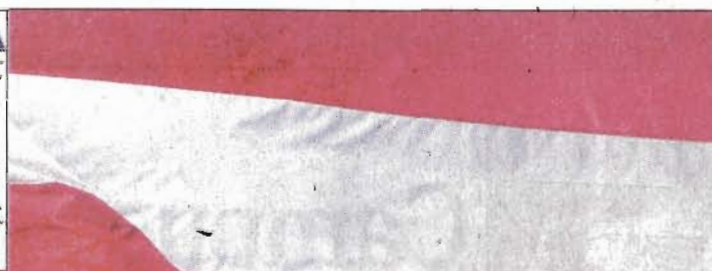




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Election to continue with runoff



SGA presidential candidates Rafael Ferrell and Bryant Whaley will face each other in a runoff election on Tuesday. Photo by Mandy Pearson / The Chanticleer

By M.J. Ortiz and
Meredith Garrett
Staff Writers

At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night, after an approximate 2 hour wait, the results for the SGA elections were disclosed to candidates and supporters at the Theron Montgomery Building. Three of the four SGA races will continue with runoffs.

The results were bitter for some but gratifying for others.

The detailed results of the 855 ballots cast are as follows:

Runoffs indicated by *

President:

Rafael Ferrell - 43.49% *
Michael Finn - 4.44%
Jerry Marzette - 9.82%
Thomas Whaley - 42.34% *

Vice President Of Student Senate:

Kelsey Butler - 34.04% *
Eric Osborne - 27.13%
Terrence Windham - 38.83% *

Vice President of Student Activities:

Jasmine George - 13.33%
Jacolby Parks - 53.80% - Winner
Jessica Younce - 32.87%

Vice President of Organizational Affairs:

Kayla Chandler - 17.78%
Timothy Long - 36.37%*
Justin Martin - 45.85%*

Various other minor elections, Mr. & Miss Jax State and Mr. & Miss Friendly, also proved to be close races. Mr. Jax State candidates, Drew Lindsey and Jerry Marzette, were separated by a thin margin. The totals for Danielle Bradley and Rachal Little, candidates for Miss Friendly, were even closer. Kelsey Butler, Miss Jax State, and Andrew Osborn, Mr. Friendly, were declared winners.

When asked about the tight results, Presidential candidate Bryant Whaley said, "It has been possibly the two most stressing hours of my life," with a nervous smile. "I am going to keep going and continue my campaign as I have been doing so far. It's no time to slack now."

The candidate said he had been at the TMB campaigning all day, talking to people and texting everyone that he knew to come down and support him with their votes.

The other candidate in the Presidential runoff, Raphael Ferrell, said he would keep doing what he had been doing so far. He, as well as Whaley, stood at the TMB all day talking to supporters and trying to get their message out.

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Students make informed decision about candidates

By Meredith Garrett
Staff Writer

As the polls closed and last minute campaigning came to an end on Wednesday, candidates were hopeful that they'd done enough to secure a victory. In the midst of all the plat-



Others voted for candidates with the future in mind. Already involved in SGA office, Terrence Hight, Jr. understands the urgency of a unified student body. Hight is the current Vice President of the Student Activities Council and works diligently "for the betterment of JSU and for the students of

How the SGA works and why it's important

By Cecily Sanders
Staff Writer

As the polls closed and last minute campaigning came to an end on Wednesday, candidates were hopeful that they'd done enough to secure a victory. In the midst of all the platforms and lingo, the main focus of this election was stimulating voter turnout. Most students, either by means of the Chanticleer's coverage or other advertisements, were adequately informed about each of the candidates and their visions for the University in the upcoming school year.

Jasmine Williams, a student who took part in the election, agreed with the candidates' basic mission to blend and unite the various ethnic, social and racial groups that form JSU. Williams' desire was to see "different people in different positions" of the Student Gov-



Some students waited over an hour to cast their vote in the SGA election. Photo by Mandy Pearson / *The Chanticleer*

ernment Association no matter the outcome. "I wanted my voice to be heard. Whether my candidate wins or not, I took part," Williams said.

Some students voted based on a specific issue they felt was important. Voting for can-

didates who were like-minded regarding his own views of the new stadium, Joshua Jones cast his ballot according to a pertinent issue on campus. Jones was concerned about the "organization of the new stadium" and its effect on students.

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Anna Miller, a sophomore, cast her ballot for a candidate she felt would be beneficial to the Greeks. Miller said that each SGA candidate running for office came to speak at a Phi Mu Fraternity chapter meeting, and each addressed prevalent issues regarding the organizations and their financial struggle. Miller chose a candidate that would not only help the Greek organization, but she chose someone that would help the University as well. "I wanted the best outcome for the Greeks and the University," Miller said.

it's important

By Cecily Sanders
Staff Writer

The votes are in, and, after the runoffs, we will have new leaders in our Student Government Association. But what does that mean?

How many students are actually aware of the SGA and what it stands for?

How many students have no idea that the SGA even exists, let alone what it is and what it does for the students here at Jacksonville State University?

This is a new year, a new term and a brand new chance for those elected to step it up and help keep the students more informed about the goings-on around campus.

The SGA has been serving students at JSU since 1946. Every student who is enrolled at JSU is a member of the SGA.

According to the SGA website, the SGA Senate Meetings are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium. Any student can get involved in the SGA by simply going to the Office of Student Life in 402 (TMB) and expressing interest or by filling out an SGA Involvement Form and dropping it by the office.

By getting involved, you can contribute to the decision-making process concerning different activities and policies that effect students.

The executive officers hold daily office hours and meet weekly at various times in the SGA office. As a student, you are invited to meet with your officers any time to share opinions and ideas.

The SGA President is the chief executive officer of the SGA and is responsible for all aspects of student governance.

The Vice President of Student Senate serves as president of the student senate and is responsible for overseeing all legislative processes of student government.

The Vice President of Student Activities serves as president of the Student Activities Council and is responsible for recruiting entertainment and programming events.

The Vice President of Organizational Affairs serves as president of the Organizational Council and is responsible for managing the SGA budget.

The Chanticleer talked with Vice President of Student Services, Tim King, about the SGA and what it

Actual students to be "New Face of JSU"

By Matthew Tyson
Staff Writer

In an ongoing effort to update the look of the campus, Jacksonville State University recently held a casting call asking for students to come be the new face of JSU.

The idea behind the casting call was to get students to come and have their picture taken and possibly be featured in the University's new print ads and commercials. These are part of JSU's new marketing campaign.

Tim Garner, executive director of outbound marketing and communications, said the intentions behind the new campaign were to "brand JSU

as a great school, increase enrollment and to overall gain new exposure."

Garner says they are spearheading this effort with the new marketing department and working in conjunction with Big Communication, a company out of Birmingham. Garner also said that they are working with JSU alumni. The CEO of Big Communication is Ford Wiles, a 1996 fine arts graduate of JSU and the chief writer is Karen Swann, a 1988 communications graduate.

"Not everyone is going to agree with the idea, as we are making a lot of changes," Garner said. "However, change is good, especially when it helps us reach our goal."

Garner said that by using

real students, they hope to show the realism of the campus and the zeal of the school.

"Would you rather see real students or an actor?" Garner asked.

He states that by using real students from a diverse body, they will be able to affect the number of students who enroll or come back to school.

Garner also mentioned that they are especially trying to reach the younger demographic for incoming freshman and 35-40 year old females, who occupy most of the online population of students.

As of February 25, the casting call brought in about 150 students.

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Jered Staubs compares this JSU Basketball season to last year.

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QUESTION of the WEEK

Did you vote in the SGA election?

■ Yes - 58%

■ No - 42%



Next week's question:

What are your plans for spring break?

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ON Campus

Campus Crime

February 17

- A minor in possession of alcohol was reported at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

February 19

- A burglary was reported at Crow Hall. Items stolen include a PlayStation 3, an MBA game, an NCAA game and a Madden 09 game.

February 20

- Jeffery Alan Roanoke was arrested for a minor in possession of alcohol and consumption of alcohol.

February 23

- Major Lee Warner III was arrested for possession of marijuana in the 2nd degree at Dixon Hall.

February 24

- Terry Wayne Gillen was arrested for an open container at Forney Avenue and Cole Drive.
- Corey Matthew Bonsignore was arrested for a minor in possession of alcohol at Forney Avenue and Cole Drive.

February 26

- Freddricka L. Embry was arrested for obstructing government operations at Leone Cole Auditorium.
- Theft of lost property was reported at Jack Hopper dining hall. Items stolen include a black wallet, a debit card and \$13.
- Harrassment was reported at Leone Cole Auditorium.
- Assault was reported at Leone Cole Auditorium.

February 27

- Theft of property was reported at Dauge Hall. Items stolen include a set of keys.

Picture of the week



Adam Roebuck submitted this photo of his dog "Urbi" enjoying the recent snow in Jacksonville. If you would like to see your photo as 'Photo of the week', email it to chantyeditor@gmail.com. Photo by Adam Roebuck

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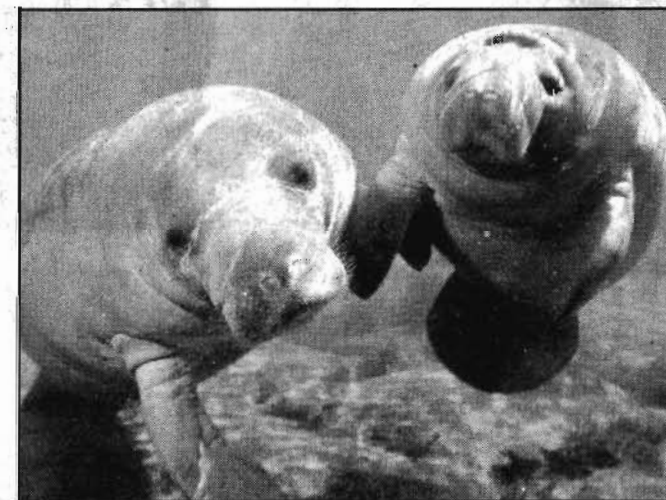
If he was to win, Ferréll says he will get down to business and try to make his campaign a reality for the benefit of all students.

The post Vice President of Student Activities went to Jacoby Parks. With tears in his eyes, Parks said, "I feel great. Especially after the events that went down last semester, knowing that people still want me here its great. Actually, I feel blessed." He said that the stress and expectation was so big that he actually threw up a couple of times and was about to pass out. When asked what

was next on the agenda he said "I'm going to get back to work, it's time to start fresh," he said. He will not disappoint anybody this time.

Timothy K Long said he felt good about the results. He will continue campaigning and try to relay his message to the people. This platform remains the same. "I'm going to try to get people to believe in what I believe in," Long said.

Due to the narrow margin, a runoff election will be held Tuesday, March 10 at the TMB from 9 a.m to 5 p.m.



A manatee and her young. File Photo

Government: interview

means to him. Here is what he had to say:

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Ala. House panel OKs manatee as

Auditorium.

February 27

- Theft of property was reported at Daugette Hall. Items stolen include a set of keys.
- Theft of property was reported at the TMB Mail Center. Items stolen include a VISA debit card.

February 28

- Burglary was reported at the KA house. Items stolen include two large picture frames.

What's Happening

Friday, March 6

- Homecoming Committee Table
TMB, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

- Taster's Fair
Leone Cole Auditorium, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Spring Ballerina Auditions
TMB, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9

- SGA Student Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Faculty Senate Meeting
1103 Houston Cole Library
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.
- Happy Hour Comedy (Safe Spring Break Speaker)
Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- "Take Over" Interest Meeting
TMB 2nd Floor, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

- SGA Student Activities Counsel Meeting.
TMB Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
 - Career Fair
Merrill Hall Atrium
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- * Bring resumes and dress professionally, for all majors.

Wednesday, March 11

- JSU Star Rehearsal.
TMB Auditorium
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12

- SGA JSU Star
TMB Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- Contact: Jacolby Parks at sgavpsa@jsu.edu for sign up information.

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Government: interview

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Chanty: What would you say the role of the SGA is?

Dr. Tim King: "The SGA represents a voice for our students and their concerns on campus. They get our students more involved in campus life."

Chanty: What does the SGA mean to you?

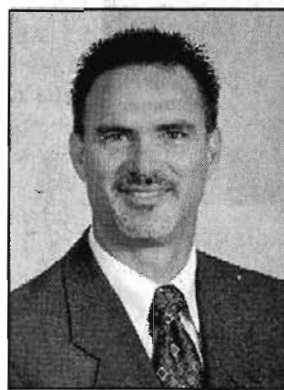
TK: "It means that the students have a voice. We pay attention to that voice, and whenever possible we implement what the students are asking for and help them in whatever way we can."

Chanty: What makes the SGA influential?

TK: "The students elected are your student leaders. They are taking their time to help shape this campus, not just for the year that they are in office, but for many years to come. Many of them even go on to have leadership jobs in the future."

Why are the student's opinions important?

TK: "If the students don't express their concerns and issues then we don't know what they want and so we cannot help them. At least if they speak up then we have a chance to talk with them and find a way to help."



- Dr. Tim King

Casting:

Erin Hill, a graphic designer for the University says that over the next few weeks they are going to review the pictures and call back those that they see fit to use in the campaign.

Hill says somewhere between 8 to 10 students will be chosen for the final product.

Shooting will be done in April, in hopes to add a more pleasant look to the pictures and commercials.

The intended time frame to have the print ads and commercials running will be sometime between May and June.

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A manatee and her young. File Photo

Ala. House panel OKs manatee as state sea mammal

By **BOB JOHNSON**
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The fourth graders are at it again — writing legislation for the Alabama Legislature.

The House Agriculture and Forestry Committee on Wednesday approved a bill proposed by fourth graders at St. Ignacius Elementary School in Mobile to make the manatee Alabama's official marine mammal. The bill now goes to the full House for debate.

The large mammals, sometimes called "sea cows," are an endangered species mostly known for swimming along the Florida coast. In recent years they have been showing up in rivers and inland waterways around Mobile and Baldwin counties.

Rep. Jim Barton of Mobile said he decided to sponsor the bill after his daughter, Georgianne, asked if her fourth grade class could name an official state mammal. Barton said the students chose the manatee over the bottle nosed dolphin.

Ruth Carmichael, senior marine biologist at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, said there are believed to be 12 to 24 manatees living in the Mobile/Baldwin County area. The mammals prefer warm water and are generally found in the Mobile area from March through November, she said.

In the past, fourth grade classes have gotten involved in pushing legis-

lation to make the blackberry the official state fruit and the Red Hills salamander as Alabama's state amphibian.

Committee members suggested other candidates for marine mammal.

"Any consideration given to the beaver?" Rep. Alan Harper, D-Aliceville, asked during a lighthearted debate.

Several committee members wanted to know if Barton could describe a manatee.

"They are huge. It's like a cow in the water," Barton said.

Barton said the fourth grade students helped write the bill and have gotten involved in helping get the bill passed.

"They have gotten started in a letter-writing campaign to senators," Barton said.

He said manatees are unique and have been the subject legend for centuries.

"There are stories that when sailors centuries ago reported seeing mermaids in the ocean what they were actually seeing was manatees," Barton said.

Carmichael, who has headed a project to study the manatees of south Alabama, said she has also heard those stories. She said she doesn't know if those sailors were seeing manatees or dolphins or other marine animals, but there's no doubt people are fascinated by the giant, gentle beasts.

Opinion

Dating/Love: Just a Second

By Julie Skinner

Our lives are made up of small moments.

Moments that define who we are, how we are viewed, the way we love and ultimately how we are remembered. In the grand scheme of things, our entire life is made up of years, which are made up of days, which are made of hours, which are made of minutes, which are made of seconds. These seconds seem so small and abundant, that their worth is simply ticked away each day.

In a day's time, how often do you laugh? Do you ever notice your mouth feeling stretched and your lips burning because it's been too long since you've smiled? When you finally do, it's like your face remembers what it feels like to be alive. That feeling is common.

The first time in a long time that you eat a greasy cheeseburger, dripping with ketchup and calories, you wonder how you ever made that New Year's resolution to lose weight.

When you finally read a classic novel cover to cover instead of watching hours of reality TV, your brain feels a little sharper and your vocabulary a little broader.

And when you finally meet someone that you grow to love, someone that you really click with and admire, your outlook on everything seems a little better.

When I first met Sam, my boyfriend, I was interning at a magazine in Memphis, TN. All I knew of Memphis before moving there for 2 ½ months, was that it had good barbecue, Graceland and that the First 48 on A&E (the show about tracking murderers) was filmed there.

So, it's very safe to say that I arrived a little hesitant of my surroundings, and not expecting to fall in love, become a huge Elvis fan or visit Graceland the three times that I did.

The night I met Sam was like any other. A friend at the magazine had told me that I should meet him because to her, we were a lot alike. She also worked part-time at this little romantic restaurant in Midtown, just a few minutes from downtown

Satire: Burton concedes election

By James Burton
Failed Political Candidate

So it ends like this. A run-off next week... without me. You have no idea how devastated I am over this. The so-called powers that be have seen it fit to rob me of the precious "write-in" feature in an effort to thwart my progressive and esoteric policies that I hadn't even made up yet. People cried "experience!" as the reason why I wasn't eligible. But I showed them that I was experienced. I placed fliers, made banners, and talked out of both sides of my mouth just like any seasoned veteran of the political spotlight. Look at all the people that they claimed didn't have experience, and they made it big. Barry Goldwater, Walter Mondale, Michael Dukakis... And poor, poor William Jennings Bryan. So many cried foul against him that by the time he ran for the third time, he had already forgotten why he was running. And that, my friends, is



James Burton has begun disguising himself in public to cover his shame.

why I concede this hard-fought election. It is pointless to continue fighting for something that obviously can't be won as long as these

barbaric election policies remain in effect thwarting those of us supporting change. Historians maintain that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and mockery is a form of imitation. Using the Socratic Method, one concludes that making a mockery of the electoral process is the greatest thing one can do for his or her campus. Fret not, my friends, for I am not finished. I will continue to fight for your right to be as annoying yet productive as possible. To incorporate sarcasm whenever possible into the most mundane situations. To make a mockery... the most patriotic thing you can do. I am proud of each and every one of you who stood by my side during this whole ordeal. All seven of you have my eternal thanks and admiration. Without you, I would still be that awkward kid who sat in the back of class and occasionally spouted off smartass comments to the professor. Now, those professors actually remember my name. In closing, I am reminded of the words of General George S. Patton:

"Just drive down that road until you get blown up."

Thank you Jacksonville State, and God bless you all.

New logo only symptom of larger problem

Many of the 9,841 students at Jacksonville State University saw a logo featuring a gamecock ready to fight when they signed up for classes here.

One freshman, Clark Bell, said the logo impressed him when he toured the campus. "The logo was perfect, it was attractive," Bell said. "When people thought of JSU they thought of that logo."

But many of those students were surprised to learn that a new logo was being adopted by the university. "The Chanticleer" published news of the logo change in a recent issue and asked students what they thought of the new logo.

66 percent of students who voted in the poll said they didn't like it. It's a sentiment that has been murmured around campus and even made its way into the presidential campaigns of those seeking the Student Government Association Presidency.

Heather Willyard, a music major at JSU, said she didn't like the new logo. "It looks like someone started it and didn't finish it," Willyard said. "There was nothing wrong with the original logo. I actually thought that the original logo looked pretty cool."



Zach Childree

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sions that affect them without asking for their input.

With last year's protest of the stadium expansion and now the new logo, students are increasingly feeling left out by the very people who say they are here for the students.

Even the SGA, which exists to be a liaison between the students and the Board of Trustees, has failed in communicating with students about the issues affecting them.

Somewhere along the line, those that are supposed to be considering the opinions and needs of the students stopped listening.

This has to change.

The Board of Trustees and the SGA need to be mindful of the opinions of students and listen to them as they make decisions. Dr. Bill Meehan, the president of the university, should be addressing the students as their president and let them know of any other changes the trustees are going to make.

Students who feel the university has stopped listening to them will begin to talk to friends who will, and many of those students are or will be looking for a college to attend.

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Most students aren't mad about the logo itself, rather, they are concerned with the University making deci-

The university bragged about reaching enrollment over 9,000 this year and it was an accomplishment to brag about. But, if the university wants to see that number grow, they need to start communicating with the students they do have before they can expect to reach the goal of 10,000 students by 2010.

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Music Corner

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

Lilly Allen
It's Not Me, It's You

"It's Not Me, It's You" is full of bracing home truths and pungent social commentary delivered in a beautiful voice. It's a potent combination. It could only be Lilly Allen. This album may be one of the few people here that talks about racism ("F*** You"), ageism ("22"), the dark side of celebrity and consumer culture ("The Fear"), drug dependency ("Everyone's At It"), and 9/11 ("Him"). But Allen also sings about: TV dinners ("Chinese"); premature ejaculation ("Not Fair"); the enduring rubbishness of men ("Never Gonna Happen"), as well as the fragile beauty of early romance ("Who'd Have Known"). It's definitely an album you'll remember. — Cecily Sanders

Stuck Mojo
Self Titled

This band first made its start in 1989. Now, Stuck Mojo has crafted an album of songs that explores their cross genre roots by blending Southern Hard Rock with Rap and Heavy Metal elements in a way that can only be described as: Stuck Mojo.

"Not Promised Tomorrow", "Change My Ways", "Who's The Devil", and "Propaganda" are just a few of their songs. They are all good songs to bang your head to, but if you want to be in a cheery mood they definitely aren't the ones to listen to... — Cecily Sanders

Producer: 'Bachelor' finale wasn't fixed

By ERIN CARLSON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Was Jason Mesnick's change of heart on "The Bachelor" staged for the cameras to capture big fatings? Not so, according to the show's executive producer.

Mike Fleiss said Wednesday that producers of the ABC dating show did not create the outcome of Monday's season finale that prompted viewer outrage when Mesnick dumped his first choice for the runner-up and was the highest rated show in its time slot, 8-10 p.m. EST, with 15.45 million viewers.

Mesnick, a 32-year-old single dad from Seattle, proposed to Melissa Rycroft in New Zealand. But in the subsequent "After the Final Rose" special, taped six weeks later, he dumped Rycroft because he still had feelings for runner-up Molly Malaney, after weeks of no contact. He and Malaney are now dating.

Fleiss said producers have "zero" influence in selecting the woman who wins the final rose.

"The great thing about unscripted television is that it's unpredictable, and that's what this was," he said of Mesnick's decision to let Rycroft go and rekindle his romance with Malaney. "It caught us off

guard. It caught the viewers off guard."

Mesnick has been the target of passionate discussion on Internet message boards and forums for rejecting Rycroft in such an alarmingly public format. An angry torrent of viewers, including Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Trista Rehn, lashed out at Mesnick, throwing verbal stones and questioning his moral character. They overwhelmingly supported Rycroft, a 25-year-old sales rep from Dallas, who'd fallen in love with Mesnick and planned to be step mother to his 3-year-old son, Ty, from a previous marriage.

She bristled with anger as she cursed at Mesnick, gave him back his ring, told him never to call her again and walked off the stage. He then asked Malaney, a 24-year-old department store buyer from Grand Rapids, Mich., for another chance and she agreed.

Mesnick defended his actions in a post-finale appearance on Jimmy Kimmel's talk show, saying his relationship with Rycroft went sour when the cameras stopped rolling and she "knew exactly what was going on" before her rejection at the "After the Final Rose" taping.

"It just wasn't working out for them," Fleiss said. "She knew it. She didn't know that

it was about Molly — I think that was the thing that caught her off guard."

Mesnick said he had to break up with Rycroft on camera because of his contract with the show.

"There was no contractual obligation," Fleiss countered. "You can check the contract. ... How would you put that in a contract anyway? Like, everything you do in your life must be shown on ABC. It's impossible."

The Associated Press was unable to immediately obtain a copy of the "Bachelor" contract that contestants must sign when they agree to appear on the show. ABC representative Cathy Rehl directed a request to Warner Horizon Television, an arm of Warner Bros. Television, which produces the show. Warner representative Natalia Desrosiers said she was not authorized to provide a contract to the AP.

Either way, Fleiss televised the drama.

"It's a TV show, and that was really the defining moment of this series, and to not put that on TV seems strange, really, when you consider that we are making a TV show and these people signed up to do a TV show," Fleiss said.

Mesnick and Malaney pulled out of Wednesday's teleconference with Fleiss

because ABC said both had scheduling conflicts. They could not immediately be reached for comment.

The second half of "After the Final Rose" aired Tuesday night. Mesnick and Malaney appeared in happy-couple mode, and host Chris Harrison announced that castoff and fan favorite Jillian Harris will be the next heartbreaker on "The Bachelorette," slated to premiere in May.

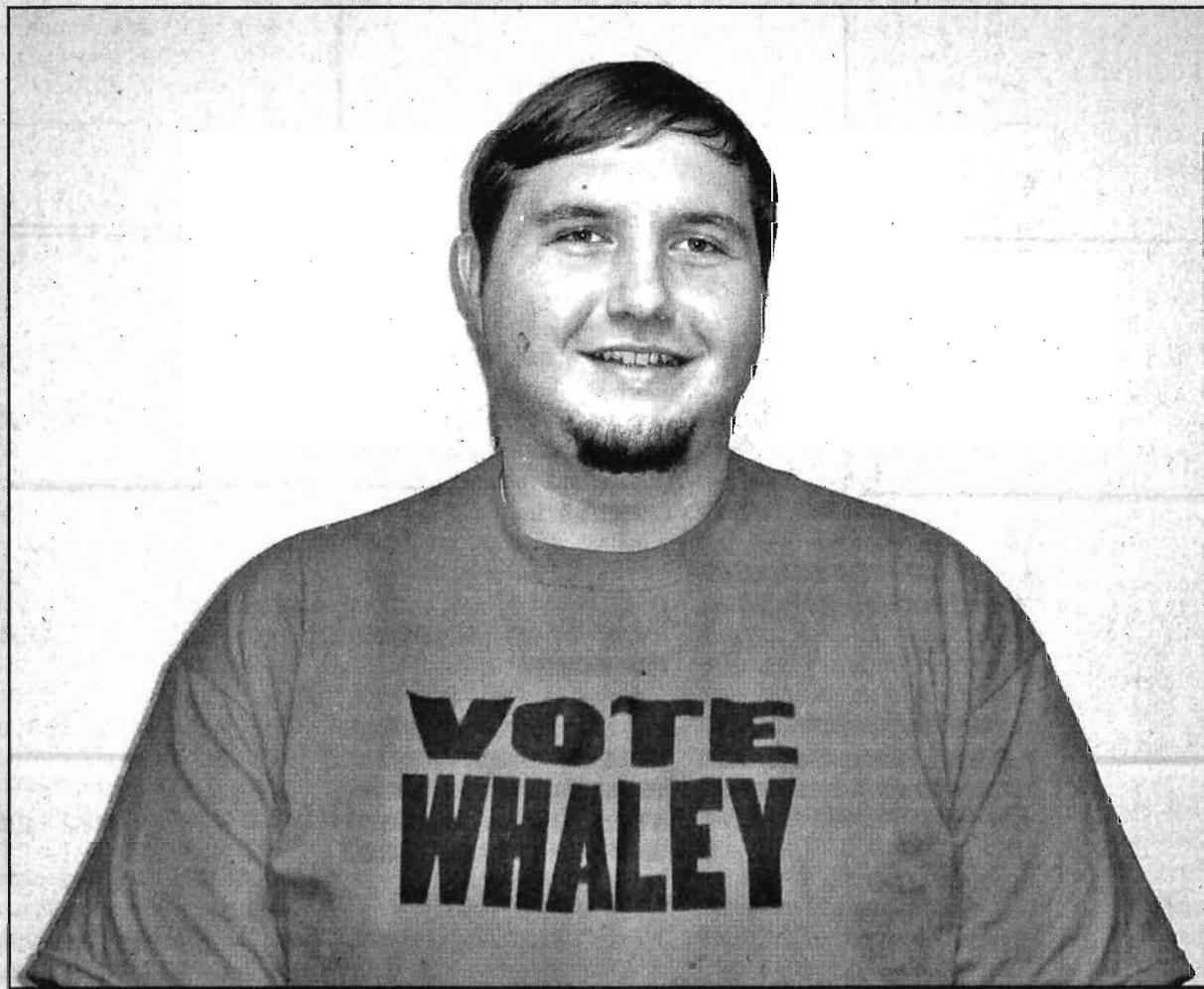
Fleiss said he initially tried to woo Malaney to be the "Bachelorette" — until Mesnick revealed his change of heart. He said he tried to get Rycroft on board but she was not interested.

"I would venture to say that she's probably the most popular girl in the country right now," he said. "I hope some of that is a positive for her."

Rycroft, who isn't talking to the media, said in a statement provided by ABC that she has no regrets about her reality TV experience but wants to move on "and get some sense of normalcy back" home in Dallas.

"I'm in such a good place in my life right now, and I really couldn't be happier," she said. "I don't regret anything that happened over the past few months, because I know I wouldn't be where I am today had none of it happened."

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Backing in and bowing out

Tennessee Tech women crush JSU in finale

By Jared Gravette
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with the same conference record, but the Gamecocks won the tie-breaker for the eighth and final spot due to its win over Austin Peay — who had a better league record than anyone the Colonels defeated — on February 19.

After starting conference play 1-11, JSU turned it on in February, winning three out of seven OVC contests.

The Gamecocks wanted to carry that momentum into the tournament, but Tennessee Tech would have none of it, as the Golden Eagles routed JSU 78-46 on Saturday.

JSU never got into a rhythm and didn't have an answer for the Golden Eagles' senior trio of Blair

Bowens, Meagan Lyons and Allison Price.

Bowens, who always seems to light it up against the Gamecocks, had a game-high 31 points.

"I thought that their three seniors played exceptionally well. They had senior games," JSU coach Becky Geyer said. "We had a hard time stopping them. They beat us on the base line, and they beat us by hitting the outside shot. They played a complete game and we really struggled stopping them."

The Gamecocks jumped out to an 8-4 lead, but the rest of the game belonged to Tech. The Golden Eagles out-rebounded JSU by 10 and forced 27 turn-

overs on the night.

Geyer was disappointed in her team's performance and thought the game should have been much closer than it was.

"Every game we play we are trying to get a win, and it's a year without a lot of wins," Geyer said. "I'm disappointed in the point spread of this game because I really felt that it should be a close game."

"We had been playing a lot better in the last couple of weeks. Across the board, we should have been able to play them a lot more evenly."

When the buzzer sounded on Saturday night, the Gamecocks were still unsure about whether they would make the tournament field but got confirmation later on in the evening.

JSU finished eighth in the conference standings and drew the tough task of taking on the OVC regular-season champions, Murray State, on the Racers' home court Tuesday night.

"There isn't much time to think about it," Geyer said. "We are coming back tomorrow if we are in the tournament and preparing to go again. All you can do is put this one behind you and get ready for the next one."

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JSU loses in tourney opener

From staff reports

MURRAY, Ky. — Murray State had all five starters score in double figures to earn a 79-69 win over the Jacksonville State women's basketball team in the first round of the 2009 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament on Tuesday at the Regional Special Events Center.

The top seeded Racers (22-7) advanced to play Austin Peay, who beat Morehead State, in the semifinals at the Sommet Center in Nashville, Tenn., on Friday at noon. Jacksonville State wraps its season with a 7-23 record and a 4-14 mark in the OVC.

The Gamecocks shot 37 percent from the floor and held Murray State to 29.6 percent to take a 32-31 lead at halftime. The half had eight ties and had seven lead changes.

Candice Carmine, who scored 10 first half points, gave JSU a 9-6 lead with a layup at the 13:59 mark. JSU later went on a 6-0 run to take a 29-24 lead on another Carmine bucket with 3:18 left in the first half.

Danielle Beneby put JSU up 32-28 with 29 seconds left in the half before an Amber Guffey three-pointer cut the lead to one point at the half.

The Racers outscored Jacksonville State 11-4 to open the second half and take a 42-36 on an Angela Mullins layup with 15:55 left.

Jacksonville State tied the game 42-42 on a Jolie Efezokhae three-point play with 14:14 remaining in the second half. Amber Guffey broke the tie with a three-pointer followed by an Ashley Hayes three for a 48-42 Murray State lead with 12:56 to go.

Murray State would slowly build its lead to 12 points on a Paige Guffey three with 4:20 left.

Carmine led JSU with 14 points and 10 rebounds, collecting her first career double-double. Efezokhae and Zenobia Pitts each finished with 13 points.

Amber Guffey led the Racers' scoring with 26 points followed by Paige Guffey with 17 points. Ashley Hayes posted a double-double with 13 points and 17 rebounds while Angela Mullins and Mal-



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I am a whiny journalistic hoooooooooooo

Or so I'm told.

Although some would argue that the two adjectives in that headline are redundant.

Anyway, here's some examples of both.

Whiny:

- The 1-and-1 rule for free throws in college basketball incenses me more every season. Why the NCAA continues to reward teams for committing fouls when trailing late in games is beyond me.

You know, to me, the team that has outplayed the other for 38 minutes or so and is getting intentionally fouled would seem to deserve the advantage, not the other way around.

- *Curb Your Enthusiasm* had probably the best ending ever to last season. The last three minutes of the final episode were the pinnacle of situation comedy. Personally, I would have ended the series there.

That said, I can't really complain that more episodes are being filmed. But why on earth is it taking so long to air them?

- Daylight Savings Time is on us again this week. I really can't think of anything more pointless.

One thing I don't feel the need to whine about is what a lot of my fellow Tottenham Hotspur fans are. You see, in the Carling Cup final, which went to penalty kicks after 120 scoreless minutes, Man United keeper Ben Foster watched previous Spurs' penalties on an iPod.

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I was a bit whiny when I found out I would have to watch the game online, but the quality was actually really good, so no complaints there either.

Journalistic:

• Trenton Marshall is in hot water. Marshall, the highly regarded JSU recruit from Jones County Junior College, was dismissed from his team for a violation of team rules.

No word has come out of the JSU basketball program as to Marshall's future with the Gamecocks in the wake of his dismissal. With coach James Green's track record as a disciplinarian, one would have to believe Marshall had better exhibit exemplary behavior from here out to have any chance of being a Gamecock next season.

Marshall, who rescinded his commitment to Oklahoma State after Sean Sutton was fired last year, chose JSU over multiple SEC schools largely because of his relationship with JSU assistant Kyle Roane. Jones coach Don Skelton credited Roane with getting Marshall on track academically to qualify for school.

Whether Roane is able to get Marshall back on track after his latest issue is to be seen.

• After starting out 0-4, JSU baseball has won two in a row. The Gamecocks won Friday and Tuesday — and had a couple games canceled in between — as their offense put up 10 runs and 7 runs respectively.

In Tuesday's win at UAB, prized MLB recruit Ben Tootle picked up his first win of the season. Tootle started out decently, but finished very strong, retiring the last 11 batters he faced. Final line: 6 innings, 1 earned run, 3 hits, 3 walks, 8 strikeouts.

Really though, the Hard-Corps were pretty funny for the most part when they were messing with me. Except for the guy with Tourette's who kept yelling stuff about his roommate and other nonsense.



Tennessee Tech's Blair Bowens attempts to make a steal in front of Cassi Stuart during Saturday's game from Pete Mathews Coliseum. The Golden Eagles trounced the Gamecocks 78-46 largely on the strength of Bowens' 31-point performance. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com

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Wait 'til next year ... again

Gamecock men blown out on Senior Day, miss OVC tournament

By Jered Staubs
Sports Editor

The unpredictable ride that was the 2008-09 JSU men's basketball season ended with the Gamecocks getting off one step short of their destination.

Tennessee Tech came to Pete Mathews Coliseum Saturday for what amounted to a play-in game for a spot in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament and left with a convincing 91-74 victory.

It was a bitter pill to swallow for DeAndre Bray and Jonathan Toles, who were honored before the game as the team's lone seniors. Toles, a JuCo transfer, never played in the OVC Tournament, and Bray only played in it in his freshman season.

The seniors were taken out of the game to a standing ovation with 29 seconds remaining, and Bray said he will always remember that despite the disappointing loss.

"It was great for me," he said. "It was an honor to hear them clapping like that. I got used to JSU, it's a happy campus. I love just knowing so many people, shaking hands with everybody, that kind of thing."

Bray and Toles will be big losses to be sure, as they were the two primary ball handlers and distributors on the team, but the Gamecocks are still young. Five of the team's six leading scorers will be back, three of whom are freshmen.

That young talent allowed JSU (11-17, 5-13 OVC) to exceed early expectations this season. The Gamecocks were picked last by a comfortable margin in the preseason poll, but a 6-1 start that including a road win at perennial Atlantic-10 power UMass and a shockingly easy win over VMI had many thinking the team could finish near the top of the OVC.

Still, coach James Green was only cautiously optimistic with his young team throughout the season, and the

Gamecocks indeed did regress, losing their final six games.

It will be an interesting off-season for JSU basketball, as Green embarks on his first full recruiting season in charge of the Gamecocks.

Green was able to compile a credible recruiting class before this season despite coming to the program late after former coach Mike LaPlante's contract was not renewed. Green has already secured a high-profile signee, in JuCo star Trenton Marshall (though that may be in jeopardy, see column to the left) and figures to bring in another quality class this season.

Still, talent is not the only factor that left JSU on the outside looking in.

"(The players who are going to be back next season) see how it feels to miss the tournament, they see they need to do more," Bray said. "It's important they do everything they can early in the season to make sure they don't end up in this position again."

"Everybody on this team has a

weakness," added freshman forward Stephen Hall, who scored 12 of his 14 points in the first half. "This off-season, everybody has to work on those weaknesses and get stronger so we can be a better team next year."

Somehow, the Gamecocks must make sure not to leave themselves in a similar situation to this year, when their entire situation hinged on one game. Despite having lost seven in a row before Saturday, the Golden Eagles put together a complete performance that enabled them to keep playing.

Daniel Northern led the way for Tennessee Tech (12-17, 6-12 OVC) despite battling foul trouble. JSU had no answer for his size and athleticism, and Northern was able to amass 22 points and eight rebounds in only 26 minutes of action.

"They played hard, every single guy they had," Green said. "They crammed it down our throats in the paint and made it very difficult on us to score in the paint."

The Golden Eagles put together a remarkable offensive display against what had been a stout JSU defense, shooting 53.6 percent from the floor and making 29-of-30 free throws.

Even the lone missed free throw worked out well for Tech, as Kevin Murphy rebounded the Will Barnes miss, scored and was fouled.

Murphy was one of the stories of the game for the Golden Eagles. The freshman, who averaged only 9 points per game this season, began to look for his shot when Northern went to the bench, and he finished with 21 points.

Hall said Tennessee Tech just looked like a different team from the first time the teams met, an 82-66 JSU win in early December.

"They weren't really playing well (in the first meeting)," he said. "They've definitely gotten better over the season, and today they just made the plays we didn't. They wanted it more."

Men's Basketball 2008-09 Season Highlights

Oct. 8 — The Jacksonville State men's basketball team is picked to finish last in the Ohio Valley Conference preseason poll.

Nov. 14 — Gamecocks begin regular season with an 89-76 loss at South Carolina.

Nov. 19 — Jones County Junior College superstar Trenton Marshall gives his verbal commitment to play for James Green and the Gamecocks.

Nov. 22 — With an 80-73 victory over Georgia State, the Gamecocks win their first non-conference road game in almost five years.

Nov. 24 — The Gamecocks win on the road once again, defeating UMass 75-74. A couple weeks later, that same UMass team would defeat defending national champion Kansas.

Nov. 29 — The Gamecocks continue their winning ways, crushing VMI 95-67 at Pete Mathews Coliseum. VMI led the nation in scoring this season.

Dec. 6 — JSU opens conference play with an 82-66 victory over Tennessee Tech. With the win, the Gamecocks extended their winning streak to six.

Dec. 17-Jan. 24 — The Gamecocks drop nine out of their next 11 games.

Jan. 26 — Athletic Director Oval Jaynes reports that the men's basketball team improved nearly .8 points over the 1.85 it reportedly posted just prior to James Green taking over the program.

Jan. 29-Feb. 7 — The Gamecocks win three out of four to revive tournament hopes.

Feb. 9-Feb. 28 — JSU drops final six games of the year, including a loss in the season finale against Tennessee Tech with a tournament spot on the line.

Feb. 28 — Two newspapers in Mississippi reported that JSU signee Trenton Marshall has been dismissed from Jones County Junior College due to a violation of team rules.