc.—it can be a bit more difficult to create your own homemade version. Luckily, there are plenty

of eco-friendly, biodegradable options at most grocery stores. They cost a bit more, but if you’re trying to live a more green lifestyle, they’re a worthwhile purchase. I figure that the amount of money saved by making my own disinfectant spray will help me to break even by spending more on eco-friendly dish soap, which I think is more than worth it.

Here are a few other housekeeping tips from the authors of “Ready, Set, Green” to keep in mind when cleaning up around the dorm room, apartment, house and so on. They may seem insignificant or pointless, but remember that lots of small changes add up to a major difference.

◦ Open windows and ventilate, even in wintertime, especially when you are cleaning or using glues, paints, or solvents. Wear gloves and goggles and even a mask if you detect any sensitivities.

◦ Use a reusable microfiber cloth instead of paper towels to clean. These create less dust and less waste.

◦ Don’t use hot water with toxic chemicals; it can cause them to off-gas more easily, releasing VOCs (carbon-based chemicals that vaporize and travel through the air at room temperature). Dilute cleaners with tepid water whenever possible.



◦ Rinse surfaces with water after you clean them, which removes toxic residues. Avoid synthetic waxes and polishes, which leave residue behind.

◦ Avoid spray cleaners that create fine mists, which disperse tiny particles into the air and spread around your home more readily.



## Dating/Love: Just a Second

By Julie Skinner

This week's questions center around how your significant other gets on your nerves. The advice I give in this column is strictly my opinion. I am merely a journalism student and definitely not qualified to give professional guidance. Either way, enjoy!

Dear Julie,

My boyfriend snores whenever he sleeps over at my apartment. I never want to wake him, but it's really getting on my nerves. What should I do?

-Annoyed

Annoyed,

*My boyfriend also snores, and being the moody sleeper that I am, when I visit him I often find myself finding ways to "accidentally" wake him up. I do things such as shaking the bed, nudging him in a fake roll over or letting my arm plop down on his face. However, this is pretty rude of me...so don't do this. Just talk to him. If it bothers you that bad, maybe you can try some of the strips they sell to help with snoring. Compared to the other things he could do to bug you, snoring isn't quite so bad. Good luck!*

Dear Julie,

My girlfriend and I get along great, and she's really cool. But in the last few weeks she's started to kind of nag me about stuff like school, work and eating healthier. I don't want to feel like I'm dating my mom, and every time I bring it up that it bothers me she gets so mad. I want to be with her, but I feel like I keep doing the wrong things. How can I get through to her?

# Opinion

## Rugby team is a band of brothers

By Chris Foshee  
Special to The Chanticleer

I woke up to the sound of my alarm clock ringing into my ear. I stretched and quickly put my feet on the cold floor to take my pre-game shower. It was a Saturday. For the past three years, it was a rugby day.

Our team met up in the mist of a cold February morning. We made our journey to Cookeville, Tenn. We traveled through the snow, around the mountains and through the thickest fog I had ever seen.

We arrived late because of a lost teammate trying to make his way through the mountains with the artificial knowledge of the G.P.S. As we stepped out of our cars the cold air of Tennessee welcomed us. It was 30 degrees outside, and it had been raining for the past three days. The shivers had already started, and I was still dressed in blue jeans and a jacket.

I quickly changed outside into my short-shorts that are a requirement in rugby. The hair on my legs stood to their tips and reached for the warmth of the sun. I put on my long sleeve Under Armor shirt, and tied my cleats tight. For the last time I reached for my red number 7 jersey.

I began to walk the field. As I did, I noticed how much water was on the field. To make matters worse, it was still raining with a hint of snow flurries. I tried to dig my cleats into the soil but broke ice instead. Only one thought was running through my head, "Are we really about to play in this stuff."

This was my last rugby game with JSU. I had come a long way with my four-year stay with the team, both as a player and a person. We had played in the heat of summer and the rain of



spring, but never in conditions as cold as today.

The referee soon called for the kick-off and I made my way to mid-field trying to avoid splashing up the water on my legs. I had been out on this cold and wet field for 30 minutes now and could not wait to be back in the heated car. There was no way I could let my teammates know I was miserable. It was my duty to be the bravest.

Kick-off rolled around not a moment too soon. We had won the toss and elected to kick-off to them. Opening kick-offs were my favorite part of the game. Running down the field full speed and hurling your body at another person was my specialty. I looked down the line at all of my teammates for the last time through smoke of my breath.

The game truly started for me shortly after kick-off when I made my first tackle in the biggest water hole on the field. As soon as I hit the ground I took

the biggest gasp of my life. The freezing water took my breath away like a sniper about to take that crucial shot.

What seemed like a year later in the rain, half time finally came. In any other game I have ever played I couldn't wait for half time. It was a chance to gain composure and drink some water. I was tired of water. I was composed as I could get. I didn't want a half time. I wanted to get my last game over with.

The second half started with a big hit from the other team; unfortunately I was on the other side of the hit. On the bright side, I was already numb all over. For the next 40 minutes of the half I felt like I was watching the sand roll out an hourglass. 10 minutes seemed like an hour, five minutes seemed like two hours, I think Einstein was onto something about time and relativity.

I could not feel my toes. I could not close my hands. By the end of the game I was just trying to fall into

their legs to trip them up. The shivers were insane and uncontrollable. Every muscle in my body was shaking as if I were in the middle of an earthquake. The only thing that kept me going was the look on my teammates' blue faces.

Finally the last whistle was blown. We lost that day, 35-5. As I walked off the field and looked at my teammates, I was sad it was over. I will never feel as close to 15 other guys ever again. Week after week I bled with these guys. Week after week I fought off heat strokes and hypothermia with these guys. Week after week I laughed with these guys, and after this week I would have nothing but battle scars, arthritis, and memories.

Rugby as taught me life lessons that would not have come easy any other way. Even though we lost the day, I knew I was ultimately a winner. We were survivors of the coldest game. We were also men that knew what it meant to be brothers. Play Rugby!

## In 'Star Trek,' race is the final frontier

By James Burton  
Special to The Chanticleer

As an avid science fiction fan, I was delighted to have picked up a remastered copy of Star Trek: The Original Series season three the other day, and have been enjoy-



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- Nagged.

*Nagged,*

*Guys hate to feel nagged! I see where you're coming from. Though, women do sometimes come off as "nagging," when in their head, they are simply "caring." Maybe you should approach it in a way that's not defensive, but still firm. Tell her you know she doesn't mean any harm, but that it's driving you crazy. If she cares about you and the relationship, she'll work on it. You deserve the ability to talk about what's bothering you. In my opinion, communication is key to a healthy relationships with healthy arguing. Let her know she's driving you nuts. Maybe then she'll back off and you'll get your cool girlfriend back.*

If you have a question or problem and would like Julie's advice, send her an email at [chantycampusnews@gmail.com](mailto:chantycampusnews@gmail.com)

### By James Burton Special to The Chanticleer

As an avid science fiction fan, I was delighted to have picked up a remastered copy of Star Trek: The Original Series season three the other day, and have been enjoying it immensely. The third and final year of the mission obviously shows various exploits of Captain James T. Kirk and his crew, but one episode stuck out in my mind as profound social commentary even by today's standards.

"Let that Be your Last Battlefield" aired in 1969 and surrounded the mysterious character Lokai, who had stolen a Federation shuttle craft from Starbase 4. After being brought in by the Enterprise, he explains to the crew that he is from the planet Cheron, where he and his people have been oppressed and enslaved for thousands of years. Lokai is unique as one side of his face is white while the other side is black.

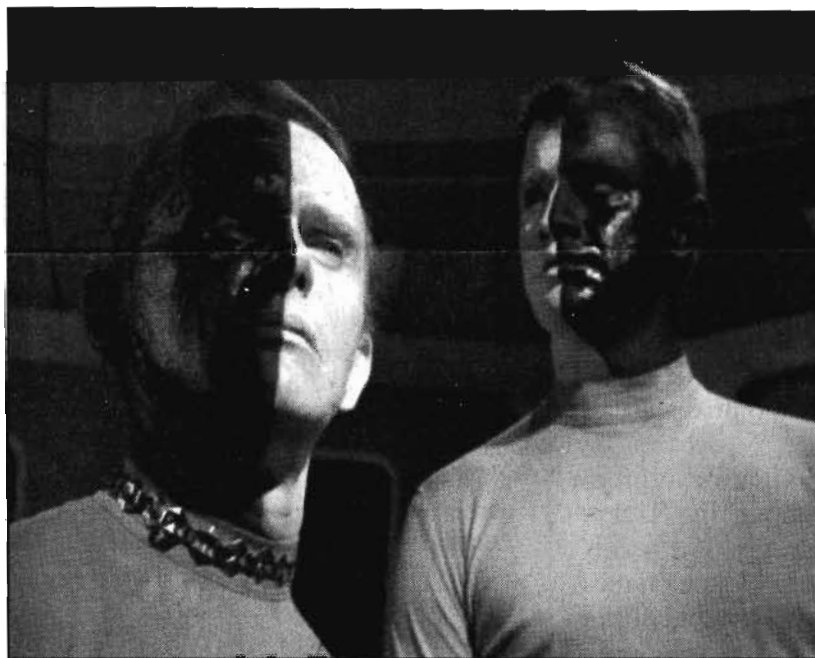
Shortly thereafter, a mysterious invisible craft crashes into the Enterprise's hull depositing a lone occupant: Commissioner Bele, also from the planet Cheron. He, just like Lokai, is white on one side of the face and black on the other. He explains to Captain Kirk that he has just ended a voyage that took over 50,000 terrestrial years in order to capture the political prisoner Lokai, who is allegedly responsible for leading a revolt against Bele's people on their home planet.

Unless you are extremely observant, then you will go through this episode unable to distinguish a difference between Lokai and Bele until it is addressed by the "monocolored" Enterprise crew.

"The obvious visual evidence, Commissioner, is that he is of the same breed as yourself."

"Are you blind, Commander Spock? Well, look at me. Look at me!"

"You're black on one side and white on the other."



"I am black on the right side."

"I fail to see the significant difference."

"Lokai is white on the right side. All of his people are white on the right side."

Through this brief dialogue you notice that Lokai and Bele's color patterns are mirror images of one another! All their peoples years of warring and oppression just because white is on one side or the other? And yet the crew of the Enterprise fail to see how they can look upon one another with just disgust, as it is summed up by Sulu and Chekov:

"There was persecution on Earth once; I remember reading about it in my history texts."

"Yes, but that was back in the 20th century – there's no such primitive thinking today."

And even normally hot-headed Dr. McCoy looked at it objectively in response to Spock's logic:

"You are filling him full of your noxious poisons as if he were a Human."

"I've run tests; blood is blood – even when it's green like yours. All the usual organs are there; somewhat rearranged, perhaps, plus a few I've never seen before."

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"What's the matter with you? Do you hear Spock – your planet's dead! There's no one alive on Cheron because of hate! Give yourselves time to grieve; give up your hate! You're welcome to live with us. Listen to me – you both must end up dead if you don't stop hating!"

But despite their planet's destruction, they still hate one another. A cause long since dead still flowed through their hearts. Lokai would escape the planet closely followed by

Bele in one final showdown. It is not known what happened between the two, but it is implied that they inevitably would end up with their fallen brethren.

The social commentary of this episode transpires the forty years since it hit the airwaves. Does it sound familiar now? The racial issue is still in the hearts of millions of Americans. What if an alien race were to observe us today? Could they tell the noticeable differences in race, creed or color? Would they stare in bewilderment that our people still hate because of these factors? What if we also were visited 50,000 years from now? Would our planet stand completely desolated and uninhabited because our own ignorance and hatred for one another led to our complete and utter annihilation? I say they would look upon us no differently than the Federation looked upon the Cheronians. Don't let this be our last battlefield, people. There are so many more important things to worry about. If we don't try to accept people of different races, colors, creeds and orientation, we'll wind up a barren, uninhabited planet incapable of sustaining life. And we'll have deserved every square inch of it.

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# Sports

## While you were on break ...

*The JSU athletes were still playing. Here's a look at how they performed the past couple weeks*

### Softball off and running in conference play

By **Jered Staubs**  
Sports Editor

The JSU softball team had to wait an extra day for the start of conference season, but once the Gamecocks finally took the field, they sent a message that this year is going to be more of the same.

With a team almost identical to the group that won the Ohio Valley Conference regular season and conference tournament titles, coaches around the league realize that JSU is the team to beat. Early indications have shown that will indeed be the case, as the Gamecocks won their first four conference matches of the season over the past two weeks.

After the opening game of a home series with Austin Peay was canceled on March 14, the Gamecocks gave the Governors a miserable Ides of March, sweeping a doubleheader by 3-2 and 8-1 finals.

The middle of the Gamecocks lineup produced in those games and has been in recent times. No. 3 hitter Allie Barker went 4-for-7 in the doubleheader, scored three runs and drove in another, and cleanup hitter Nikki Prier went 3-for-7 with two runs and three RBIs.

Barker was named OVC Player of the Week as she continued to be the talisman of the Gamecock offense. She homered in the next game — a 6-2 out-of-conference loss to South Alabama — then got hits in five of her next 10 at-bats, scoring five runs and driving in four more in that time period.

Barker and Prier are both hitting .400 or better for the season as they have carried the Gamecocks for stretches this season. Barker currently leads the team with a .435 average and also leads the team with seven homers. Prier is second in both categories, with a .400 average and four bombs.



Allie Barker takes a swing in the Gamecocks' 8-1 win over conference rival Austin Peay on March 15. The Gamecocks won the first game of the doubleheader 3-2. Barker had six hits on the week, including five which went for extra bases, and was named OVC Player of the Week for her efforts. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com / File

## Lucas spearheads JSU streak

By **Jared Gravette**  
Assistant Sports Editor

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The only two other JSU hitters with averages above .300 are Chrissy O'Neal and Hillary Downs. Downs leads the team with seven steals, and she has not yet been thrown out this season. In fact, that has been a story throughout the Gamecocks lineup, as JSU base stealers have only been caught once this season in 20 attempts.

The Gamecocks traveled to Nashville for a three-game series at Tennessee State, edging the Tigers 5-3 in 8 innings in the opener last Friday. The teams then played a doubleheader Saturday, and the Gamecocks improved to 4-0 with an easy 7-0 win behind the pitching of Karla Pittman, who allowed only five base runners and struck out eight as she ran her scoreless innings streak to 25 2/3 innings.

That streak was broken as she was hit hard — relatively speaking — in her next outing, but her offense bailed her out, leading the Gamecocks to an 11-9 extra-inning victory at UT-Chattanooga Tuesday. The Gamecocks beat the Mocs again later that night by a 5-4 margin to improve their record to 19-9 overall and 4-1 in OVC play.

The pitching staff as a whole has been consistent, with Pittman's 5-1 record and 1.50 ERA leading the way. Ashley Eliasson is 7-4 with a 2.26 ERA and Melissa Dowling is 4-2 with a 3.16 ERA.

JSU will return to conference action this weekend, traveling to UT-Martin for a three-game series before returning home to face Southeast Missouri State next weekend.

# Lucas spearheads JSU streak

By Jared Gravette  
Assistant Sports Editor

While the majority of the student body was enjoying spring break, the Jacksonville State baseball team hit the road, playing 10 games over a 12-day span — nine of which were played away from Rudy Abbott Field.

The Gamecocks (13-9, 2-1 OVC) came away victorious in six out of 10 contests during that stretch, including winning their first conference series over Murray State.

JSU's week started in Winter Haven, Fla., where the Gamecocks competed in the Russ Matt Invitational.

JSU dropped its first game of the tournament, losing to Miami (Ohio) 7-6. Jordan Petraitis drove in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth, handing Jordan Beistline his first loss of the season. Todd Cunningham paced the Gamecock offense, going 3-for-4 on the day.

JSU fell to Central Michigan on the second day of the tournament. The Chippewas scored two runs in the fourth and added three more in the sixth on their way to a 7-3 win.

The Gamecocks turned things around over the next couple of days, winning five games in a row.

After losing its first two games in

the tournament, JSU turned to its two best pitchers. Ben Tootle didn't have his best game against Indiana University — pitching 4 2/3 innings and giving up three earned runs — but the Gamecocks' bats bailed him out.

JSU scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth to send the game into extra innings. Andrew Edge won it for the Gamecocks in the bottom of the tenth, hitting a walk-off double to give JSU an 8-7 win.

JSU didn't need much run support the next day against Bradley, as Austin Lucas pitched a gem, throwing seven shutout innings in a 10-0 victory.

The Gamecocks finished off the tournament with another extra-inning win. This time it was Cunningham who came through in the clutch, doubling off the left field wall to plate the game-winning run.

After leaving the state of Florida, the Gamecocks made a quick stop in Troy, defeating the Trojans 9-3. Heath Wall had a career day for JSU, smashing two home runs and driving in six on the day.

The Gamecocks opened up conference play last weekend at Murray State. In the first game of the series, JSU put together another late-inning comeback, plating four runs in the ninth inning on the strength of back-

to-back jacks.

Steven Leach hit a three-run home run that was followed by a solo shot from Jake Welch, giving the Gamecocks a 9-8 win.

The Racers would end JSU's winning streak in the nightcap of the double-header, squeaking out a 3-2 victory. Tootle allowed three earned runs with 13 strikeouts over six innings but was bested by Murray's Daniel Calhoun, who is 5-0 this season.

Lucas showed his brilliance once again in the final game of the series, pitching seven innings without allowing an earned run.

The Gamecocks number two spot in the rotation was a question mark coming into the season, but Lucas has stepped into the role nicely. He earned OVC Pitcher of the Week honors last week and currently leads the team with three wins and a 2.22 earned run average.

After a brutal nine-game stretch on the road, the Gamecocks played their first home game in two weeks on Tuesday, falling to Troy 5-1.

JSU opens up its second conference series this weekend, as the Gamecocks are slated to take on Austin Peay at Rudy Abbott Field.

## A brief look at the smaller sports around campus

### From staff reports

- The Jacksonville State men's golf team posted a team score of 914 to tie for fourth place at the sixth annual Carter Plantation Intercollegiate, played at the Carter Plantation Golf Course on Tuesday.

Garrett Burgess shot a career-low round of 69 on Tuesday to post a 229 to tie for 21st for the Gamecocks.

- Jacksonville State shot the second lowest round in school history to win the team championship by 15 shots at the Samford Women's Intercollegiate, played at the par-72, 5,880 yard Limestone Springs Golf Course on Tuesday.

The Gamecocks shot a 4-over par 292 and placed three players in the top 3 to earn their second team championship of the year.

JSU finished with a total of 599 to claim a 15-shot win over host Samford's total of 614. Murray State finished third with a 620, while South Alabama (621) was fourth and Birming-

ham-Southern (623) rounded out the top 5.

Freshman Lucia Fernandez finished second in the tournament with a total score of 148, while senior Portia Abbott and junior Ashley Cox both shot a 149 to tie for third place.

Cox shot the low round of the tournament with a 2-under par 70 on Tuesday, while Abbott turned in an even-par 72 during Tuesday's final round. Sophomore Laura Cutler carded a total of 159 to tie for 27, while senior Alexandria Espinosa finished with a 163.

- Jacksonville State's Mark Whisenant and Lucia Fernandez have both been named the Ohio Valley Conference Golfers of the Week, the league office announced on Wednesday.

Whisenant claimed his second win of the season after finishing with a 5-under par 211 to win medalist honors at the Grub Mart Intercollegiate earlier this week.

The Douglasville, Ga., shot rounds of 69-70 to record his seventh and eight rounds under par this season. He helped the Gamecocks post a

second place finish in the event.

Fernandez posted her career-best round with a 36-hole total of 148 to finish second (out of 79 golfers) at the Samford Women's Intercollegiate.

The Cordoba, Argentina, native posted her second Top 6 finish of the season after shooting rounds of 72-76 to lead the Gamecocks to the team championship.

- Jacksonville State (12-1) captured the doubles point and won five singles matches en route to a 6-1 win over The Citadel (6-5) on Tuesday at the Earle Tennis Center.

Scott Robertson and Eduardo Saratt defeated Yufo Sutantio and Michael Kociecki, 9-8, at No. 1 doubles while Chris Duke and Steffen Solomon defeated Martin King and Josh Cook, 8-4, to give JSU a 1-0 edge heading into singles play.

Robertson downed Sutantio, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0, at No. 1 and Saratt won 6-3, 6-3 over Michael Kociecki at No. 2. Bernardo Bachino upended

Alberto Diaz, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 at No. 3 while Duke won 6-0, 6-1 over Derek Dickey at No. 4. Solomon finished off the win with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Frederick Petrilli.

- Scott Robertson and Eduardo Saratt earned Jacksonville State's first ever national tennis ranking when the duo were ranked 74th in the latest College Tennis Online rankings.

Robertson and Saratt are 11-1 overall on the season, 9-1 at No. 2 doubles and 2-0 at No. 1 doubles while helping the Gamecocks to its best start in school history at 12-1.

- Jacksonville State finished with an aggregate score of 4636 to finish third at the NCAA Rifle National Championship as West Virginia captured its 14th national title, just seven points ahead of the Gamecocks.

It was the third time that Jax State has finished in the Top 3 in the last five years as the Gamecocks finished second in 2005 and third in 2007.